

Tamagor Association

NEWSLETTER

Spring & Summer 2026



Dear members of the Tamagor community,

We hope that this season affords you plenty of time to appreciate the nature of our landscape, time with your loved ones, and time for your hobbies. It is with pleasure that we present you with current topics of interest to our community in this newsletter. Happy reading!

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Environmental Protection: Together for an environment free of trash!

We have chosen to live on Tamagor Association land because we want to benefit from the beauty of the natural environment. Unfortunately, we've noticed a concerning rise in trash left behind, particularly around the picnic area at Mud Bay, on the shores of Lac Noir and the ditches along Lac Clair Road. This is a reminder that the [4th rule of the Association](#) requires anyone who uses the public areas to bring back any waste created during your visit (cans, containers, clothing, paper, etc.). Awareness panels have been mounted, but we ask for your collaboration; if you see anyone forget their trash, please kindly remind them of our shared agreement. To preserve the water quality, thank you for abstaining from using shampoo, soap, sunscreen, and bug spray before entering the water. Thanks in advance for also bringing these items home with you.



Together, we keep our environment clean and safe!

Watercraft and Accessories at Lac Noir: New Protection Measures

For the last couple of years, the communal space on Lac Noir has accumulated a growing number of watercraft and accessories. **To prevent water contamination from microplastics and to protect our resident plants like *Myrica gale*, the board of directors adopted new directives on June 11, 2026.**

These measures are equally important for combatting the propagation of Eurasian Watermilfoil and preserving the ecosystem of the Tamagor natural reserve.

Directives in effect:

- **Required identification:** All watercraft on-site need to be identified (name and address) with a yellow, waterproof tag. Please attach it with either a zip=tie or a metal cable, all of which the association has made available in a box attached to wall of the washroom.
- **Storage after use:** Watercraft and water accessories must be pulled away from the shoreline after each use and stored at the designated location (in compliance with point two of the [Use of Association Land](#) in our General Rules and Regulations. Please place them on or adjacent to the metal storage units situated close to the washroom.
- **Autumnal removal:** All materials must be returned to your own properties for winter by the 31st of October at the latest. Past this date, watercraft and accessories that remain will be removed from the site.

Thank you for your collaboration in keeping Lac Noir clean and healthy!

- Tamagor Association Board of Directors



Watercraft and Accessories at Lac Noir: New Protection Measures (continued)



Above is the designated zone for storing your watercraft and water accessories during the spring and summer. Each should be identified with name and address.

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From now on, it is prohibited from leaving watercraft and accessories in the area pictured above. Already since clearing this area recently, we can see that the vegetation along the shore is gaining strength and preventing erosion.

Eurasian Watermilfoil in Lac Noir: An action plan in place

Following the confirmation of Eurasian Watermilfoil in Lac Noir, the board of directors, in collaboration with the environmental committee, mandate the Quebec firm Fyto to undertake an aquatic inventory the week of July 20th, 2026 (weather permitting). Specialists in the management of invasive aquatic species, this organisation will complete the evaluation for a cost of \$4,950 before taxes. The objective is to map the aquatic plant habitat and evaluate the proportion of exotic plants compared to indigenous plants. Following the mapping, Fyto will submit a report fall 2026 with a plan of action to control the plant. Here are the key steps:



- **Working on-site:** Specialists will traverse the lake in July 2026 to map the aquatic landscape and calculate the surface area of different species.
- **Detailed analysis:** The study will identify the dominant species and will evaluate the percentage of coverage of Eurasian Watermilfoil.
- **Intervention strategy:** The autumn 2026 final report will include concrete, realistic methods to manage the propagation of the species.



News: Snow Removal on Association Roads



Well yes, we're talking about snow in the spring/summer newsletter!

That's right, the board would like to announce early that the **Tamagor Association will take charge of the snow removal contracts on private roads starting autumn 2026**. According to article 3.8 of the municipal rules 764-15 titled "Road construction and municipalization standards, existing road infrastructure, and road infrastructure," it details...

