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N E W S L E T T E R

LONI BEACH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION Box 1314 Gimli, Manitoba ROC 1B0

The annual meeting of the Loni Beach Residents' Association was held on June 25, 1994 at the Training Centre. The meeting was chaired by Allan Cantor, and was attended by 40 members. The following resolutions were passed by the voting members:

1. Opposing use of the reserve fund of more than \$250,000 for construction of new R.M. of Gimli offices.
2. That the Loni Beach association would host a seminar of all area associations on August 6th at Aspen Lodge to bring to the attention of the R.M. Council the concern of all area residents on the delivery of services to all area residents in a fair and equitable manner.

A new board of directors was elected, consisting of:

Alan Finnbogason - President
Glen Brooks - Vice-President
Glen Pollard - Secretary
Debbi Bissett - Treasurer
Directors - Alan Miller, Tim Samson, Jim Bright

Allan Cantor, the Past President, presented his report in which he reviewed the past year's operations. During the past year he has had, on your behalf, several meetings and correspondence with Manitoba Hydro regarding the ongoing problem of lake levels; as well as many meetings with the R.M. Council dealing with Loni Beach problems, such as road and ditch maintenance, garbage pickup, etc. On your behalf, Mr. Cantor was thanked for his leadership of our association during the formative years.

At the close of the meeting, the members present and their children enjoyed a lunch, and there were prize draws for items donated by the following merchants: Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Chudd's Chrysler, Eddie's Gravel, G & C Grocery, Giesbrecht & Sons, Gimli Credit Union, Gimli I.G.A., KC Enterprises, Paul's Husky, Pharmasave, Sveinson Construction, Tip Top Foods and the Viking Motor Hotel.

On July 14th your executive attended an information meeting of the R.M. of Gimli, which dealt with the proposed sewage system for Pelican Beach. The proposal involves an estimated cost of \$1,386,000, most of which is ultimately to be borne by the Pelican Beach property owners and the developer. To date, the proposed route has not been finalized, nor have engineering studies and costs been undertaken.

On August 6th your association hosted a R.M. of Gimli taxpayers' workshop at Aspen Lodge. Fifty-two delegates attended, representing the following areas of the R.M. of Gimli: Loni Beach, South Beach, Sandy Hook, Sandy Hook Golf Course, Shore-point, Silver Harbour, Spruce Sands, Spruce Bay, Siglavik, Bayshore, Camp Morton, Glen Bay and Ames. Mutual concerns were discussed. The five hours of discussions of the groups resulted in the following recommendation, to be presented to the R.M. Council:

Long- and short-range planning should be improved in the following areas --
Planning, budgeting and programming.

The participants from all areas stressed that, prior to the fiscal year projects for the entire municipality should be identified, along with priorities, work schedules, estimated cost, so as to prevent ad hoc decisions affecting the entire area.

There was consensus from all delegates that the accumulated reserve fund of approximately \$350,000 should not be used to build a new municipal office, but rather to be released and used to improve drainage, sewage disposal, fire protection equipment, roads and new equipment for road maintenance. It was also suggested

that the feasibility of moving the municipal offices to the Gimli Heritage School on a shared basis with the Gimli Town council should be examined.

Eleven resolutions were approved by the workshop, and a 10-member steering committee was selected to have a special meeting with the R.M. Council. Julie Ewanchuk, president of the South Beach Association, confirmed the meeting date will be Friday, September 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Council chambers.

Due to a number of break-ins in Loni Beach this summer, we urge all members to be diligent in securing their cottages, and ensure that all thefts are reported to the authorities. Your committee will undertake to establish a neighbourhood watch program in order to try to curb these activities.

Recycling Bin — We have arranged with Cornerstone Enterprises to have a recycling bin placed on the north side of the tennis court. We are pleased that it is being well used; however, we ask that you deposit only the following items: newspapers, liquor bottles, plastic pop bottles and aluminum cans.

Speeding cars — The R.C.M.P. have advised that they will act on this problem if incidents are reported, preferably with a description of vehicle, license number, etc.

Directories -- These have been delivered to all members. Please advise if you did not receive your copy.

Float — We won first prize in the category "Clubs & Organizations". Congratulations to Glen Pollard, Glen Brooks, Jim Robertson and Gary Arnason.

The delegates in attendance expressed their pleasure at the opportunity of meeting together and suggested that a meeting be held in October to discuss 1995 budget and plans. Alan Miller and the Loni Beach Residents' Association were thanked for hosting the meeting, which was a great success.

Your executive have been working on your behalf for the past years in order to have Loni Beach drainage improved, ditches cleaned and roads improved. Councillor Kevin Chudd has been very supportive of your committee in these endeavours, as well as bringing forward projects for next year.

Please consider becoming a member of our Association by mailing your membership fee of \$15.00 to Box #314, Gimli, Manitoba, ROC 1B0. Without your support, we will be unable to provide the newsletters to non-members in the future.



ALAN B. FINNBOGASON

President -

Loni Beach Residents' Association