

Loni Beach Progress

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From your Board

Traffic in Loni Beach Big Bike
Success New Tennis Court
Elections and Taxes Shoreline
and Lake Statistics

We appreciate seeing the positive comments to our initial newsletter and encourage you to keep in touch with any of us with any concerns you might have. Your board met again on August 22 to go over some of the concerns and projects outlined in the last newsletter. In addition, there were several other items of interest that were discussed and will be commented upon in this issue.

If you were in the area over August long weekend and attended the annual parade on Icelandic Festival Monday, you must have seen the float entered on behalf of Loni Beach. Glen Brooks once again assumed this responsibility on your behalf and he and his crew put together a hilarious float that won one of the prizes awarded for this activity.

Sewer

Thanks to all of you who responded to the survey concerning a possible sewer system. The sewer plan as outlined by Cousins Engineering and distributed to property owners in Loni Beach has *not* received sufficient support to be approved. The engineer's report also indicates that the Town of Gimli lagoon is hydraulically overloaded and does not likely have the capacity to accommodate hook-ups from Loni Beach, ;

The cost of force-main lines from Loni Beach to Pelican Beach would be cost prohibitive without full participation and would not be approved without majority support. Loni Beach has been recognized as a residential rural resort area and the responses confirm that a large majority of Loni Beach residents are seasonal. , - ; >

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She also stated that now that sewage tank trucks must use the facilities at the sewage treatment plant, the environmental standards are being achieved. For those using holding tanks sullage pits may be used for 'greywater', provided they meet the specifications.

Also Inside -..

Let's hope that if residents are having problems with septic fields they will install a holding tank and a greywater sullage pit as approved by the Environmental Operation Division. Their address is as follows...

**102-236 Eaton Avenue
Selkirk. MB
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Drainage

We're happy to report that the RM will review the drainage situation in Loni Beach. Your board met with Councilor Dan Luprypa, Chairman of Public Works and Public Works Superintendent Jack Feschuck. Several problem areas were visited and it was agreed that these would be studied to determine the action needed

In connection with this drainage problem your board at its meeting on August 22 made a motion to contact the RM with a pilot project proposal that would include hiring a young student during the summer season to keep ditches cut and cleaned during this period Many of you are already doing this yourselves in ditches bordering your property, but there are many areas where this is not done on a regular basis. We are hopeful that such a program can be instituted next season... .

; Garbage

Just a reminder that: when you leave garbage out in plastic bags you are inviting a potential mess from animals and birds getting into the garbage and spreading it around the area. It is HO* the responsibility of the RM of Gimli people who pick up our garbage to clean up these, messes ad it usually falls upon a neighbor to do so. You are encouraged to put all your garbage in proper garbage cans or containers and if you rent your cottage to ask your renters to properly handle garbage when using your Cottage. :... ' . ;=--.-.' ..;.'



Derelict Vehicles

In our last issue we spoke of the possible enactment of a by-law by the RM that would allow for the removal of derelict cars from property in Loni Beach. Your board was present at a recent RM Council meeting where such a by-law *was* enacted Residents of the RM of Gimli now have, until October. 1 to clean then-properties of abandoned vehicles and unsightly debris. Such by-laws do *not apply* to properties that are zoned for agriculture.

summer months. In addition to stabilizing the shoreline, a well-maintained vegetative zone will filter out sediments, nutrients, pesticides, and heavy metals carried by rain and snow-melt

runoff.

You can reduce erosion on your property by maintaining a vegetative zone through grading, planting a permanent vegetative cover, and improving soil stability. Removing vegetation to improve access or the view leads to erosion, gullies, and bank slumping. The short-term gains from tilling to the water's edge are lost when more land disappears during a heavy rain or snow-melt, or from large waves during storms.

Direct access to the water's edge by livestock can damage or destroy the vegetative zone. Stream banks and shorelines become trampled, destroying vegetation and exposing bare soil to wind and water erosion. In addition, fecal material is introduced directly into the lake or river, increasing health risks to recreational users.

What You Can Do...

- Maintain or enhance the vegetative zone-allow natural vegetation to grow or plant more trees and shrubs with deep root systems along your shoreline. This will slow down nutrient-rich runoff and help prevent shoreline and bank erosion
- Reduce the accessibility of surface water to livestock by pumping water to troughs or restricting shoreline access to a snuui area. • Leave large boulders along your shoreline to stabilize it and to provide habitat for terrestrial and aquatic organisms, like turtles waterfowl and fish
- Re-establish vegetation on steep slopes by holding groundcover seedlings in place with mulch and loose-weave mesh or burlap
- Build steps or a ramp for access between the top and bottom of the bank.

Did You Know?

- Root systems of grasses, shrubs, and trees hold soil and help prevent erosion from wind and water.
- Access-points to stream crossings by cattle, all-terrain vehicles, and other large machinery exposes the stream to land runoff, carrying silt and pollutants, like herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers.
- Altering your shoreline will affect water quality for downstream users.

Water Monitoring

Monitoring is done routinely in Manitoba to ensure that the guideline is not being exceeded. Each year, between 20 and 40 major beaches are monitored using internationally recognized protocols. At the present time, major beaches are monitored about once every two weeks. Multiple samples are collected from each beach on each sampling trip to ensure that the data are representative of the overall beach area. Included are the major beaches on Lake Winnipeg, in the Whiteshell Provincial Park,

The recreational water quality guideline for indicator bacteria is 200 fecal coliforms or 200 E. coli per 100 mL of sample. According to the Canadian guidelines, compliance should be based upon the average of at least five samples. Information

provided by single samples is of limited value, since indicator bacteria can be variable within any beach area.

