

# **Nautical Patrol on our lakes for Summer 2021**

Last summer the APLC received comments and complaints about safety on our lakes and the limited impact of the guard. We took the case to City Hall and based on our interventions the city took steps to address the issue as follows;

The City of Lantier has appointed the RIDM (Regie Incendies des Monts) as the education and safety ambassadors on our lakes for the coming summer. This group of Firefighters are certified enforcement agents for the Canada Shipping Act for Pleasure Craft, and they operate on Lac des Sables, Lac Manitou, Lac Papineau, Lacs Ludger & Cardin, and perhaps more to come.

The Service is offered by a group of regional firefighters who have taken special training for this purpose. Their priority will be on education, safety, and preserving our lake. However, they will also have authority to issue fines and tickets to those who abuse the laws.

Fines will range from 200.00 for insufficient or inaccessible safety equipment, 250.00 for underage or unlicensed operators, and 500.00 for operating a boat or PWC in an unsafe manner. To insure zero conflict of interest, all fines will go directly to the Federal government.

Hopefully, this will act as a deterrent and encourage full compliance with our code of conduct.

If you don't have, or can't find your operator's license, now is the time to get it done to enjoy a penalty free summer on our lakes.

## **2021 membership payment is open**

Please log onto our website [www.ludger-cardin.org](http://www.ludger-cardin.org) and make your 30.00 membership payment. Sometime in June we will be sending discount codes for Well Water Testing and Septic Cleaning to all paid up members.