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LONI BEACH PROGRESS FALL 2006

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The "Fall" Issue (or thereabouts - we were waiting for the Municipal Election results) of The Progress has traditionally been our biggest and this year is no exception! We begin with a message from your **new** President, Lisa Squair, then move to my hodge-podge of "fluff" and finish, on a more serious side, with a few Executive reports.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow Loni Beachers; just six more months until we will open up our cottages for another glorious season! The Loni Beach Residents' Association looks forward to working with our new Mayor, Tammy Axelsson and Councillors: Glen Brooks, Ross Bailey, Bill Barlow and Brian McKenzie.

Our last season proved very interesting with the proposed Loni Condo project by Stride Developments providing debate and discussion between the RM and all of us living in "dogpatch" (aka Loni Beach). Key issues for the residents of Loni Beach included the development's high density and the resulting increase in traffic on Loni Street as the only means

of access into our quiet cottage community. The RM of Gimli Council also shared some of these concerns and denied the application.

(Editor's Note: See Robert Dowhan's Report)

The Loni Beach Residents' Association has also been monitoring progress on a second issue that arose last season when the public access and use of beach areas was questioned by some lakefront property owners. This matter has now been referred to the Province of Manitoba for further legal interpretation that will hopefully clarify and settle the issue for both lakefront and non-lakefront residents.

(Editor's Note: See Gary Bunio's Report)

Lastly, if a beach neighbour would like to become a member of the LBRA, we can mail out a form to you and for a nominal fee of \$10.00 per individual, a membership is secured!! I can be reached at: 204 772-4040; email address is lmgras@mts.net.

(Editor's Note: See Also Membership Report)

Together as an Association, we have and will continue to strive to represent the interests of our beach community.

Thank-you and see you in May, 2007 !

Cheers

LisaSquir

THE 2006-2007 LBRA BOARD: WHO ARE WE ?

Lisa Squair: President
Robbie Waldman: Vice-President/Roads & Signage
Joan McConnell: Secretary
Grant Zipursky: Treasurer
Gary Bunio : Sewer & Beach Ownership
Jeff Modjeski: Sewer & Beach Ownership
Jude Guzzi: Special Events
Leanne Squair: Environment & Grounds
Rob Dowhan: Municipal Laws
Gord Hahlweg: ****WebsiteWizard****
Salin Guttormsson: (Me) Past-President/Newsletter/
Memberships/History.

We also have **Tracy Moroz** working with Leanne Squair, as Chair of the Playstructure Project and **Glenn Pollard** is assisting Gary Bunio and Jeff Modjeski with a sewer proposal. We do need someone to act as our MACO representative (Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners): if interested, please contact Lisa, as soon as possible.

THE GIMLI COUNCIL: WHO ARE THEY ?

The October 25, 2006 Elections resulted in a whole new slate: Mayor Tammy Axelsson, who attracted 2712 votes over Kevin Chudd's 1268 and Councillors Glen Brooks, Brian McKenzie (Public Safety), Bill Barlow (Economic Development and Planning) and Ross Bailey (Finance and

Administration). At the time of writing, not all of the committee appointments have been made, but my guess is that Glen, in addition to being **Deputy Mayor** and head of Public Works, will also be the Councillor assigned to Loni Beach....

THE LBRA MEMBERS: WHO ARE YOU ?

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

This year we total 79 in number. Not bad, **but**, given that anyone over 18 who is even remotely interested is able to join (i.e. There is NO requirement to be a property owner) we could do alot better. Take a look at the list below and if someone isn't there, and you think they should be, ask them to contact Lisa or myself (475-3177 or dotsalin@hotmail.com) for a membership application.

North Lake: Jude and Al Guzzi, Art Kilgour, Rick Snidal, Martha Blouw, Mary McWilliams, Tracy Moroz, Herdis Maddin, Bev Binder, Anna Stevens, Laurel and Mal Wigg, Dorothy Goldberg, Allan and Gloria Cantor, Ian and Berith MacKenzie, Joel Weinstein, Lil Childe, Don Cobb, Salin Guttormsson, John Bertrand, Tim Samson, Jeff, Ted and Ali Wyman, Selma Furman, Joan McConnell, Trevor Smith, Elizabeth Ross, John Rislanti, Kim and Brennan Childs, Bob Steele.

Loni: Joe Silka, Doug Gretchen, Ron, Judy and Tara Lambert, Ron and Pat Dorman, Carole Worden, Kathy and Brian Squair, Blake Beardsley, Robert Dowhan, Cynthia, Holman and Olivia Olson.

Howell: Gord Hahlweg, Monika Ruchelski, Leanne Squair, Gary Bunio, Joan and Peter Guttormsson, Ingrid Lee.

North 5th: Colin Dawes. North 6th: Kristin Parr, Bob Moroz.

North 7th: not a soul.. North 8th: Deanne Jones, Eleanor Morton, Wendy Heisinger.

North 9th: Lisa and Lynne Squair, Martin Grady, Grant and Marim Zipursky.

Vaughan: Rhoda Keynes, Glen Brooks, Olia and Ken Zulyniak, Laurie Tougas, Iris Reese, Robbie Waldman, Jeff Kerr.

Chudd Cres: Guy and Rita Combot, Jeff Modjeski, Romeo and Margaret Croatto.

