

Loni Beach Progress

Welcome!

This is the first of what will be a regular newsletter designed to keep the residents of Loni Beach fully informed as to the happenings and events in our community. Some of you were unable to attend the Annual General Meeting held on July 11 and this will bring you and others up to date as to what went on at that meeting and what has transpired since that time.

New Loni Beach Residents Association Board

Your new Residents Association Board for the 1998-1999 period consists of:

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| • Joan Guttormsson | • AJ Miller |
| • Art Kilgour | • Wolf Cook |
| • Harry Thompson | • Jim Robertson |
| • Fred Isford | • Jim Bright |
| • Mal Wigg | |

This group met on Saturday, July 25, and established an executive committee consisting of:

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| • AJ Miller | President |
| • Wolf Cook | Vice President |
| • Jim Robertson | Secretary/Treasurer |

So that you'll have no difficulty in contacting any member of the Board if necessary, the members' names, addresses, and telephone numbers are listed below:

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| • Jim Bright | 96 Loni Avenue | 642-7153 |
| • Wolf Cook | 31 8 th Street | 642-7121 |
| • Joan Guttormsson | 11 Howell Street | 642-8798 |
| • Fred Isford | Lot 10 10 th Street | 642-8748 |
| • Art Kilgour | Lot 9 Lake Avenue | 642-5144 |
| • AJ Miller | 122 Lake Avenue | 642-5318 |
| • Jim Robertson | 30 Loni Avenue | 642-4446 |
| • Harry Thompson | 87 Lake Avenue | 642-7046 |
| • Mal Wigg | 45 Lake Avenue | 642-5525 |

Should you have any questions regarding information mentioned in this newsletter or anything pertaining to Loni Beach or the Residents Association, please feel free to contact any of the people listed above.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this issue of the Loni Beach Progress or items you wish to see covered in more detail in the future, please let us know!

Enjoy your summer!!

Sewer

At the Annual General Meeting the results of the survey concerning a sewer system for Loni Beach were announced and discussed. Of approximately 200 residents surveyed, 70 voted no and 56 voted yes to a new sewer system. No responses were received from the balance. The new Board agreed that Board Members Joan Guttormsson and Jim Bright obtain information from those residents who did not respond. To that end we are attaching a copy of the information originally sent to all residents to this newsletter.

This will mean that before anything further is done, the opinions of *all* Loni Beach residents will be known. Once this additional information is available your Board will be in a better position to help us all come to a decision on this very important matter and to answer the various questions that have been raised.

Drainage and Lake Levels

Time was also spent at the Annual General Meeting discussing the matter of drainage in Loni Beach. Because the area is too flat for proper drainage the R.M. is looking into the possibility of installing a lift system for the area and will meet shortly to go over this problem. A motion was made at the Annual Meeting that we (Loni Beach) develop a drainage plan, which may or may not include a lift system and to make this a priority.

AJ Miller who has been representing Loni Beach on the Lake Winnipeg Property Owners Association spent some time advising us of the activities of this Association and particularly with their discussions regarding Lake Levels. They have met on two issues, namely lowering lake levels and consignment of Hydro funds for the protection of beach areas. More to follow on this important issue.

Brand New Tennis Court!

As a result of a very generous donation of \$3,000 from resident Sid Trepel, work has commenced and is nearing completion towards the resurfacing of the tennis court in Loni Beach. New poles, winches and nets have also been installed and you tennis enthusiasts will soon have a wonderful place to hone your skills! Thanks to Sid, his generosity got the project started and we should all let him know how much his efforts are appreciated.

Also Inside...

- Cottage and Lot Condition
- Pelican Beach Crossing
- Amalgamation Information
- The Big Bike Ride
- Membership Information



Cottage Condition and Derelict Vehicles

By the time you receive this newsletter, it is hoped that a by-law will have been enacted that allows for the removal of derelict cars from property in Loni Beach and direct action where needed will be taken at that time. Your Board at its meeting on July 25, while discussing the issue of derelict cars, etc. also discussed the appearance and condition of cottages and homes in Loni Beach. We are all pleased to be permanent or part-time residents of this area and for the most part we all keep our homes and properties in presentable condition which contributes to the overall value of real estate in Loni Beach. There are some places, however, that could use a little tender loving care and we encourage you to try a little fixing up, painting, planting, etc. from which we could all benefit.



No Access to Pelican Beach through Loni

There was discussion led by D. Luprypa regarding vehicles moving between Loni Beach and the Pelican Beach Golf Course. Additional rocks and trees are to be placed along the turn-around at the north end of Loni Beach to help prevent this. In addition, the sign at you enter Loni Beach will be redone and will include something to the effect that there is no access to Pelican Beach Golf Course via Loni Beach.

