



## MEMPHRÉMAGOG CONSERVATION INC.

THE DUNN PROPERTY:  
AN EXCEPTIONAL DONATION OF 880 ACRES ON LAKE MEMPHREMAGOG

*Actions taken by MCI to date (February 2010)*

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Our president Mrs. Gisèle Lacasse Benoit was **interviewed on several occasions in December, 2009**, stating that “Quebec cannot afford to turn down a 10-million dollar gift.” The media coverage included:

- Radio-Canada, radio, December 16, 2009;
- *Le Reflet du lac*, December 10, 2009  
([http://www.memphremagog.org/FCKeditor/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Centre\\_de\\_documents/FR/2009-12-10-Le-Reflet-du-lac.pdf](http://www.memphremagog.org/FCKeditor/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Centre_de_documents/FR/2009-12-10-Le-Reflet-du-lac.pdf) )
- **Articles** in *La Tribune* and *La Presse* on December 17, 2009  
([http://www.memphremagog.org/FCKeditor/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Centre\\_de\\_documents/EN/2009-12-17-LaPresse-LaTribune-200hectares.pdf.pdf](http://www.memphremagog.org/FCKeditor/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Centre_de_documents/EN/2009-12-17-LaPresse-LaTribune-200hectares.pdf.pdf) )
- and in an **editorial in *La Tribune* on January 6, 2010**  
([http://www.memphremagog.org/FCKeditor/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Centre\\_de\\_documents/FR/2010-01-06-La-Tribune-Une-occasion-en-or-Propriete-Dunn.PDF.pdf](http://www.memphremagog.org/FCKeditor/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Centre_de_documents/FR/2010-01-06-La-Tribune-Une-occasion-en-or-Propriete-Dunn.PDF.pdf) ).

On January 6, 2010, **MCI wrote to the Minister of Natural Resources //des Ressources Naturelles et de la Faune du Québec (MRNF)**, Ms Nathalie Normandeau, to press her department to accept this donation. (*This letter was published in *Le Reflet*, *The Stanstead Journal* and *The Record**  
[http://www.memphremagog.org/FCKeditor/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Centre\\_de\\_documents/FR/2010-01-12-Le-Reflet-du-lac-Lettre-ouverte-du-MCI.PDF](http://www.memphremagog.org/FCKeditor/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Centre_de_documents/FR/2010-01-12-Le-Reflet-du-lac-Lettre-ouverte-du-MCI.PDF). The following persons were copied on this important matter: Mr. Jean Charest, Premier of Quebec, Mrs. Monique Gagnon-Tremblay, the Minister responsible for governmental administration, Ms Lyne Beauchamp, the Minister of sustainable development, the environment and parks (MDDEP), Mr. Pierre Paradis, MNA for Brome-Missisquoi and Mr. Pierre Reid, MNA for Orford.  
([http://www.memphremagog.org/FCKeditor/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Centre\\_de\\_documents/FR/2010-01-06-Propriete-Dunn-Ministre-Normandeau.pdf](http://www.memphremagog.org/FCKeditor/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Centre_de_documents/FR/2010-01-06-Propriete-Dunn-Ministre-Normandeau.pdf) )

To date we have received acknowledgements of our letters from the offices of the Premier and from the MRNF and MDDEP.



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Then, on January 11, **letters were sent to interested parties on the American side**, strongly urging that this **donation be accepted**.

- A letter was sent to the Governor of Vermont, Mr. Jim Douglas with copies to: State Senator Vincent Illuzzi, State Senator Robert Starr, Vermont Rep. Robert W. Lewis, Vermont. Rep. Scott Wheeler, Vermont Rep. Duncan F. Kilmartin, Vermont Rep. Michael J. Marcotte, Vermont Rep. John Morley, Mr. Jonathan Wood, ANR, Quebec Minister Nathalie Normandeau MRNF, Mr. Donald Hendrich, Memphremagog Watershed Association (MWA), Mr Gil Livingston, Vermont Land Trust (VLT).  
([http://www.memphremagog.org/FCKeditor/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Centre\\_de\\_documents/FR/Vermont-Governor-Douglas-11janv10.PDF](http://www.memphremagog.org/FCKeditor/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Centre_de_documents/FR/Vermont-Governor-Douglas-11janv10.PDF) )
- A second letter was sent to US Senator Patrick Leahy with copies to Mr. Jonathan Wood, ANR, Mr. Donald Hendrich, MWA, Mr Gil Livingston, VLT.
- A third letter was sent to US Senator Bernie Sanders with copies to Mr. Jonathan Wood, ANR, Mr. Donald Hendrich, MWA, Mr Gil Livingston, VLT.
- A fourth letter was sent to the Member of Congress of the US, Mr. Peter Welch, with copies to Mr. Jonathan Wood, ANR, Mr. Donald Hendrich, MWA, Mr Gil Livingston, VLT.
- On the same day, a letter was sent to Mr Marvin Moriarty, Northeast Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with copies to Mr. Jonathan Wood, ANR, Mr. Donald Hendrich, MWA, Mr. Gil Livingston, VLT.

To date, MCI is pleased to have heard from Congressman Mr. Peter Welch. This letter was forwarded to the MNRF and MDDEP. A copy of the letter was sent to the various media to let them know of the steps taken by MCI.  
([http://www.memphremagog.org/FCKeditor/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Centre\\_de\\_documents/FR/2010-01-21-Accuse-reception-et-appui-Peter-Welch-Member-of-congress.PDF](http://www.memphremagog.org/FCKeditor/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Centre_de_documents/FR/2010-01-21-Accuse-reception-et-appui-Peter-Welch-Member-of-congress.PDF) )

For their part, the **municipality of Ogden and the MRC de Memphrémagog adopted resolutions asking the Quebec government to accept this donation**. MCI commended their efforts in an email sent on January 27, 2010. Copies of this correspondence were again sent to the media in this mailing.

([http://www.memphremagog.org/FCKeditor/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Centre\\_de\\_documents/FR/Resolution-Heritage-Dunn-Ogden.PDF](http://www.memphremagog.org/FCKeditor/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Centre_de_documents/FR/Resolution-Heritage-Dunn-Ogden.PDF) &  
[http://www.memphremagog.org/FCKeditor/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Centre\\_de\\_documents/FR/Resolution-Heritage-Dunn-MRC.PDF](http://www.memphremagog.org/FCKeditor/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Centre_de_documents/FR/Resolution-Heritage-Dunn-MRC.PDF)).

MCI continues to closely monitor this major file.