

Municipality of Gracefield

Early Polling: **Sunday, October 31st, 2021**, 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM

Election Day: **Sunday, November 7th, 2021**, 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM

Mayor:

Three candidates are listed

- Joanne Poulin
- Bernard Duffy
- Mathieu Caron

Councillors:

Seat # 1: Two candidates are listed

- Madeleine Caron
- Jean-Marie Gauthier (male)

Seat # 2: Two candidates are listed

- Alain Labelle
- Sylvain Lauriault *

Seat # 3: Councillor elected by acclamation – Daniel -Luc Tremblay

Seat # 4: Councillor elected by acclamation – Melanie Lefebvre

Seat # 5: Two candidates are listed

- Bernard Caron
- Hugo Guénette

Seat # 6: Three candidates are listed

- Mario St-Amour
- Kathleen Pion *
- Jean-Philippe Caron

*** Responses provided – see below.**

NOTE: Other candidates did not contact the Association and we were unable to obtain email addresses for them.

- **On behalf of the BVLH Watershed association, President Roger Larson, posed four questions to the candidates who are running to be elected.**

QUESTION: How many individual septic system inspections in the Bassin versant du Lac Heney watershed conducted on behalf of and funded by the municipality would you support per year?

- a. none
- b. up to 10
- c. 11 to 25
- d. more than 25 as needed

Candidates for Mayor

Name	Short Answer	Notes
Joanne Poulin	d.	I have no idea if this has been done in the last few years. When I was there, we were doing 25% of the lakes to ensure the sustainability of the lakes. More town planning in place for a few years means that several issues will have to be caught up. However, I promise that this will be one of our priorities.
Bernard Duffy*	See note below	
Mathieu Caron*	See note below	
NOTE: Mr. Duffy and Mr. Caron did not approach the association and we were unable to obtain email addresses for them.		

Candidates for Seat # 2

Sylvain Lauriault	c. 11 to 25	Depending on budget, and as needed
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Candidates for Seat #6

Kathy Pion	See note	I would request a history of past inspections completed in the past 10 years with results/feedback (if problems have been reported) and then ask about plans for the next 3 years based on the results and see what subsidy could be available to fund this plan.
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QUESTION: How would you want the regulations enforced regarding the requirement that lakeshore properties maintain a naturally vegetated zone for 15 meters adjacent to the shoreline?

- a. no need for enforcement
- b. use Google Earth to monitor shoreline vegetation, and issue an information leaflet to properties in violation
- c. have a municipal staff person visually inspect the shorelines by boat once per year, and issue an information leaflet to properties in violation
- d. have a municipal staff person visually inspect the shorelines by boat once per year, and for persistent violators, enforce a sanction

Candidates for Mayor

Name	Short Answer	Notes
Joanne Poulin	b. c. and d.	Educate first, check on progress, and if necessary, enforce sanctions for persistent violators

Note: Candidates Duffy and Caron did not approach the association and we were unable to obtain email addresses for them.

Candidates for Seat # 2

Name	Short Answer	Notes
Sylvain Lauriault	b.	Use the Google Earth application to monitor the vegetation cover of riparian strips, and distribute an information brochure to owners in violation

Candidates for Seat # 6

Name	Short Answer	Notes
Kathy Pion	b. c. and d.	Having resided on a lake that had video recordings done by MFFP (Ministry of Forests, Fauna and Parcs) every 3 years with follow-up by the Municipality, I would like to create a process that would coordinate the best of b-c-d, once a comprehensive education program was provided to residents with a defined sanctions/violations guideline. Enforcement must be part of the solution and the municipality needs to enforce it.

QUESTION: Given that two separate studies have shown that Lac Heney is at maximum capacity pertaining to phosphorus levels and the watershed lakes are above acceptable phosphorus levels, how many new dwellings would you support on the lakes in the Lac Heney watershed over coming years?

- a. none
- b. not more than a 5% increase in number
- c. between a 5% and 25% increase in the number of new dwellings would be acceptable
- d. no limit on development of new dwellings on the lakes

Candidates for Mayor

Name	Short Answer	Notes
Joanne Poulin	a. and b.	If the lake is fragile, I do not agree to develop further. This will involve looking at what is in place right now and determining the acceptable %. In short, I was the only one to examine this kind of danger for our lakes.

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Candidates for Seat # 2

Name	Short Answer	Notes
Sylvain Lauriault	b.	Not more than a 5% increase in number

Candidates for Seat # 6

Kathy Pion		After reviewing the Geocentriq map I see where concern may be on the minds of existing residents, however, I am not even
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		sure if a “no new dwellings limit” can be enforced. I see an opportunity however in the continuation of your association to educate on managing the phosphorous levels, along with support from the Municipality and the MRC. You all have done so much to date and if the lake is not continuing to respond to the rehabilitation plan then maybe support can come from ABV7 action plans with the MRC, with continuing funding research.
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Question: Would you support the City of Gracefield submitting a request for financial assistance to rebuild the Gracefield portion of the inter-municipal road – Chemin du Lac Desormeaux – and other roads servicing the Lac Heney watershed?

- a. As soon as possible – This is a priority
- b. In the next 2 to 4 years
- c. Never

Candidates for Mayor

Name	Short Answer	Notes
Joanne Poulin	a.	As soon as possible, this is a priority!
Note: Candidates Duffy and Caron did not approach the association and we were unable to obtain email addresses for them.		

Candidates for Seat # 2

Name	Short Answer	Notes
Sylvain Lauriault	b.	In the next 2 to 4 years

Candidates for Seat # 6

Kathy Pion	b.	In the next 2 to 4 years. I understand that Chemin du Poisson Blanc underwent some work and though I have not yet driven on Chemin du Lac Desormeaux, but I think an inter-municipal roadway should be well kept in order to serve its citizens.
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