

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?

*Yes. An essential first step in the process for granting new permits and approving projects as outlined in the ABV-7, the **Planning Advisory Committee should be involved**. Within the provisions of By-Law 2024-051, this Committee should be mandated to study, do research and make recommendations concerning requests for permits and approving projects which would increase shoreline use and new recreational and tourism activities on shores.*

*In addition, I will suggest that the **Planning Advisory Committee** play a key role in the planning and development of the riverfront property located on Aylwin Village Road, recently acquired by the Municipality to provide public access to the Gatineau River.*

2. Funding: In 2016 and 2018, the Municipality and the Lakes Association of Kazabazua co-financed 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?

I will support the recommendation that the Municipality of Kazabazua co-finance the cost of studies in relation to the health of the nine lakes.

The health of all lakes and waterways within the municipality (and throughout the entire MRC) is directly linked to the economic strength and prosperity of our region, and must be protected.

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?

Yes, I would be amenable to prohibiting Rave parties. Rave events surpass the 11 PM shutdown expectation (often times go all night), and are a noise nuisance. By-Law SQ 2017-003 states that it is a nuisance and is prohibited to make, provoke or incite to do in any way, noise likely to disturb the peace and well being of the neighbourhood. This By-Law is enforced by the officers of the Surete du Quebec, and fines can be administered.

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?

Yes, I would support the LAK's request to the MRC that the eastern shore of Shea Lake be given the same protection status as the land surrounding the other lakes.

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?

Yes, I would agree that the municipality invest in a hot water, high pressure boat washing station. The ideal location is on Begley Road beside the park (water source is in place already).

I spoke with the ADG of Lac Ste Marie to have insight on how that station was established (in 2023) and how it is managed. Oversight, regular maintenance and repair, and seasonal start-up and shutdown are handled by the public works employees. The major investment was the installation, and ongoing costs subsequent to the installation are minimal. A similar approach could be planned and undertaken by this municipality.