Test Results for the Gimli Area

Gimli Beach	Coliform Levels	Condition
26-May-98	73	Beach Acceptable
08-Jun-98	13	Beach Acceptable
22-Jun-98	144	Beach Acceptable
06-Jul-98	10	Beach Acceptable
20-Jul-98	23	Beach Acceptable
04-Aug-98	52	Beach Acceptable
17-Aug-98	95	Beach Acceptable

Sandy Hook Beach

26-May-98	16	Beach Acceptable
08-Jun-98	10	Beach Acceptable
22-Jun-98	59	Beach Acceptable
06-Jul-98	10	Beach Acceptable
20-Jul-98	28	Beach Acceptable
04-Aug-98	10	Beach Acceptable
17-Aug-98	160	Beach Acceptable

Winnipeg Beach

26-May-98	30	Beach Acceptable
08-Jun-98	13	Beach Acceptable
22-Jun-98	454	Beach Exceeds
Resample 25-Jun-98	37	Beach Acceptable
29-Jun-98	824	Beach Exceeds
Resample 30-Jun-98	70	Beach Acceptable
06-Jul-98	47	Beach Acceptable
20-Jul-98	49	Beach Acceptable
04-Aug-98	10	Beach Acceptable
17-Aug-98	91	Beach Acceptable

Matiok Beach

26-May-98	21	Beach Acceptable
08-Jun-98	10	Beach Acceptable
22-Jun-98	93	Beach Acceptable
06-Jul-98	10	Beach Acceptable
20-Jul-98	13	Beach Acceptable
04-Aug-98	12	Beach Acceptable
17-Aug-98	104	Beach Acceptable

LONI BEACH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

If you are not a member of the Loni Beach Residents Association, please consider joining your association. All you have to do is fill out the form below, and return it, with a cheque or money order for \$5.00 to cover annual dues, either to Jim

Robertson or any other Board Member.

Jim Robertson
Secretary/Treasurer
30 Loni Avenue
Box 63
Gimli, MB
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Name:	Loni Beach Address:	Other Address (If any):
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Welcome to Loni Beach!

You will have noticed our new welcome sign. It advises that there is no access to Pelican Beach (except, of course, for pedestrians and cyclists). Yes, we know some weirdoes are driving across the public reserve between Loni Beach and Pelican Beach, but we intend to put a stop to that!

Membership

If we want a strong, effective voice in the affairs of Loni Beach we need you. Please become a member. We want to reach out to every resident and need some volunteers to call on a few neighbors and encourage them to join. Please see the article to the right entitled "Volunteers Needed" for more information. The membership fee is \$15.00 and it includes a Loni Beach beach bag to match our T-shirts and caps.

Summer Student

For a few years we have discussed hiring a summer student to help with the beautification and environmental improvements. This year it will be done. *Career Start*, a Department of Education youth employment program has confirmed a grant, and the R.M. has agreed to assist this pilot project with funding and the loan of equipment until we can obtain our own. An application has been filed with the Manitoba Community Services Council for the purchase of some equipment. All we need to do is increase our membership, participate in the funding and provide our student with some supervision. It is a great way to help a student, make some improvements, and demonstrate our confidence in our youth.

Annexation/Amalgamation

Officially, no one has asked the taxpayers of Loni Beach how they feel about this subject; it is required by the Municipal Act that those most affected must be consulted. In any case, your board has followed the direction of the motion passed at our 1998 Annual Meeting by informing the authorities, including the Manitoba Municipal Board, the Premier, the Minister, the M.L.A., Reeve Chudd and Mayor Barlow, that our association unanimously approved a resolution which *rejected* any annexation proposal by the Town of Gimli. The communication

- The R.M. generously supported many services and programs in the town
- That *all* property owners paid full educational taxes
- That residents in the R.M. supported the strong economy of the town by patronizing its commercial and business facilities.

(Note: The Town of Gimli has the largest business assessment of any town in Manitoba of comparable size).

Further to the amalgamation/annexation subject, your board had two representatives attend a workshop with representatives from 12 property owners' associations from all areas of the R.M. This group sent its resolution to all the authorities, rejecting the Town of Gimli's annexation proposal.

(Note: It is our hope that you see the importance of joining our Loni Beach Residents Association and attending the Annual Meeting. Please see the notice near the bottom for details of this meeting).

Derelicts - "They're gone!"

At least the ones on Lake Avenue, and the cottage and old garage are gone as well! The R.M. of Gimli gave final reading to its derelict by-law and our director, Joan Guttonson, showed her determination and persistence by seeing that the by-law was enacted. A warm thanks goes out to Joan: everyone will be grateful to see that area cleaned up.

Volunteers Needed

As mentioned previously, we need some volunteers to call on a few neighbors and encourage them to join our Residents Association. Please give us a call if you can assist us in this membership drive.

Board members you can call:

• Jim Bright	96 Loni Avenue	642-7153
• WilfCook	3 18 th Street	642-7221
• ArtKilgour	Lot 9 Lake Avenue	642-5144
• Al Miller	122 Lake Avenue	642-5318
• Jim Robertson	30 Loni Avenue	642-4446

Loni Beach Residents Association

Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 12, 1999 at 1:00 p.m.
New Horizons Hall

Please plan to attend. All Residents are welcome!

Thanks to Andrew Robertson for publishing the newsletter with very short notice and to Jim Bright for his delivery service to all

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Welcome!

• Mai Wigg	45 Lake Avenue	642-5575
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Once again, welcome to Loni Beach for the summer and we hope you enjoy yourselves and partake fully in this wonderful time of the year. The Annual Meeting was held on June 12 and for those of you who were unable to attend this will be an attempt to bring you and others up to date on what went on at that meeting and what has transpired since that time.

Residents Association Board

The existing Board was unanimously re-elected for the period of 1999-2000 and they are...

• Joan Gullormsson	• Al Miller
• Art Kilgour	• WilfCook
• Fred Isford	• Jim Robertson
• Ma^l	• Jim Bright

Board m&j^bvf Harry Thompson passed away in January and he will be sadly missed by all.

The Board met Saturday, June 19 and re-established an executive committee consisting of...

Al Miller

Vice President

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resident

- WilfCook
- Jim Robertson

Secretary/Treasurer

Board members may be reached at the following telephone numbers and addresses regarding anything pertaining to Loni Beach...

