

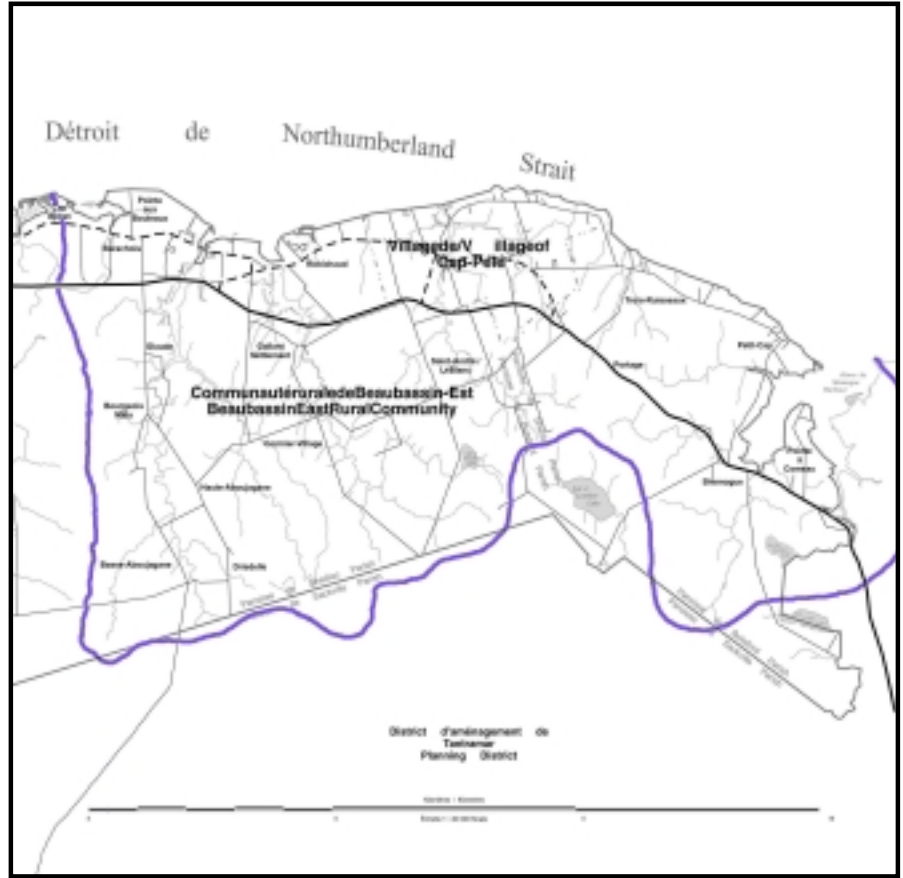


# The Cap-Pelé Watershed Group...

## A community resource for environmental protection.

### Your watershed and you

The Cap-Pelé Watershed Group has the mission of maintaining water quality as well as aquatic biodiversity on a territory of over 350 km<sup>2</sup>. This territory, your watershed, extends from Cap-Bimet to Shemogue Head along the coast. The watershed also includes Aboujagane, Kinnear, Kouchibouguac and Tedish rivers and various creeks flushing in the Shemogue Harbor. Poucette and Niles lakes are also part of your watershed. Finally, this territory regroups many collectivities including Grand-Barachois, Haute-Aboujagane, Cormier-Village, Robichaud, Saint-André/LeBlanc, Trois-Ruisseaux, Petit-Cap, Shemogue and of course The Village of Cap-Pelé.



### Help needed

The Cap-Pelé Watershed Group is looking for volunteers who would like to participate at the group's various activities (water sampling, water bank cleaning, workshops, etc.). To those interested, a few positions are also available on the group's Board of Directors. For more information, do not hesitate to call us at 577-2071.



### Did you know ?

- ◆ 1 liter of oil can contaminate up to 2 millions liters of drinking water.
- ◆ Each Canadian uses an average of 326 liters of water every day.
- ◆ Wetlands are some of the most productive of all ecosystems.
- ◆ In summer, approximately half of all treated water is used to irrigate lawns and gardens.

### As water flows...

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## Editorial

It is with great joy that we announce the opening of offices for the Cap-Pelé Watershed Group. Located on 33 St-André Road in Cap-Pelé (Municipality building), the Group was brought up for the purposes of maintaining and improving water quality in the community's various water bodies, as well as protecting the environment and improving the quality of living of its people. Resulting from the great efforts of local pioneers who initiated numerous environmental projects in the area, the Cap-Pelé Watershed Group would like to take control and work jointly with the community and local stakeholders on specific projects that will lead to responsible water management. Already, this summer, our team of employees began to collect information on the area's various streams by water sampling and exploring the territories main rivers and brooks. Moreover, this fall, we will organize activities to clean beaches and water banks, and we hope that many of you will participate. Finally, we are convinced that wonderful projects will follow, and we cannot wait to meet and work with all of you in the weeks and months to come.

Ola Drisdelle, President  
Patrick Emond, Coordinator



The Board of Directors, from left to right; Omer Brun, Hector Doiron, André Bourque, Victor Boudreau, Patrick Emond (coordinator) and Armand Robichaud. Not present, Ola Drisdelle (President).

## Water classification ...

### To insure better water management

Since winter 2002, the province of New Brunswick has put in place the Water Classification Regulation in order to promote water management based on the watershed concept and evaluate surface water quality (rivers, lakes, ponds). A watershed is a natural geographic region drained by one or more streams in which water converge to unload in a bay, a bigger river or the ocean. To know what is happening in a watershed, it is necessary to collect information on water quality. The Water Classification Regulation is a process that permits us to gain more knowledge on the state of our streams. Through this process, to which the population is invited to participate, local watershed groups collect data on water quality and land use. Afterwards, this information is taken in notice in order to classify streams by categories based on water quality and usage. Water Classification enables us to determine the state of health of our watershed, all by favoring a better use of water for domestic, recreational, agricultural, forestry and industrial uses. For more information on the Water Classification Regulation, contact us or the Department of Environment and Local Governments at 856-2374.



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