

## Municipality of Lac-Sainte-Marie

Early Polling: **October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**, 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM

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

**The Mayor** was elected by acclamation – Cheryl Sage-Christensen

**Seat # 1:** Councillor elected by acclamation – Yves Robineau

**Seat # 2:** Councillor elected by acclamation – Richard Léveillé

**Seat # 3: Three candidates are listed**

- Denise Soucy (outgoing)
- Alain Laberge
- Charlie Ann Dubeau (outgoing from Seat # 6)

**Seat # 4:** Councillor elected by acclamation – Jacques Suzor

**Seat # 5:** Councillor elected by acclamation – Louise Robert

**Seat # 6: Two candidates are listed:**

- Marc Beaudoin
- Gérald Léveillé (Note: No email address / no way to communicate in writing; his answers were given in a phone “interview”)

- **On behalf of the BVLH Watershed Association, President Roger Larson posed three questions to the candidates who are running to be elected in Seats # 3 and # 6.**

**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 **Seat # 3**

Name	Short Answer	Notes
Denise Soucy	d.	More than 25, as needed. Recognizes challenges of lakes in the lac Heney Watershed

Alain Laberge	d.	Ongoing basis, as needed and budgeted. Start with older septic systems; offer help to residents who face financial challenges; find solutions for all.
Charlie Ann Dubeau	d.	More than 25, as needed. Would continue ongoing inspections when tanks are emptied. Would support a more elaborate system.

Candidates for **Seat # 6**

Marc Beaudoin	d.	Ongoing basis, as needed and budgeted
Gérald Léveillé	d.	Continue as it is now. Would support to follow up based on “complaints”

**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?

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

Candidates for **Seat # 3**

Name	Short Answer	Notes
Denise Soucy	c. and d.	Inspect by boat once per year; enforce sanction to violators
Alain Laberge	b. and d.	If Google Earth gives adequate information, start with it; Technological tool could help save municipality's funds; follow up in person afterwards
Charlie Ann Dubeau	d.	Very important to protect lakes

Candidates for **Seat # 6**

Marc Beaudoin	b. and d.	Google Earth, and follow-up in-person meeting as needed with owners to provide additional information and determine what remedial steps are necessary in order to ensure compliance with the regulation.
Gérald Léveillé	c and d (not familiar with Google Earth)	Cannot stop development but needs to be done the right way. Would listen to complaints.

**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?

- none
- 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 Seat # 3**

Name	Short Answer	Notes
Denise Soucy	b.	Recognizes challenges with phosphorus levels in BVLH Watershed lakes
Alain Laberge	b.	Based on @ 300 cottages on Heney Lake, 5% represents 15 new cottages and would therefore be an acceptable maximum. Must discuss this limit with the Municipality of Gracefield to see how to achieve it. Must also consider legal aspects. Septic systems must be of highest standards and shoreline strip must stay intact.
Charlie Ann Dubeau	c.	Not comfortable with specific percentage limit of new construction numbers. Must interact with City of Gracefield on this issue. Is aware of impacts of constructions on lakes. All kinds of other concerns (boat wakes & traffic, vegetation, beavers, etc.) need to be addressed to protect all lakes and shorelines.

**Candidates for Seat # 6**

Marc Beaudoin	To be determined (analysis needed)	Efforts should be made to ensure water quality in all our lakes. The environmental, social and economic impacts of not doing so are undeniable. We must also recognize that having no limits on the development of new dwellings is simply not feasible or responsible, no more so than arbitrarily stating that there should be no new dwellings. Consequently, the answer likely lies somewhere in between. I would state however that any decisions in this regard should take into account short, medium and long-term environmental impacts.
Gérald Léveillée	b or c (not sure)	Provided that regulations are respected; is aware that development can't be stopped, but it has to be done the right way, according to lot sizes, distances from the lakes, etc.