

# FORUM LAC-BROME

## Minutes / Compte-rendu

**Thursday, May 14, 2026, 9:00 AM** | Jeudi 14 mai 2026, 9 h

Centre Lac-Brome, 270 Victoria, Ville de Lac-Brome

## Attendance / Présences

Organization	Representative
Action communautaire Lac-Brome	Martha Hubert-Gomes
Club de la Bonne humeur	Élizabeth Dupéré
Knowlton Academy	Peter McKelvie
RDSBM	Manuel Grosset
Table logement	Ola Pilatowsky
Horizon Pour Elle	Betty Karounis
Société Alzheimer BMHY	Caroline Hadlock
Men's Shed	Robert Ellen
Ville de Lac-Brome	Claire Citeau
Ville de Lac-Brome	Pierre Laplante
CIUSSSe-CHUS – DSPu Healthy Lifestyles	Sarah Jacques
CIUSSSe-CHUS – DSPu Community Organization	Marie-Hélène Cloutier

## 1. Reading and Adoption of the Agenda / Lecture et adoption de l'ordre du jour

*Item 4 (Visual Identity) becomes item 6 and will be addressed after the Youth Center Project and the ACLB Letter of Support.*

## 2. Minutes and Follow-up / Compte-rendu et suivis

CIUSSS complaints process : the process available online appears to be intended mainly for complaints about individual interventions received by users, rather than more general complaints.

## 3. Presentation – Table logement Project Manager / Présentation, chargée de projet, Table logement

Ola presents her role : supporting the Table logement partners and the regional pôles on housing-related projects.

Presentation of data specific to Lac-Brome. The presentation will be sent to members.

- An owners' co-op is not always easy to set up.
- Very little housing is available.
- A resource to counter the perceived “not in my backyard” syndrome : Vivre en ville.
- The Town is concerned about the issue and is working on it.

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**Issues raised**

- Housing costs mean that young people from Lac-Brome cannot move back here. We need to think about the future : the population is aging.
- Keeping Lac-Brome seniors who can no longer stay at home is difficult : access to services from the Coop du Pays des vergers is limited, as employees are reluctant to travel to Lac-Brome.

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**4. ACLB Youth Center / Intergenerational Project / *Projet de Maison des jeunes / intergénérationnelle – ACLB***

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Nathalia presents the youth-related projects – strong turnout at the dances (50 to 70 young people). A monthly themed evening has been added to the dances. There is a desire to further develop the youth component. Attendance is high compared with other youth centers in Brome-Missisquoi.

Development of a Youth Center / intergenerational project, evolving over the long term.

The community center, which currently hosts the activities, is not available in the summer. The goal is to find a permanent space to develop the youth / intergenerational component.

**Main challenges faced by local youth**

- Difficulty managing their emotions
- Lack of information about sexuality
- Few activities suited to their age
- Distance from social and health services
- Lack of extracurricular activities (arts, sports, languages, etc.)
- No guidance on social media use
- Feeling of isolation

**What our youth need**

- A place to belong
- Inclusive programming
- A safe physical space

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**5. ACLB PSOC Letter of Support / *Lettre d'appui ACLB – PSOC***

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ACLB asks the Forum Lac-Brome to support its application for mission funding under the PSOC. The Forum supports this request unanimously.

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**6. Forum Lac-Brome Visual Identity / *Identité visuelle du Forum Lac-Brome***

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Item postponed to a future meeting.

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**7. Project Follow-up / *Suivi des projets***

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**Dementia Friendly Community / *Communauté Proche Allié Alzheimer Lac-Brome***

The project will move forward : the seniors' table and the English-speaking committee are also contributing financially.

**Volunteering / *Bénévolat***

The study on volunteering is underway.

**Committee to select nominations – Volunteer Award**

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Members are being sought for a small committee tasked with identifying volunteers whose nominations could be put forward for a national volunteer award. Anyone interested in taking part in the selection or who has nominations to suggest is invited to contact Claire.

**Carrefour bien-être 50+ Project**

Promotion is beginning – Martha is distributing the poster among groups that reach seniors. One day per month will be devoted to physical and psychosocial services. The aim is to reach more francophone seniors. Martha will send the poster to members.

**Emergency Transport / Transport d'urgence**

No new developments.

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**8. Members' Updates / Nouvelles des membres**

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**Knowlton Academy**

The school will become a Community Learning Center – a hub for the community, connected to community projects. Great news : federal funding has been secured. A person will be hired to coordinate connections with the community.

**Action communautaire Lac-Brome (ACLB)**

- New youth coordinator : Shelly Judge.
- The seniors' program would like to relaunch the at-home physiotherapy program and is looking for funding.
- ACLB AGM on June 11 at 6 p.m.

**Horizon pour Elle**

New executive director : Caroline Dutil.

**Ville de Lac-Brome**

- Participatory budget : submitted projects will be online as of May 15 and citizens will be able to vote. The citizen vote counts for 30 % of the project selection criteria.
- A newcomer's guide to Lac-Brome was produced by the Town's communications department.
- Family Festival on May 31 at Clarke Terrace (weather permitting) : several activities on the program.

**Men's Shed**

- The Bird House project is complete ; forms are to be filled out for requests, which is easier to manage than several communication channels.
- The Wednesday Women Workshop is going well.
- BBQ (location TBD) on August 23, co-hosted with the Car Show (Lakeside and Victorian).
- Continuation of the school garden project, in collaboration with the Town and ACLB, aiming to make good use of the garden.

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**9. Issues to Bring to the Development Network / Enjeux du milieu à ramener au Réseau de développement**

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*Due to lack of time, this item was not addressed.*

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**10. Other Business / Varia**

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*No other business.*

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**11. 2026-2027 Calendar and Next Meeting / *Calendrier 2026-2027 et prochaine rencontre***

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A Doodle will be shared to set the date of the first fall meeting, between September 17 and October 8, 2026. This meeting will focus mainly on the table's priorities, in order to guide future actions and report on them to the Development Network's general assembly. The presentation of the study on volunteering in Lac-Brome will also be given.

Claire would like to revisit the Poverty Forum, which was very interesting : could a similar local event be organized, with an English-speaking component ?

**Dates of subsequent meetings (set during the meeting)**

- Thursday, November 19, 2026, 9:00 AM
- Thursday, January 21, 2027, 9:00 AM
- Thursday, March 18, 2027, 9:00 AM
- Thursday, May 27, 2027, 9:00 AM