

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?**

I will take the responsibility of monitoring the enforcement of regulations protecting lakes and rivers seriously. Although I am not familiar with the entirety of the reports of the Agence du bassin, their recommendations would be respected to the highest standard. The health of the lake will be considered if/when permits are requested. I am looking forward to open communication with the LAK in the future. Your voice will not be ignored.

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?**

I'd like to express my gratitude to the Lake Association for their part in not only the financial contribution, but the time spent ensuring these studies are completed. Yes, I would be in favor to once again encourage council, as recommended, to contribute to the financial portion of the next round of studies.

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?**

Thank you to Mr. Buffel for taking the time to answer my questions regarding your experience with these events. After reviewing our by-laws, I recognize the need to establish clear regulations in this area.

Over the past week, I took time to speak with several residents to ensure I had a well-rounded understanding of differing perspectives. I was able to confirm that these events do provide certain local benefits, such as the hiring of local staff and increased spending at our businesses and restaurants.

I note that recently, the “rave” has been held in a neighboring municipality; however, I have been informed of a similar event taking place within our own municipality. Although I did not attend any of these events, it remains important, regardless of opinion, to consider the citizens who are affected by them.

All large gatherings, whether classified as a “rave” or otherwise, must adhere to the necessary permitting and regulatory requirements if authorized by council.

That said, I am firmly opposed to supporting any event that is excessively disruptive, poses safety risks, promotes drug use, or will cause environmental harm to the property it occupies.

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 request made to the MRC for the protection to be given.

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?

The current council has agreed to the purchase of a new washing station. The details surrounding a station that is complete with a service option was to be reviewed. Although I have not received feedback in this regard yet, I will continue to ensure the steps are taken to put this into place. This concern was raised in the spring and it is unfortunate that it was not rectified in time for the summer of 2025. This disregard does not represent the importance of keeping our lakes clean and does not reflect my priorities.