

# Duhamel Lake Association



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More than 800 trees were distributed to Lac Duhamel!

Congratulations to Jacques Leduc on this great initiative.

From left to right on the photo, Jacques, Mélissa Laniel de Bleu Laurentides and Marie-Claire and Roger Marleau.

Thanks to Micheline Boisselle for the picture

## **Congratulations!**

On a beautiful Friday May 30th, Jacques Leduc and a group of highly motivated volunteers went to collect 835 trees which the Lake Association had ordered. It may not have needed more than one pick-up truck to bring back all these beautiful trees or to have the large holes that Michel Picard had kindly dug. The young trees were very, very small but they will grow into large mature trees and we will all remember their small beginnings.

Kudos to Jacques for this great initiative. A big thank you to all those who participated in the distribution and planting of these trees. The trees will help to improve the health of the lake for future generations.

A nice story, Jean-Guy Gohier and Laurier Leduc, two former founding presidents of the Association, told me that the event reminded them of the good old days at the beginning of the Association more than 30 years ago.

I guess it takes a large unifying project to remind us of the pleasure of getting together those of us who share the same interest, the health of Lac Duhamel.

## **More scary than harmful!**

The last provincial meeting on the health of our lakes gave us one more surprise – that the blue-green algae are no more dangerous than Poison Ivy! Should we be relieved or worried? What will the next experts tell us?

Most importantly, we must use common sense. We must continue to plant indigenous trees along our shores. We must maintain our septic systems and have them emptied regularly. We must not use products containing phosphates, herbicides and other harmful chemicals.

Good sense tells us that the lakes were healthy for thousands of years before man came here. Now that we are here we must realize that this delicate balance must be maintained and not disturbed by our activities. We must be vigilant if we are to prevent the deterioration of the natural habitat.

I am not an expert but I know one thing, that when we upset a natural environment there are consequences such as losing a large pine of no longer having speckled trout, crayfish, salamanders or stone flies in the streams such as there were 15 years ago. This I know and this is why I will always be vigilant.