Amalgamation and Annexation

Reeve of the R.M. of Gimli K. Chadd spoke to the issue of possible amalgamation/annexation. After much discussion a motion was made directing your executive committee to notify the Municipal Board, the Town of Gimli, the R.M. of Gimli, the M.L.A. for Gimli and the Minister of Rural Development that Loni Beach is opposed to any attempt by the Town of Gimli to annex the area known as Loni Beach. This notification will have been sent by the time you receive this newsletter.

The Big Bike Ride

The Heart and Stroke Foundation's Big Bike Ride will be in Loni Beach Sunday, August 16. Thirty (yes, thirty!) Loni Beach volunteers will be pedaling the Big Bikes and will be seeking your pledges prior to this event. Please extend your support.

The Loni Beach Progress
Attn: Jim Robertson,
Secretary/Treasurer
Box 63
Gimli, MB
R0C 1B0



Loni Beach Residents Association Membership

Some of you are not currently members of the Loni Beach Residents Association and we encourage you to join your friends and neighbors in this association. A membership application is attached to this newsletter and we'd appreciate your completing and submitting it to the mailing address in the bottom left hand corner of this page, along with a cheque or money order in the amount of \$3.00 to cover your annual dues. We'd love to have you as part of the group!

TO THE RESIDENTS OF LONI BEACH WHO WERE UNABLE TO RESPOND TO THE PREVIOUS QUESTIONNAIRE

At last years Annual General Meeting the Executive of the Loni Beach Residents Association was asked by its members to investigate the possibility of obtaining sewer services. Based on this request we asked the R.M. of Girtli to help us obtain this information.

They have been very helpful in this matter by having their engineers JR Cousins and Associates perform a feasibility study and providing a preliminary estimate of the costs of such a project. They also arranged for members of the executive to meet with the engineers to get answers to many questions that we had.

The intent of this attachment is to provide you with some basic information. It will not attempt to address all the issues but we think that it will give you enough information to help you make a decision on whether or not you are interested in obtaining this service.

What next?

Read the attached information and decide if you are interested in obtaining the sewer service for your lot. Fill in the attached forms and return it to...

Joan Gutermans
11 Howell Street
or
Box 1246
Girtli, MB
ROC 1B0

This is not a binding decision, but please send us your opinion.

Costs

The total project cost is estimated at \$1,171,920.00.

The R.M. of Girtli has recommended the following formula for arriving at the cost for each property owner:

- A flat rate of \$2,250.00 plus \$29.50 per foot of frontage.

Example 1: A 50-foot lot's monthly payment would be \$31.65

Example 2: A 100-foot lot's monthly payment would be \$44.18

What You Get

For this price each property owner gets sewer service delivered to the edge of his or her property line.

What You Do Not Get

This price does not include the cost of connecting your cottage/house to the sewer line. The engineers estimate this cost at \$107.00 per meter. You would have to get your own contractor to do this work.

Annual Sewer Usage Charges

Based on current charges for users of the existing sewer services provided by the R.M. the annual sewer usage charges would be \$150.00 for permanent residents and \$75.00 for summer residents.

Answers to some of the questions we asked the R.M. and the Engineers

1. If the sewer is installed do I have to connect to it?

No. If the sewer system is installed you are not required to connect to it but you must pay your share of installation costs. The service will be there for you to connect to at any time in the future and you cannot be refused connection privileges.

2. *What if we wait to do this?*

Based on their experience, the engineers have seen year to year increases in costs as much as 15%. So if we wait another 10 years the cost could be as much as \$2,929,800.00, an increase of \$1,757,880

3. *Why can't I continue to use my septic field or holding tank?*

You can, but you should keep in mind that all fields and tanks eventually need to be replaced at some time and many of the fields and tanks in Loni Beach are very old. The cost of sewer service is less than the cost of a new field.

4. *Will the Environment Department shut down our fields?*

At this time, there is no plan by the department to force people to get rid of existing septic fields. However, if they receive complaints they can force individuals to replace their fields.

5. *Can I connect my existing holding tank to the sewer system?*

Depending on how it was installed it may be possible to connect the tank or the discharge pipe entering the tank into the sewer system. You would have to consult with your plumber to determine if this is feasible.

6. *Can service be delivered to only a portion of Loni Beach?*

Yes, depending on the location. The cost will be higher. This is another reason we need to get response from all residents.

PLEASE DETACH THIS SECTION AND RETURN TO...

Joan Chatterman
11 Howell Street
or
Box 1246
Orin, MO
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Based on the information I have received:

I would be in favor of a sewer system being installed in Loni Beach. YES ___ NO ___ Please check one.

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| First Name: | Last Name: | Loni Beach Address: |
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If your answer is no, please explain why you do not wish to have a sewer system. (Please print)

Other
Comments