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## A Big Loss for the Association



Accomplished athlete, avid sailor, expert downhill skier, canoeist, and lover of the outdoors, musician, knowledgeable in municipal planning and regional development, devoted volunteer, adept at administration and data management, devoted volunteer, good natured and open-minded, André Beauchemin was a man of many talents, capable of doing all kinds of things. He left us suddenly, on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> leaving us to mourn his passing, along with his partner Barbara Major, his family, his many friends and collaborators in the Upper Gatineau, and beyond.

At the Blue Sea Lake Watershed Association, and also at the Regroupement pour la protection de l'eau de la Vallée-de-la-Gatineau, he leaves a large void. André was Secretary on the Boards of both organizations, work he performed rigorously and with a sense of professionalism he would have acquired during his twelve years as

Director General of the MRC de la Vallée-de-la-Gatineau.

Andre joined the Board of our Association in 2015. In addition to recording the minutes as Secretary, he took charge each year of our annual membership renewal and recruitment campaigns, a task which demanded a close attention to detail. Thanks to his skills with computers, André mastered the information system ROLRIV with which he was able to assist not only our association but other lake association members of the Regroupement to better understand the profile of our shoreline population. As well, André could navigate the intricacies of Quebec's Registry of Companies thereby ensuring that our Association was always in conformity with our obligations as a not-for-profit organization.



Experienced at governance, André was always a source of wise counsel. A devoted volunteer, André was always there to lend a hand, whether it was with organising our AGMs, licking stamps for our recruitment campaigns with partner Barbara, or filling bags with rocks at the Tremblay Quarry for the jute tarp milfoil control project. We will all miss him.

The Association extends its most sincere condolences to Barbara, to his sister, Esther and his brother Louis, the other members of his family and to his many friends.