• Jim Bright	96 Loni Avenue	642-7153
• WilfCook	3 18 th Street	642-7221
• Joan Gullormsson	HHowell Street	642-8798
• Fred Isford	Lot 10 10* Street	642-8748
• Art Kilgour	Lot 9 Lake Avenue	642-5144
• Al Miller	122 Lake Avenue	642-5318
• Jim Robertson	30 Loni Avenue	642-4446

Membership

Thanks to all of those who have paid their membership dues and we hope you are enjoying your new Loni Beach beach bag which came along with your membership. We encourage those of you who have not yet become members to do so. The cost is \$15.00 which includes the beach bag mentioned above. For those of you desiring additional bags, they are available from any Board member for \$8.00 each. For those of you desiring to become members, an application is attached to this newsletter. Please give any board member a call and they'll be happy to pick up the form and the \$15.00 and present you with a Loni Beach beach bag.

Survey

Thanks to those of you who have returned your survey form that was distributed at the annual meeting. The form will be very helpful in getting to know our residents better and also gives you an opportunity to express yourselves on many of the issues now in front of all of us. For those of you who have not returned your survey, or if you have not received one, please contact Al Miller and he'll arrange to have your completed survey picked up or a copy of the survey delivered to your home.

Student Work Project

We are certain you are aware of the excellent work being done by our summer student workers. They have been busy clearing the ditches and bagging the refuse and also mowing the walkways to the lake. Thank them for their efforts when you see them - we're fortunate to have their availability. We've had some delays in this project owing to the rainy weather but hopefully the students now working will be able to get going once again to do what's necessary. For those of you who have regularly kept up the appearance of your ditches or public areas adjacent to your property, please continue to do so - then our students can concentrate on steeper ditches and overgrown areas.

Annexation/Amalgamation

There has been no change in the position of Loni Beach to annexation as agreed upon at our 1998 annual meeting, which was to "reject the proposal for annexation". A further workshop with representatives of all areas of the R.M. will be held in September to further discuss this situation. We will be sending four (4) representatives of our membership to this workshop.

Walkways to the Beach

At our annual meeting it was agreed that Councilors' Johnson and Luprypa would be contracted to examine the approaches to the lake. This has been done and Al Miller and Mai Wigg met with Councilor Luprypa and others recently and it was agreed that steps or a walkover would be constructed over the rocks at the walkways at Comber and Vaughan. These walkways have been completed and are now in place.

Speed Limits

We are attempting to have speed limit signs of 30 KPH posted in Loni Beach with enforcement of this speed limit to be in effect from the May long weekend until thanksgiving, annually.

Lake Winnipeg Watch

Our president Al Miller serves as our representative to this group and recently made a presentation to the Lake Winnipeg Erosion Advisory Group. This group has held a series of public meetings and will be reporting the government the results of these hearings.

Yard Improvements and Garbage

Some of you or your guests are still leaving garbage out in plastic bags when you leave. These bags are often torn apart by dogs, crows, etc. and the mess strewn about the area. Many of your neighbors have had to clean up these messes as it is not the responsibility of the R.M. to do so. You are encouraged to place your garbage in appropriate cans with lids so others do not have to look at these eye sores. As approved at the annual meeting, a yard improvement and garbage can redecorating project will be conducted. Chairperson Dorothy Goldberg has announced that there will be awards for both the most

improved yard and the most gaily decorated garbage cans. All residents are urged to participate. Ms. Goldberg has advised us that the judging will be done on the August (Icelandic Festival) long weekend.

Sewer

There is nothing new to report at this time, however we are advised that studies by various groups are continuing.

Zoning By-Law

Al Miller has received a copy of a new zoning by-law that allows for the construction of "tourist cottage establishments" within the R.M. He has discussed this with Brenda Firman, the new planning director, and has expressed our concern. Mr. Miller will attend a to-be-called public hearing on this project and will be protecting the interests of Loni Beach.

Icelandic Festival Parade Float

We will once again have a Loni Beach float in the Icelandic Festival parade. Glen Brooks will once again head up this project and you can be assured that he and his group will represent us well.

General

We have not in the past given copies of our minutes to our R.M. representative. We will now begin to do this and Marilyn Johnson will receive these assuring us of a more prompt reaction to our requests and needs.

Thanks to Councilor Marilyn Johnson more posts have been placed on our Loni Beach-Pelican Beach boundary. We all know that if vehicles from and to Pelican Beach were permitted to travel though Loni, it would create a safety hazard for our children and the many people who enjoy walking and cycling.

We extend our thanks to our Reeve and councilors Johnson and Luprypa for the prompt attention given to our requests. We would be remiss not to mention Jack Feschuk and his public works staff, particularly Gerry who designed the steps for improved access to the beach at Comber and Vaughan Avenues. Thanks also to Chris Fulsher and the office staff for their courtesy and co-operation.

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Editor: Mai
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Greetings!

Where has the summer gone? It seems we just had our Annual Meeting but here it is - September and fall upon us. We hope you had a wonderful summer despite this year's heavy dose of fish flies, and that you enjoyed yourselves to the fullest here in this great part of the country. This issue will attempt to recap some of the events of this busy season.

Membership

We're pleased to tell you that there are now approximately 80 residents signed up as members of the Loni Beach Residents Association. We need many more of you to become members so that we can receive your input on important issues affecting our community. Please check with your neighbors, when you get the opportunity, to see if they are not part of the association and let us know so we can get applications into their hands.

Survey

Some of you have still not returned your survey form. Please try to get this completed and give Al Miller a call at 642-5318, and he will arrange to have it picked up. Your input is important as we face the issues that are upon us.

Student Work Project

At our recent Board Meeting it was recommended that we participate in this program again next year. We're sure you've appreciated what was accomplished this past year and agree that Loni Beach looked a lot neater over the entire summer. As part of this project next year, we'd like to beautify the entranceway to Loni Beach and would appreciate any suggestions you might have in this regard. We had the greatest of co-operation from the R.M. over the summer with this TOgram and they were of much help in securing and maintaining the equipment necessary. Thanks to Jack Feschuk and his staff!

