

Myriophylle (MAE) The provincial ministry reviewed our application (done through ABV-7, the group we hired to help with tis project) to get a permit to lay a jute covering over the MAE. They came back to us with a number of questions and need for clarification and/or more information. Meetings are being planned to produce a reply to the Ministry of Environment, and the Board has contacted provincial parliament members / deputies to get their support with this project. It may be that the provincial group responsible for the Laurentians does not have the same experience with these applications that the Outtaouais or Eastern Township groups do. Hopefully they will also learn from their colleagues in other regions.

From the Board’s point of view, there are two options:

1. Let the municipality take over the project, with a sector tax to cover the cost. This would almost undoubtedly mean that nothing happens until 2017 or even 2018 (time and proceedings to approve project and the sector tax). The cost would also be higher as the quote we have (at a 50% discounted price) is only good for 2016, and the MAE could also spread, requiring a bigger surface area to be covered. The municipalities provided an estimate based on a total cost of \$150,000. It is uncertain what the costs would be if done 2 years from now. Based on this amount, the sector tax (see below for explanation) would be:

Lakeside property with a home:	\$609.01
Lakeside property without a home:	\$304.51
Home on a “second corridor” property:	\$182.70
Lake right of access only:	\$121.80

2. The board continues to look at ways for the Association to acquire funds to proceed with the jute covering (hopefully this year, assuming a permit is received from Provincial ministry in time) itself. This was discussed at the AGM at the end of May. We would invite you to let us know your thoughts and intentions (if any) concerning voluntary

contributions to raise the needed funds (If you have already communicated with us and/or pledged some amount, there is no need to do so again). We are suggesting \$1000/home, but please let us know whatever you are comfortable contributing. This will allow us to determine what is possible.

We have already received many pledges from people at our May 29 AGM, but if you were not there, please let us know if you have any questions (you can send an email to asslacquenouille@gmail.com). You will eventually be able to see the presentations made at the AGM on our web site (www.lacquenouille.ca). The board will be meeting again soon to make decisions about possible further plans.

Regardless of the above, another idea to prevent further spread of MAE is to do whatever possible to keep boats from the affected areas. Would lakeside homeowners in Baie Charron consider docking their boats elsewhere for the summer? Would lakeside owners not in Baie Charron be willing to dock 1-2 boats belonging to those in Baie Charron? **We must do our best to avoid any navigation in affected areas of Baie Charron!**

Join our cause! Talk to your neighbours, so all of us on the lake can be involved in this project.

The Board of Lac Quenouille Owners' Association