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St-Adolphe d'Howard le 31 mars 2008

Dear Fellow Members of APEL St-Joseph,

A new summer will be upon us very soon. We are hoping for pleasant weather and, most importantly, for a **healthy lac St-Joseph**. This will allow us all to enjoy the lake as well as maintain the market value of our properties and the economic viability of St-Adolphe.

As a member of APEL St-Joseph you know that the primary mission of the Association is to preserve water quality and ensure proper and responsible usage of the lake. We feel that the larger our membership numbers are, the stronger our voice will be in this mission. With this in mind we are enclosing the forms for your annual membership renewal. Your participation is important to the functioning of the Association.

This year we have increased the annual dues from \$25 to \$35. For those members who would like to make a further donation to the preservation of the lake we have included space on the membership form for you to do so.

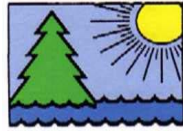
The proceeds from your annual dues, your donations, and we hope a more generous grant from the municipality in 2008, will help us to maintain our activities and continue to represent you on the issues which involve our environment and the protection of lac St-Joseph.

Last year for the first time we had professionals take water samples from the lake. We intend to continue this year and even increase the number and type of tests to better understand and follow the lake's evolution. These tests are very expensive but necessary to know the health of the lake.

We are very fortunate so far: we have **not detected nor been informed of any blue algae in the lake**. Nevertheless we must be vigilant as the danger is always present: the use of the lake by more and more people, the continual development around the lake and its surrounding water basin, and the danger of contamination by unconcerned individuals should make us be more vigilant than ever. **Your financial support** is essential for the Association to continue its mission.

This year our annual meeting will be held Saturday May 4th at 10:00 am in the municipal council chambers at City Hall. If you will not be able to attend **we would very much appreciate** your taking a few minutes to mail us your annual dues. Last year all the members of the APEL executive committee had to work very hard to contact the many members who forgot to renew and we would like to avoid that this year. We would much prefer to focus our energies on activities which relate to the environment and the protection of our lake instead of the collection of annual membership dues.

For those who are interested, there will be a number of vacant positions on the executive committee for 2008-2009. If you **share the views of the Association**, if you would like to be more involved in the protection of our lake, if you have a few extra hours available each year, we invite you to attend the annual meeting and present your candidacy. Like all non-profit



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organizations, we are short of people who are prepared to give a little of their time and effort and become involved in the Association and its goals.

Finally, please assist us in increasing our membership by inviting your neighbours, friends, or those who use and enjoy the lake to become members of APEL St-Joseph. We estimate that there are over 1000 people who enjoy recreational activities on lac St-Joseph (motorized activities, fishing, kayaking, swimming, sailing etc.) and all should be strong supporters of an Association that is devoted to the protection of our lake. We are counting on your effort to help us increase our membership. You can also invite prospective new members to visit our web site at <http://www.apel-stjoseph.com/>.

I look forward to seeing you all in great numbers at our annual meeting.

Yours truly,

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