Annexation

The Town of Gimli is proceeding with its annexation proposal. The proposal was unanimously *rejected* by the representatives of 12 R.M. of Gimli sub-divisions, attending a workshop last October, but the municipal legislation allows the Town to continue with its maneuver. The area representatives have agreed that another workshop should be conducted for R.M. property owners. This workshop will be held Saturday, October 2 at the Gimli New Horizon's 55+ Centre commencing at 10:00 a.m. The associations will select delegates to attend but all R.M. residents are welcome to attend.



Yard Improvement & Garbage

Thanks to many of you who adhered to our appeal for better handling of your garbage and its placing in proper and adequate cans. There are still some of you leaving garbage out in plastic bags and this continues to create problems when dogs, crows, etc. get into them. Please join your neighbors in eliminating this from happening. Dorothy Goldberg and her committee surveyed the area over the August long weekend and recognized the Bright, Kilgour, and Millard residences for their efforts in upgrading and beautifying their properties.

General

We assume that many of you used the walkways to the beach at the foot of Comber and Vaughan avenues. We thank the R.M. for their prompt handling of our request to get this done. We were well represented once again in the Icelandic Festival Parade by a float made by Glen Brooks and his crew. It was in the shape of a boat that was named in honor of our late board member Harry Thompson. Thanks again Glen!

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Secr/Tres - Jim Robertson

Welcome

Welcome back or to Loni Beach for the summer and we hope that you once again enjoy yourselves and partake in the many activities available to all of us. The Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, July 8 at 10am at the New Horizons Centre (use the entrance behind the bowling courts). You are all encouraged to attend and participate in this event as several items of importance will be on the agenda.

Residents Association Board

The present board consists of the individuals listed below along with their telephone numbers and addresses. Please don't hesitate to contact any of them regarding anything pertaining to Loni Beach.

Jim Bright	96 Loni	642-7153
WilfCook	318th Street	642-7221
Joan Guttormson	11 Howell St.	642-8798
Fred Isford	Lot 10 10th Street	642-8748
Art Kilgour	Lot 9 Lake	642-5144
Al Miller	122 Lake	642-5318
Jim Robertson	30 Loni	642-4446
Mai Wigg	47 Lake	642-5575

President - Al Miller V.
President-WilfCook

Membership

You will have an opportunity to renew your membership at the Annual Meeting on July 8 as well as when contacted at your home or cottage by a volunteer in the very near future. Cost of membership is only \$5.00. There are still some beach bags and hats with Loni Beach identification available and they will be offered for sale at the Annual Meeting for \$7.00 each.

Student Work Project

It is the intention to once again have this program operating in Loni Beach this summer and your Board is presently attempting to get this organized. In the meantime you are encouraged to where possible, keep up the appearance of ditches adjacent to your property.

General

Your Board will be contacting Councilor Marilyn Johnson to see what can be done to improve the condition of roads in our area. We're hopeful that action will be taken as soon as the weather improves.

Steps are being taken to update and reissue the old directory that many of you have in your possession. Hopefully this project can be completed this summer.

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The Annual Meeting was held Saturday July 8, 2000 at the New Horizons Centre and was very well attended. Those elected to the Residents' association Board for the following year were Jim Bright, Wilf Cook, Joan Guttormson, Fred Isford, Art Kilgour, Al Miller and Mai Wigg

is funded this year by a government grant of \$550.00 and \$800 each from the R.M. of Gimli and your Association. The R.M. will be taking care of the public accesses to the beach this year through a separate contract.

The Board met on Tuesday, July 18 and established an Executive committee as follows:

Fred Isford - President

Wilf Cook - Vice President

Treasurer - Al Miller The board

appointed Pam Larusson as Secretary after she had graciously volunteered at the Annual Meeting to handle the responsibilities of this position. Please thank Pam when you next see her for accepting this job. Please also thank Al Miller for his past years of leadership as President, as well as Fred Isford for assuming this role for the following year.

The Board is pleased to announce that we have more paid members of the Association than ever before. Those of you who have not as yet become members will be contacted shortly by a volunteer to join the rest of your neighbours as active members of the Association. Once everyone has been contacted and all pertinent information has been gathered, your Board will begin to put together a new directory of all the residents of Loni Beach.

Student Work Project

As you have no doubt noticed, this project is well under way. We are happy to have a young man by the name of T.J. Akehurst doing this work this year, and you are encouraged to show him your appreciation when you next see him in action. This project

General

Your Board will encourage the R.M. to contact the responsible contractor to restore the public access at the north end of Loni to its original condition. Apparently the contractor(s) used this public access as a means of entry to property where a new lakefront cottage is being built.

Some of you, or people using your houses or cottages, are still leaving garbage out in plastic bags when heading for home. These bags are great targets for crows and loose-running dogs, creating unsightly conditions here in Loni. You are encouraged to purchase and use proper garbage cans for the disposal of your waste materials, saving some of your neighbours the job of cleaning up the mess mentioned above.

There is apparently a movement afoot by residents or (?) of Pelican Beach to reopen the issue of access to Pelican via Loni Beach. Their concern is that in the case of an emergency, there is only one way in and out of Pelican. At our Annual Meeting, those present expressed their disapproval of such a project, and you are encouraged to pass on your feelings on the subject to any member of the Board.

Your Board will be following up with Donna Smiley, our area's Environmental Officer, regarding two issues that have been reported, pertaining to Loni Beach. There is apparently a residence with its own gas tank and hose, and also a disreputable-looking caboose on property on Lake Street. You will be kept advised of any action taken in this connection.

Our thanks again to Dorothy Goldberg for once again sponsoring a yard improvement project, as well as a program for the best-decorated garbage can. These events will be judged during the August long weekend by Hans Wuthrich of Minerva Tree Farms, and Glen Brooks.

Thanks again go to our Reeve, Kevin Chudd, and Councillors Johnson and Luprypa, for their continued prompt attention to our various requests. We also thank the Office and Public Works for their courtesy and cooperation.

