

LONI BEACH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JULY 21, 2012

MINUTES

The meeting was held at Gimli New Horizons at 10:00 AM on Saturday July 21, 2012. Memberships and Sign in Sheet were available. This information is collected for an email distribution list to inform residents of any pertinent information. We received 32 applications. Along with those applications each member received a tree sapling for signing up, these were generously donated by Jeff Modjeski. RM of Gimli Councillor Richard Petrowski and CAO Joann King were also in attendance.

1. Ron Hahlweg, President LBRA welcomed everyone to the meeting, this being his first year as president. He was happy to inform the group that Dr. Al Kristofferson was the recent recipient of the Diamond Jubilee Medal from the Queen for his tireless work and dedication as head of the Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium Inc.
2. 2011 LBRA AGM minutes - highlights read by Secretary Paula Hahlweg.
3. Treasurer's Report - \$1,837.93 in the bank. - presented by Joan McConnell. This money can be used for Community Special Events. If you have any special requests please contact the president and we will discuss your ideas at the 2013 AGM. We use this fund to support charities and have been able to donate annually to the Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium Inc.
4. President's Report - Ron talked about having community events to get people out and meeting their neighbors. This group best serves the community when we all participate and come up with new ideas.
 - Ron informed us that the annual Trash and Treasure weekend will be next week July 28 & 29, 2012. The event will run on Saturday and Sunday and after the weekend anything left behind will be transported to the dump by the Gimli Refuse Disposal.
 - Sewer Hookups progressing. Joann and Richard are here to give us an update and answer questions regarding this and any other RM business.

- The Executive Committee prior to this meeting, discussed holding a Wine and Cheese event in Loni Beach to get to know our neighbors. Campbell Alexander has offered his services in planning this event as he has extensive experience in hosting these tastings. We have to find out what the Liquor License Laws are regarding this event.

5. Joanne King and Richard Petrowski are here to address questions from the group.

The Sewer Project deadline is hard, new utility rates have been factored in. The sewer hookup deadline is November 30, 2012.

Questions raised:

- Is there a penalty to owners not hooking up ? Isabel Petersen.
- There is no penalty as yet, the RM is hopeful that this won't be necessary. Joann King
- Why can't we have a seasonal rate for sewers ? Ron Hahlweg
- The RM cannot control turning the sewer system on and off. In downtown Gimli there is a water and sewer system curb stop, Loni Beach does not have this. Joann King.
- Is it an option to have a water meter to measure your property consumption ? Ron Hahlweg.
- Yes, you can purchase an RM water meter for \$100.00 and have it installed by a registered plumber. The RM will then inspect it. The meter would measure sewer water use only. Joann King.
- Why did my Tax Bill include a fee for the Pelican Beach Force Main ? Jeff Modjeski
- Loni Beach connects into the Pelican Beach Force Main. There is a levy for this, rates are controlled by the Public Utilities Board. Joann King.
- Some concern has been expressed about the speed of traffic on Loni Avenue. The screeching to a halt at the 3 Way Stop on Loni and Howell, and the "abysmally dreadful condition of the roads". Joan Guttormmsson.
- There is a plan to add more gravel and limestone, this work will be done once we have all the residents hooked into the sewer. We have the base material down now and surface material will be done when possible. Richard Petrowski.
- Can we get the speed limit reduced ? Joan Guttormmsson.
- To bring attention to the speed limit in Loni is not a good idea. Joann King.
- There was a request that the ditch not be chopped down every year. Joan Guttormmsson.
- Not aware if this is the plan, but knew that there was a plan to lower the culvert on lake and install a flap. Joann King.

- The LBRA membership have long been told that there is a road reserve fund available for after completion of the sewer project. Leanne Squair.
- There is money allocated to a fund for road improvements but that it is not exclusive to Loni Beach and is allocated when and where it is needed. When the hook ups are complete, some monies will hopefully be available. Joann King.
- At what stage is the sewer hook up in South Beach, the roads don't seem to be in as bad shape as Loni Beach ? Lisa Squair.
- They are in and there is a 1 year warranty for the contractor if there is a problem. The weather and the fact that there is more rock, made work much more difficult in Loni Beach. The roads in South Beach were in better shape, prior to that start of their sewer project. Joann King.
- Roads are bad and too narrow, it is not possible for two vehicles and pedestrians to traverse safely. Isabel Petersen.
- It was decided that we would get the Road Standards people to look at the road safety. Joann King.
- The grass beside the property at 114 Lake Avenue is being cut by a resident, can the RM please take over this responsibility ? Garth Arnason.
- The RM will look into this. Joann King.
- We should have all emails go through the Executive. Sheila Redekop.

6. Election of Officers - no need as people are staying on.

7. Presentation from the Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium Inc.

Following our ongoing support to this Research Organization, they have kindly agreed to attend this meeting and give all residents an update on the health of Lake Winnipeg.

Dr. Al Kristofferson started the presentation with the following information.

“Reducing Nutrient Loading to lake Winnipeg and it's watershed: Our collective Responsibility and Commitment to Action”

This issue for Lake Winnipeg is Algae, Algae blooms are natural, the problem is that we have increased Phosphorus, Chlorophyll and Carbon running into the lake, which makes the Algae proliferate. The Algae that has grown during spring and summer dies off in the winter and sinks to the bottom of the lake, choking the bottom lake life of oxygen. With the valuable research that the LWRC does, they can determine that this doesn't happen every year. Algae is episodic. It is critical therefore that work be done to reduce the nutrient load to the lake. The research shows that they need to find the

sweet spot that keeps the lake healthy, enough nutrients but not too much. In other words balance is of utmost importance.

There is no evidence of dead zones yet but the nutrients are not reducing, so there is regular collection of data to determine the current state of the lake. Our ongoing financial support is one piece of the puzzle to help those studies continue.

There is a Lake Winnipeg Stewardship Board that has been appointed by the government. Their job is to come up with nutrient removal strategies, they disseminate information about the lake, make municipal recommendations for upgrading water and waste management systems, make trans-boundary recommendations and are involved in watershed planning on a multi-jurisdictional basis.

All of the above information was received enthusiastically. As residents of this community it was agreed that it is all of our responsibility to maintain the health of the lake.

Robert T. Kristjanson a commercial fisher on Lake Winnipeg for over 50 years gave a presentation from his perspective as a long time fisher on Lake Winnipeg.

Bill Barlow a past councilor and mayor of the Town of Gimli also presented information regarding the various boards at the political level.

At the end of the presentation there was a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium Inc. Motion - Sheila Redekop seconded Campbell Alexander. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM. Ron thanked everyone for attending and thanked LWRC for their informative presentation.

2012-2013 Loni Beach Executive

Ron Hahlweg	President
Leanne Squair	Past President
Joan McConnell	Treasurer
Paula Hahlweg	Secretary
Jeff Modjeski	Member at Large
Campbell Alexander	Member at Large
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