

To

Candidates for the 2025 Kazabazua Municipal Elections

The Lakes Association of Kazabazua (LAK) is a legally chartered group of residents, both seasonal and permanent, who live on various lakes in the Municipality of Kazabazua. Currently, our Association includes nine lakes: Danford Lake, Little Danford Lake, McConnell Lake, Lyons Lake, McAuley Lake, Shea Lake, Egg Lake, Red Pine Lake, and Farm Lake.

Over the years, we have enjoyed a productive partnership with the municipal councils of Kazabazua. We hope that the next council will also be an effective partner on matters of mutual concern.

To that end, the LAK Board of Directors has prepared the attached questionnaire.

This questionnaire covers areas of greatest concern to the members of LAK, i.e. protection of lakes and rivers, funding for a second lake health study, rave parties, mining and boat washing stations.

Your response to this questionnaire will be shared with the LAK membership.

Thank you for your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Chadrick Buffel,

President,

Lakes Association of Kazabazua

We would ask that you please respond to the questionnaire by **October 15**, either by email to chadrickray@icloud.com or by mail at the following address:

Lakes Association of Kazabazua, P.O. Box 254, Kazabazua, Quebec J0X 1X0.

1. Protection of lakes and rivers: In 2017 the responsibility of monitoring the enforcement of regulations protecting lakes and rivers was transferred from the MRC to municipalities. In their 2016 and 2018 reports on the health of our nine lakes, the Agence du bassin versant des 7 (ABV-7) recommended that *tools be developed for monitoring the enforcement of regulations efficiently and that the Municipality remain uncompromising when granting new permits and approving projects which would increase the use of shores or new recreational and tourism activities on shores that might compromise the health of the lakes*.

Will you commit to following these recommendations?

2. Funding: In 2016 and 2018, the Municipality and the Lakes Association of Kazabazua cofinanced a study of the health of our nine lakes by the Agence du bassin versant des 7 (ABV-7). The results of that first study will be used as a baseline for a second study 2026 and 2027.

Would you be prepared to recommend to Council that financial support be provided to LAK for this second round of studies?

In order to properly assess the current status of the health of our nine lakes, it is imperative to have updated information for comparison. The lakes are an important part of our municipality, and as such, we should be prepared to help financially support these studies, as we would any other project.

3. Rave parties: In 2019, 2020 and 2021, rave parties on private properties disrupted the peace and quiet of many residents, permanent and seasonal. (They also caused concerns related to the spread of the Coronavirus.)

Given the disruptive nature of these parties, would you be amenable to prohibiting these events?

4. Mining: One of the mining claims granted by the Province is very close to the eastern shore of Shea Lake. This claim is due for renewal on October 1, 2027.

On September 15, 2025, we sent a letter to the MRC requesting that, if this concession is not renewed in October 2027, the land it covers be given the same protection status as the land surrounding the other lakes.

Would you support LAK's request?

5. Boat washing station: The Kaz boat washing station has fallen into disrepair.

Considering that Municipalities have a role to play in protecting water bodies against invasive species, would you agree to investing in a hot water, high pressure boat washing system?