Annexation/Amalgamation

Since amalgamation has not yet been formally proposed, it serves little purpose to discuss it at this time. Amalgamation has many implications, which would have to be thoroughly studied before any judgements could be made.

The proposal by the Town of Gimli to annex a large portion of the central part of the R.M. of Gimli, has met with little support from the majority of ratepayers from all areas of the municipality, from Arnes to Sandy Hook.

The Manitoba Municipal Board has advised that there is no official annexation proposal from the Town of Gimli on file at the present time.

In October 1999, a workshop was held, attended by 86 ratepayers from the R.M. They reviewed annexation and studied related information. The following observations were made:

- 1) The Town of Gimli is a stable, thriving, and prosperous community, which has a tax base that is stronger than all Manitoba towns of a similar size, and compares favourably with larger centres such as Carman, Minnedosa and Killarney.
- 2) The Town annexed land from the R.M. when Vesturland was established, where there are presently 96 homeowners paying taxes to the town, and 136 serviced lots that are ready for home development. There are also many areas vacant in the downtown area that can be utilized to attract added commercial enterprise.
- 3) Cottagers, seasonal and retired residents form a large part of the ratepayers and have been the lifeblood of the Rural Municipality since the 1930's. Most of these people are in

favour of a rustic, rural resort lifestyle and their ability to continue to elect their own R.M. Council that is sensitive to their needs and interests. The R.M. of Gimli obtains its largest portion of revenue from residential properties. Available figures for 1999

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reveal that Seagram's contributes \$972,898.00 but only \$317,896.00 is for municipal purposes; \$291,186.00 goes to the Evergreen School Division and \$363,816.00 to the Province of Manitoba.

- 5) The R.M. of Gimli generously supports programs and projects in the Town of Gimli. This cost sharing with the Town of Gimli is greater than assistance provided by any other Municipality in Manitoba.
- 6) Finally, the ratepayers in the R.M. of Gimli chose to live in its rural municipality. The cost-sharing projects and the patronizing of the Town of Gimli merchants have made the Town a prosperous urban trade centre.

Your Board will keep you in touch with these situations and endeavour to keep you fully informed of developments. Your comments are always welcomed and appreciated.

PRESS-TIME DEADLINE ITEMS:

To utilize the balance of this page.

Glen Brooks will again meet the challenge of designing our parade float for the Icelandic Festival. Look for it Monday August 7th; it's always a great event.

Our Regional Library includes the Town of Gimli, R.M. of Gimli, Arborg, Riverton, R.M. of Armstrong, and R.M. of Bifrost. The largest contribution is made by the R.M. of Gimli.

You may not know that the R.M. of Gimli is one of 117 Rural Municipalities in Manitoba. This does not include the 31 villages, 44 towns, and 8 cities in the province. The R.M. of Gimli is one of the smallest in size (20 miles along the Lake Winnipeg shoreline, and five miles deep). It is 10th in Total Taxable Assessment, and 1st in Business Assessment. It also supports more programs in the adjacent Town of Gimli than any other municipality that may support their neighbouring towns or villages.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER but remember:
There is great joy in swimming, boating, and fishing in Lake Winnipeg but **WATCH THOSE CHILDREN** when they are using the lake.

LONI BEACH PROGRESS

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SEPTEMBER 2000

Another season is rapidly drawing to a close and despite the wet weather in June and the resultant mosquitoes, we've still enjoyed a great summer here in Loni Beach. Even the fish flies decided to give us a break this year.

Thanks for keeping your properties looking so nice. We hear many fine comments from visitors and others just passing through as to what a beautiful area we have here in Loni Beach. Let's keep it that way.

Student Work Project

As you've most likely noticed, this project has come to a halt. Our student was forced to resign for personal and family reasons. The project came to an end on July 26. We've been unable to come up with a replacement and have so advised the R. M. so that they can resume the work that our student was doing. We had expenses of \$716.00 while this project was in operation for salary, Employment Insurance, Workers Compensation, etc. The R. M. and your Association each contributed \$800 to this project, so the expenses were shared on a 50/50 basis. We have returned \$442.00 to the R. M. and it is to be hoped that the project will continue next year.

New Loni Beach Directory

Most of the information has now been compiled for our new directory, and many thanks go to Al Miller for spearheading this endeavour. The next step here is to get the information computerized and then have the directory published. This may be accomplished within the next several weeks. By computerizing this information, we'll have a much easier job of making corrections if and when future directories are needed.

General

In case you haven't heard, Keppy Steiman of 52 Loni Street took first place in the Loni Beach Yard Recognition, August 2000. Honourable mention went to Sylvia Millard at 51 North Lake, while the award for the Best Decorated Garbage Box went to Lana and Leigh Minuk of 60 North Lake.

Our thanks again go to Glen Brooks and his crew for designing and entering a float representing Loni Beach in the recent Icelandic Festival Parade.

Membership Drive Why an Association?

Our target, which was to enlist over 100 members in 2000, has been surpassed. At press time we have 106 members, and expect more. For those who may have been missed in the initial canvass, or have simply forgotten, please call Al Miller at 642-5318; he will be pleased to call on you to enroll you and accept your \$5.00 fee. If your board is going to represent you on issues such as Annexation it would be helpful to have as full a membership as possible.

This raises the question, "Why do we need a Lord Beach Residents' Association?" Perhaps the most important function is to keep our R. M. council apprised of the needs and interests of our Loni Beach Community. Communication has been established with the council, particularly our Councillor Marilyn Johnson and Public works chairman Danny Luprypa. We are pleased to receive their support and cooperation. Councillors have enabled us to discuss our concerns with Superintendent Jack Feschuk and Chief Administrator Joann King, to receive guidance and direction.

Our Association has also helped to organize and conduct workshops for the entire R.M., resulting in advising the Premier, the Minister, the Municipal Board, the Mayor and the Reeve that the Annexation proposal is unacceptable.

The Association has contributed to increasing community pride and spirit with the T-shirts, caps and beach bags,

the parade float, the student employment program project and the Loni Beach Directory.

