



MEMPHREMAGOG CONSERVATION INC.

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Attention Publicity directors

Georgeville, July 13 2014: Memphremagog Conservation Inc (MCI) recently held its 47th annual general meeting at the Murray Memorial Centre in Georgeville. A number of reports were presented, including the President's report, the patrollers' report, a report on the Conservation program and a membership report. As well, the financial statements were submitted. The president of MCI, Mrs. Claude Bernier, presented the list of administrators for 2014-2015 : Mrs. Claude Bernier, Mr. Robert Benoit, Mrs. Anne Boswall, Mr. Jean-Claude Duff, Mrs. Linda Ghanimé, Mrs. Mary Pat Goulding, Mr. Tom Kovacs, Mrs. Gisèle Lacasse Benoit, Mrs. Johanne Lavoie, Mr. Peter Lépine, Mrs. Catherine Roy, Mr. Erich Smith-Peter and Mr. Pat Trudel. Mrs. Madeleine Saint-Pierre and Mr. Jean-Philippe Joyal will not be renewing their mandates. MCI is very grateful to them for their contributions to the organization.

The Board of Directors took the opportunity to present the MCI Gordon-Kohl Commemorative award to Mrs. Gisèle Lacasse Benoit, MCI's outgoing president. Mr. Donald Fisher, former president of MCI (2004-2005) was there to present the award, citing the highlights of her impressive and remarkable career. Among others, he talked of her important contributions in the fight against cyanobacteria, in the win for the Mount Orford Park, and the creation of MCI's conservation program (Mr. Fisher's full text is attached to this document). The MCI Gordon-Kohl Commemorative award is given out by MCI to an individual who has contributed, in an exceptional fashion, to the protection of the environment for the benefit of current and future generations. Mr. Fisher noted that MCI is fortunate in being able to count on the experience of such a decorated environmentalist. As noted MCI's President, Mrs. Bernier, "No one leaves MCI truly forever; the cause is always pulling us back."

MCI's annual general meeting was the perfect segue to the launching of local author Louise Abbott's new book: *Memphremagog: an illustrated history*. MCI is very appreciative of the generosity of the author and the Bannerman Family Foundation, who will be donating a portion of the proceeds of sales to MCI.

MCI's lake patrol asks local residents to contact them with any observations, such as cyanobacteria blooms, cases of swimmer's itch, or any other environmental issues. They can be reached at 819-620-3939 or at patrol@memphremagog.org.

The organization continues to benefit from a healthy balance sheet, and a membership slowly increasing. Note that MCI is currently lining up financing for its project to improve the quality of the water in Fitch Bay, which is showing signs of eutrophication. To learn more about MCI, go to our website at www.memphremagog.org or find us on facebook.

About MCI : **Memphremagog Conservation inc. (MCI)** is a non profit organisation formed of volunteers, working since 1967 for the protection of the environmental health and natural beauty of Lake Memphremagog and its watershed. With the strength of its membership, it works to ensure that all residents of the region, permanent and seasonal, waterfront or not, can benefit from and enjoy a healthy lake, for today, tomorrow and for generations to come.

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