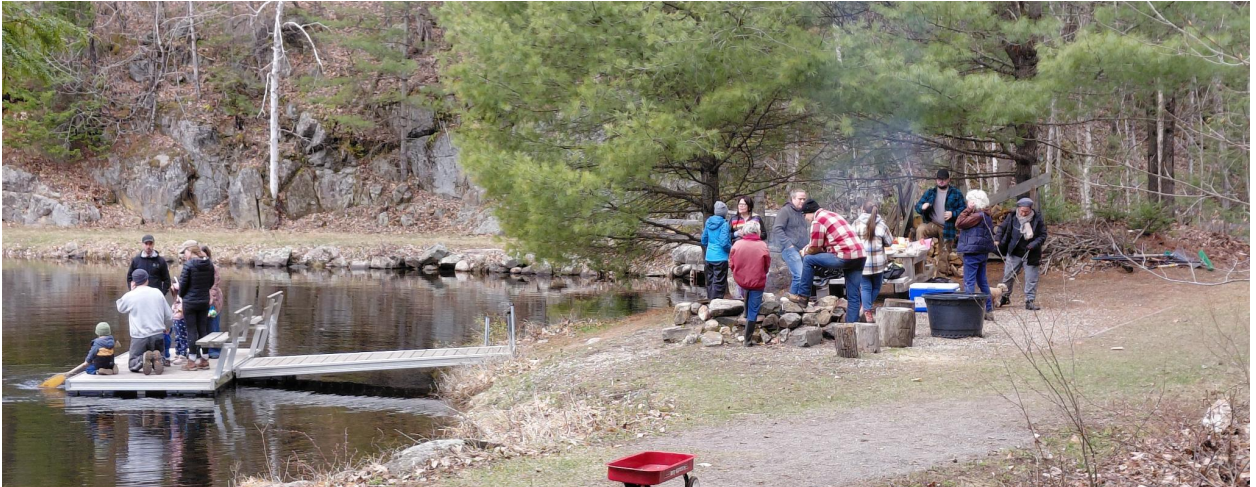
"Seasonal maintenance of private road infrastructure is the sole and full responsibility of the owner, local residents, or beneficiaries of a right of way."

This autumn, there will therefore be a period of transition, with the long-term goal of snow removal fees of each Association road being shared by the relevant property owners, vacant properties included. Of course, the latter will be charged less than those with dwellings. More information coming soon. We intend to issue a call for bids this summer to find a contractor who is qualified to clear snow from six fairly narrow and often very steep roads.

We will keep you abreast of these "hot" developments at the end of the summer season. Please watch for communications coming from Tamagor. From now until then, enjoy our beautiful environment respectfully!

- Marlène Barrette-Trudel, President

Re-cap: Spring 2026 Clean-Up Day



A huge thank you to the members who participated in our annual spring clean up on May 2nd; many people have been loyal attendees for many years, joined by fresh faces. The beaches at Lac Noir and Mud Bay were thoroughly cleaned thanks to your help.

At Lac Noir, the docks were installed, while at Mud Bay the water was still too high, delaying their installation. A pair of loons kept us company as we worked at Lac Noir! Some members also helped to clean the walking path around Lac Noir.

Following the hard work, we celebrated with a lively BBQ at the shore of Lac Noir. Thank you again to those who participated, and looking forward to seeing you again next year.



Our wild neighbours: The Common Snapping Turtle

Did you know that our nature reserve is home to a living fossil? With a lineage dating back 90 million years, the common snapping turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*) is one of the largest freshwater reptiles in Canada.

Often misunderstood for their fierce demeanour and spectacular defensive reflexes on dry land, they are indispensable to the health of our aquatic habitats. In their element in the water, these discreet giants prefer burying themselves in the mud or fleeing in the face of danger. As opportunist predators and efficient scavengers, they play a major ecological role in cleaning lakes in our area and regulating local populations.

In spring, their reproduction begins: the females leave the water to lay between 20 and 80 round eggs in a sunny spot in the sandy shores. This terrestrial migration exposes them to dangers on roads. After two months of incubation, the hatchlings emerge in late summer or early autumn and immediately brave predators—including us—to reach the lake.

Keep your eyes open for turtles on the road on Association roads! To track your sightings and contribute directly to mapping and protecting Quebec reptiles, including the common snapping turtle, check out carapace.ca.



Annual General Assemblies

Did you miss the 2025 AGA?

Don't worry, you can consult and download the [preliminary minutes of the AGA here](#).

To add to your calendar: AGA 2026

The next annual general assembly will take place online. This is the ideal time for you to get involved in the community, ask your questions and elect members of the board of directors. The agenda and instructions for how to join the meeting will be sent at a later date.

Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026

Time: 7pm

Format : Virtual



Our 36th swimming season is underway!

Sunday, May 17th was the 36th time we marked the opening of the swimming season with our traditional group swim. For the occasion, a small, bold group of members and their guests braved the chilly waters of Lac Noir to launch the season. Between the fortifying freshness, warm spirits, and laughter, camaraderie was once again on the agenda.



To get involved

Would you like to get involved in the Tamagor Association's Environment Committee? Send us an email.

Would you like to suggest a species of the season, or to submit a photo for one of our upcoming newsletters? Send it our way!

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