Finally, having an active Association, which encourages friendships and strong neighbourly behaviour, is good for any community.

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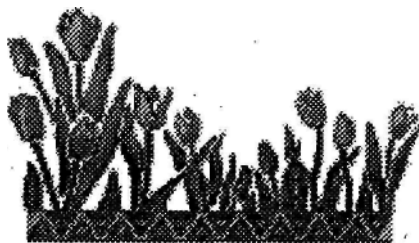
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With a view to highlighting "attachments" to Loni Beach, this Newsletter is comprised of the following attachments:

1. "I Remember Loni" - Lillian Lane, The Icelandic Canadian (Winter 1979);
2. "Loni Beach Task Force" - Al Miller (February 2003);
3. Election 2002 Results - The Spectator (October 26, 2002);
4. "The Loni Beach Sewer" - Gary Bunio (November 2002);
5. A giggle: RM of Gimli By-law No. 319 (September 14, 1951);
6. "Return of the Gimli Gliders" - H2O Publishing (Summer 2002); and
7. Further to, FYI and Froth.

Enjoy! *5a*

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P.S. - Permanent address changed? Don't forget to advise the RM and us!

I REMEMBER LONI

by Lillian Olson Lane

Mrs. Lane shared first prize — \$50 — for the Islendingadagurinn Reminiscences Contest at Gimli, Manitoba. 1979 with Hallgerdur G. Schneider. Mrs. Schneider's story will be published in a later issue of the Icelandic Canadian.

In my memory of Loni, the old family homestead, the sun is always shining.

Granted, night must have fallen regularly, even in summer: I recall grandmotherly warnings of the dangers of the "night air", invoking visions of evil spirits which might attack the unwary child who ventured outside. I even remember rainy days spent among books and other treasures in the roomy attic. There were times, too, when the wind swept through the trees and churned up waves on the lake.

Nevertheless, like the constant sun in a child's drawing, whatever the scene depicted, an aura of warmth and light bathes the recollection of that early childhood period.

The Sveinsson farm was situated on the lakeshore north of Gimli, on the long shallow bay defined to the north by the rocky treed point which hid from sight the neighbouring farm of "Birkinesi". The name "Loni", meaning an inlet of the sea, would be far more relevant to the home our grandfather left in Iceland than to this lakeside property; however, as a child I always thought the "Ion" was the stream which wound through the pastureland to the west, fed by artesian wells, passed behind the barn and widened into a deep pool when it reached the sandy beach. This pool, reedy, red with mineral deposits, full of tadpoles and frogs in season, emptied slowly — helped or hindered as dammed or redirected by childish hands — through (he sand into the lake.

In the early twenties the hard pioneer years — though not the lifetime habits of hard work — were well in the past for our grandparents, Gisli and Margret Sveinsson. They had achieved a measure of prosperity, their property extending westward from the lake — beyond where a small child might ramble — over pastureland and grain fields, probably to the northern road, where they had donated land for the town cemetery. There were also hay lands to the south of town, at Willow Point.

By this time. I believe, grandfather had long since stopped combining fishing with fanning, and concentrated on his herd of dairy cattle, horses and poultry, with all the associated activities of mixed farming. Small sections of his land were sold from time to time to "city people" for summer cottages — a process now, it seems, complete — and these cottagers (or "campers", as they were called) became customers as well as friends, arriving on warm summer evenings with their jugs for fresh supplies of milk and perhaps some new-laid eggs, and stopping to chat.

The house "afi" had built a good many years before was a spacious frame structure, three storeys and a cement basement. There was a big screened-in porch at the front, with a sleeping balcony over it, overlooking the water. Downstairs there was a small parlour at the front, separated by sliding doors from the central dining-room. There was a winter kitchen and a big summer kitchen at the back, each with an adjoining pantry. A small bedroom opened off the dining room, but of course the main sleeping quarters were upstairs.

There was a wall telephone in the winter kitchen, and a sink with a pump to draw up water from the cistern in the basement. I think the water drained directly outside from the sink, and this was the extent of our indoor plumbing. As for electricity, that was more than a decade away for the Gimli area. The cellar opening from the kitchen was dark and mysterious — and out of bounds.

Adjacent to the house at Loni was the well-house. Here the artesian water was piped, flowing constantly into a large wooden box and emptying out into the stream running to the lake. This was the family refrigerator, where milk, cream and butter was chilled and kept fresh in the cold, clearwater.

Across the farmyard to the north was the big, red barn, with a lovely, big hayloft. On the south side was a carpentry shop, smelling fragrantly of sawdust and full of interesting tools. It was here that grandfather made a beautiful playhouse for my sister and me — large enough to walk about in and to hold child-size furniture and all our dolls' things.

Task Force Appointed

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A fundamental in community planning is to "know the community"; and therefore it is essential to obtain accurate information on demographics and physical characteristics; as well as the expressed needs and interests of property owners in Loni Beach.

Recognizing this, your Loni Beach Board of Directors has appointed an eight-person Task Force to gather information by July 15, 2003 and to make recommendations for review by the end of August. In order to meet these deadlines, the Task Force will be recruiting up to 24 volunteers, working in pairs, to distribute a two-part questionnaire followed by direct interviews with all owners.

It is suggested that owners give some thought and discussion to the developments and improvements to Loni Beach and the historical data and improvements to their personal properties.

Ample space will be provided to encourage comments and observations. Most of the data will be obtained in Loni Beach, but plans can include making contacts in other areas for those who may be absent for any reason.

Task Force members are: Chairman Al Miller, Glen Brooks, Ron Lambert, Steve Millard, Bob Steele and board representatives Don Cobb, Bob Moroz and Larry Weber. The Task Force has held preliminary meetings to discuss and design the questionnaire, to plan the strategy for recruiting and orientation of volunteers and the data collection schedule.

All work will be done on a voluntary basis and expenses will be shared by the Loni Beach Residents' Association and the support of the RM of Gimli, which support has yet to be approved.

The Task Force will be seeking your support and cooperation for this project, and any inquiries may be directed to myself, Al Miller at 475-3906 or to any of the Task Force members.

Rural Municipality of Gimli Results Reeve 2002

Candidate	Ames	Gimli	Winnipeg Beach	Winnipeg	Advance	Moving	Mail-in	Total
Bill Barlow	72	1,078	102	256	62	23	236	1,829
Kevin Chudd	294	1,012	260	567	100	16	225	2,474
TOTAL Number of voters	366	2,090	362	823	162	39	465	4,303
Voters on list	367	2,116	364	827	162	41	465	4,342
Per cent turnout								7,240 59.97

Rural Municipality of Gimli Results Councillors 2002

Candidate	Ames	Gimli	Winnipeg Beach	Winnipeg	Advance	Mail-in	Moving	Total
Bill Feschuk	60	927	122	305	75	14	36	492
Lynn Greenberg	214	927	122	305	66	174	12	1,820
Donna Harlton	86	431	106	270	32	62	7	818
Marilyn Johnson	86	431	106	270	33	144	11	1,081
Danny Luprypa	117	882	134	359	47	103	5	1,233
Daphne Waipisson	50	316	66	105	28	81	5	932
Theresa Taxik	50	316	66	105	34	28	5	543
Jack Valgardson	60	779	59	206	47	180	8	1,352
Luke Zaborosky	137	668	218	347	46	1132	9	982
TOTAL	1,188	7,091	1,196	2,584	506	1,46	113	14,146
Number of voters	367	2,116	364	827	162	465	41	4,342
Voters on list								7,240
Per cent turnout								59.97

Gimli LUD Results 2002

Candidate	Ames	Gimli	Winnipeg Beach	Winnipeg	Advance	Mail-in	Moving	Total
Gord Gowie	2	200	1	10	6	8	9	236
Everett Lloyd	5	599	1	33	20	20	18	696
Baldur Nelson	2	267	2	28	9	22	12	342
Melanie Specula	1	402	0	24	18	21	11	477
TOTAL	10	1,468	4	95	53	71	50	1,751
Number of voters	5	830	4	59	39	45	38	1,020
Voters on list								1,559
Per cent turnout								65.43

The Loni Beach Sewer

As all of you are aware, last year the RM of Gimli put forward a proposal to install a "low-pressure" sewer system in Loni Beach. The proposal, initiated at the request of residents to examine any type of sewer, was withdrawn by the Municipality at a Manitoba Municipal Board public hearing in June 2002, when it became clear that the application demonstrated neither the need nor the support required by legislation to proceed.

Municipal improvements generally proceed in Manitoba when a Municipality can demonstrate the projects are required and supported by the rate-payers. In the case of the low-pressure sewer, the need was originally presented as having something to do with water quality. Fortunately for our community, there have been no cases of well contamination from properly operated pump-in/out or septic systems. Unfortunately for the application, this meant there was no current demonstration of need of the system.

With regard to support for the improvement, it was clear the vast majority of the residents of Loni Beach were opposed, but not all for the same reasons. Opposition fell into three categories:

1. Issues with the advisability of a low-pressure system versus other sewer designs;
2. Concern regarding the pace of increased development that a sewer system would bring to the community;
3. And, concerns regarding the costs of the system, and amortization and downloading of costs to residents.

Without rehashing the hearing, it is sufficient to note the concerns raised had enough substance to remove consideration of the low-pressure sewer system.

An obvious question to ask now is; where do we go from here? The answer lies with a re-examination of the hearing questions, in a way that allows the residents of Loni Beach to decide what they want in their community in the next decade.

First With regard to need: Gimli is blessed with a remarkable water source, which is sufficiently deep to resist contamination in almost all circumstances.

Aesthetics however, are a different issue. Several reports of improperly operated septic fields and tanks were discussed at, and more significantly outside, of the hearing. It is imperative in the short term the Municipality develop, and enforce, revised guidelines on the acceptable use of septic and pump in/out systems. The Municipality regulates installation of the systems and must fulfil its fiduciary responsibility to ensure all installed systems operate properly.

In the longer term, it is important that the community of Loni beach decide how much development will occur within its boundaries. That development, and the associated increase in density and year-round occupation will determine when a sewer system will be required.

The kind of system deployed in Loni Beach of course will be decided when the time comes. The assessment today however is that the only suitable system would be a gravity system. It is cheaper when all costs are included and has more integrity that it's low-pressure alternative.

While on the topic of costs, when that day finally comes to install, the Municipality will need to come up with a creative way to amortize the investment over the long haul, ensuring that long-time residents do not find themselves unduly penalized. In addition, the majority of the cost should be picked up by the newer developments that have caused the increased density.

Finally, the issue should be re-opened in a way to maximize the entire community's input. The fractious nature of last year cannot be repeated. Loni Beach is all of our collective retreat from the petty competitiveness of the city - and we should keep it that way.

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There have been a number of articles recently in the Winnipeg Free Press concerning the health of Lake Winnipeg - See Jan 17, Feb 12, 18 and 19, 2003. *Jim*

By-Law No. 319

Consolidated and Amended

Whereas the Rural Municipality of Cimli in Council assembled, deem it expedient that certain By-Laws for regulating and governing the Local Improvement District of Loni Beach in said Municipality should be made.

Now therefore be it enacted and it is hereby enacted as follows:

1. - All garbage must be deposited in a properly constructed metal garbage can with tightly fitting lid; all tin cans and bottles to be kept in a wooden box or other receptacle and during Summer months on June 29th, July 15th, August 1st, August 15th, September 1st and September 17th, be placed outside the fence of the cottage next to the road: no garbage to be placed in wooden or cardboard receptacles.
2. - All closets during the Summer months must be treated at frequent intervals with some efficient disinfectant.
3. - No bonfires are permitted except in charge of an adult person who must be authorized by a written permit of a member of the Local District Council and all fires must be extinguished by such adult before he leaves same.
4. - Bicycle riding on sidewalk is strictly prohibited.
5. - Flowing wells and drains are to provide drinking water and must not be used for any other purpose.
6. - Refuse must not be deposited in surrounding lots or bush.
7. - Shooting with firearms, air rifle or sling shot, into or within the said District of Loni Beach is strictly prohibited.
8. - Residences, other than houses or cottages, is prohibited unless first authorized by written permit signed by two members of the said District Council. No tourist cabins shall be erected in the said District.
9. - By-Law No. 140, being the herd law for the Municipality, shall be in force during the whole year as regards the Loni Beach Local Improvement District.
10. - Indecent exposure of person, bathing without the regulation bathing suit and dressing or undressing outside the dwelling or bathing house, is strictly prohibited.
- 11.-Riotous and indecent conduct is strictly prohibited. *
12. -Barbed wire on fences adjoining any sidewalk is prohibited.
13. - Motor vehicles shall not be parked at any time on any of the streets from Lake Avenue to Lake Winnipeg, within the limits of the said District.
14. - No picnicing shall be allowed on any street in. the District.
15. - No motor vehicle shall be driven at a greater speed in the said District, than 20 miles per hour during the months of July and August of each year.
16. - Any infringement of these By-Laws is punishable by fine, not to exceed fifty dollars or by a term of imprisonment in die common jail, not to exceed 30 days.

Done and passed in open Council assembled at the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Cimli, at Gimli in Manitoba, this 14th day of September A.D. 1951.

(Signed) JOHN E. CHERNIAK,
Reeve.

(Signed) JOHN HAAS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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Photograph by
Richard Philpe



Nothing more vividly symbolizes Spring in the Gimli & Beaches region than the return of the American White Pelican-known by locals as "Gimli Gliders"-who treat observers to an air show of snow-white and brilliant orange squadrons, gliding elegantly in seemingly rehearsed formation.

"PELI" FACTS:

- Nearly 1/4 of the of the world's pelican population (200,000) "summer" in Manitoba.
- Weigh up to 30 pounds
- Wingspan of 8 - 9 1/2 feet
- "Thermal" fliers, who travel up to 100 km to feed. Often feed as a group, encircling and driving schools of small fish into shallower water near shore, before scooping them into then-pouches and tossing their heads straight back for a dramatic "down the hatch" finish.
- Maintain a monogamous union,^ producing just one clutch of two eggs per season. Breed in nesting colonies at three years of age.
- Incubate their eggs using the webbed bottoms of their large feet (eggs hatch in about 30 days).
- Chicks are extremely susceptible to sunburn. The younger, weaker hatching almost always dies.
- Extremely vulnerable to loud noise, and nighty sensitive to human intrusions into their breeding colonies, causing them to abandon thei

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Membership - Our official drive will begin with the next Newsletter - so start saving now! We will likely increase the cost to \$10, with no member gift and to \$15, with a gift. (Last year, the membership fee was the exorbitant sum of \$5). We are also considering lifting the present membership restriction to registered owners only and opening it up to all residents. Should we do so, our Association will obviously have the potential for more members and more money for special events, purchases, etc. Just think of the windfall were all of the Snidals to join!

Speed Limit - Last issue, we reported that an old bylaw, with a 40 km speed limit may still be in effect. Reeve Chudd has since advised that this bylaw has, in fact, been repealed. Nevertheless there is still hope - Reeve Chudd says he is pursuing an Appeal with the Highway Traffic Board and once again, we will keep the pressure on.

Street Names - The origins of "Howell" and "Vaughan" remain a mystery... So here's the deal; everyone who provides our Newsletter Contact, Anne Loewen (new telephone number 774-9153) with accurate information as to the history of these names will be entered in a draw for - yes - you guessed it - a FREE membership!

And what about Comber Avenue? Is it "Comber" as in "beachcomber" or "Comber" (rhymes with "somber"), meaning a long curling wave? If no one knows, perhaps we should petition the RM to officially make it "Q-Cumber"....

FYI:

Did you know ... ?

that there is a shuttle bus service from Gimli to Winnipeg - check out Karl-Jan Shuttle Service Ltd. at (866) 442-4426 (toll free), that infant car seats may be rented through the Gimli and District Health Auxillary.

that those blue Icelandic "Homestead" signs are available

through Nelson Gerrard at 378-2758.

that an off-season subscription to The Spectator is only \$37.

that your "electronic junk" is being sought by Michael Krahn - he

will either pick up or provide drop off instructions in Gimli

(642-1386).

that the Rose and Max Rady Jewish Community Centre plans to

run a summer life skills program for youths with disabilities out of 12 Lake Ave - the program is a permitted use in Loni Beach,

according to the Planning District.

that people are looking to rent in Loni Beach this summer - if you know of any available properties, please contact Salm at 489-8433.

Froth:

Loni Beach Trivia Quiz - The First and Probably Last..

- 1. Name two film producers who summered at Loni Beach.**
- 2. True or False: the tennis courts are built over a cemetery.**
- 3. Whose father was Gimli's first mayor?**
- 4. Where is the "Parking for Icelanders Only" sign located?**
- 5. Who placed first in the women's 300 meter run in February 1970, with a time of 40.3 seconds?**
- 6. Name the publishing firm formed by Joan (Asgeirsson) Parr.**
- 7. Who was the first coordinator of the Icelandic Cultural & Language Camp?**
- 8. True or False: there was once a 10-foot pet python snake in Loni Beach.**
- 9. How many women named "Marguerite" have there been in Loni Beach?**
- 10. True or False: you can find lucky stones at Victoria Beach.**

Answers:

1. *Guy Maddln and Lelf Bristaw*

2. *We dont know - Its a rumour.*

3. *Joe Sgurdson's*

4. *Vaughan Avenue*

5. *Jan (Maddln) Heal-at the (^r^ian University &Junk>raarr^tonshps In Winnipeg*

6. *Queenston House*

7. *Ioma Tergesen*

8. *Ttue- butmete nottelling who ownedIt.*

9. *At least four. •*

10. *False-^ they are our side's dalm to fame!*