* Some years ago, one of our members asked about the correct spelling: Vaughan or Vaughn ? And we have **finally** found the answer ! It appears the street is named after the original surveyor of the 1904 Map of Loni Beach, **Lynds Smith Vaughan**. {with an "a"}

AND ONTO THE NEWS.....

Some of what you see here might be "old news", but not all of our members have email or internet access and paper copies go out via regular mail. We apologize for the repetitions.

Internet access is now important as a **website** is underway, thanks to our designer, Gord Hahlweg. This Newsletter will be posted there soon and we hope to set up an archive with past issues, as well. Check it out at www.lonibeach.org and let us know what you think.

Our **CONGRATULATIONS** to these Loni Beachers:

- **Herdis Maddin** who celebrated her 90th on November 9 and her son **Guy** who, on September 30, had a mural (at 1400 Notre Dame Ave.) dedicated to his work unveiled, as part of the "Famous People and Local Heroes" Collection;
- **Joyce Kerr**, who was awarded the Grinspoon-Steinhardt Award for Excellence in Jewish Education;
- **Stan and Helen Krulicki** who won Loni Beach's "Most Improved Yard" and **Tiffany Stupack**, who won [for the 2nd time !] "Best Decorated Garbage Receptacle" Awards. These awards are presented annually by **Dorothy Goldberg** and were once again judged by **Glen Brooks** and **Marv Kass**; and
- **Dr. Colin Dawes**, who, as Salivary Researcher of the Year, was presented with the traditional brass spittoon by the International Association of Dental Research.

And our **CONDOLENCES** to the families of:

David Keynes (January 4, 2006)

George Hahlweg (June 1, 2006)

Olive "Dinny" Taylor (September 12, 2006)

Editor's Note:

I glean the above information primarily from the Free Press and would be pleased to include other announcements:

.....let us know.....

DID YOU KNOW ?

- **That** those green coffee mugs lurking in your cottage cupboards are highly sought after collectibles...once considered inexpensive everyday stuff, this Depression-era dinnerware made of jadite now has its mugs going for \$10.00 each and as much as \$100 bucks for larger items, such as bowls and platters;
- **That** our very own "Government Ditch" was given an official designation by the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans as a "fish spawning waterway and habitat";
- **That** making a safe firepit requires a little more thought than you might think, unless you are willing to risk "root fires". Root fires, once born, travel underground, following squirrel and chipmunk holes and can eventually surface elsewhere as an above-ground fire. They can smoulder underground for **months** and even years.... so, for the best spot, clear away combustible material and dig down at least 30cm. If tree roots are found, try another location. The hole should be filled with sand (preferred over gravel, as it is more compact) and ring the pit with stones....
- **That** there is a website for "Getting the Most Out of Your Woodstove" and other resources on wood burning at www.burnitsmart.org;
- **That**, according to the RM, fences cannot exceed 4 feet at the front of your property and 6 feet at the rear and sides; and
- **That** Valhalla Studio in Gimli offers unique family

portraits out by the Lake...something to keep in mind if you have a reunion coming up this summer.

And speaking of this summer... do we have plans !!! In addition to our Annual "**Trash or Treasure**", we have thought up "**Take Loni Literally**" - a book sale to raise funds for the LBRA. Our intention is to poll the membership in the Spring to see if this has any real interest. And our Special Events Officer, Jude Guzzi, is **certain** Loni Beach will have a **Parade Float** entry in 2007. She also hopes to have a **LBRA Booth** set up at the park over the Icelandic Festival weekend.

HISTORY REPORT

As some of you may know, I have been muttering about arranging a history of Loni Beach for some time now. I think one is important - Loni Beach is over **100 years old** - and it appears there has NEVER been a published account of our past.

Last year, The Spectator assigned a journalism student to prepare a story on Loni Beach's 100th (at our request), but, before the project was completed, this student was placed out of Gimli. The assignment was then passed onto Roger Newman to complete and....well, I think we all know what HE thinks about Loni Beach.....

More recently, I made inquiries with the New Iceland Heritage Museum regarding a possible exhibit - I hope it generates some interest.

Interest HAS been expressed by the CTV Travel Channel for its "History Bluffs" series: It has added our "**Tennis Corpses**" story/myth to its second season file and says it will be contacting us in the Spring of 2007 to discuss filming and production. Many thanks to **Tim Samson** for his suggestions and to **Guy Maddin** for agreeing to do a little digging (that was intended...)

And lastly, these Executive Reports are attached:

- on our Sewer Proposal: Gary Bunio
- on Beach Ownership: Gary Bunio
- on the "Bungalows at Loni Beach": Rob Dowhan

Hope you enjoyed !
Comments
welcome

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EXECUTIVE REPORTS

SEWER PROPOSAL

A sewer proposal has been prepared, outlining the construction timing, regulatory process and costs to get a gravity sewer in Loni Beach. The gross costs will be in the order of 4 million dollars on a first pass basis (which means it really could be anywhere from 3 to 6 million). That is still about 50% less than the comparative South Beach proposal, due entirely to the fact that there are more people to amortize the costs in Loni Beach. The costs include the tie-in to each residence. We foresee the per unit levies being based upon the titles of properties versus lots – if you have two lots on one title, you will only pay for one “unit” of sewer costs.

Glenn Pollard and Jeff Modjeski are going to shepherd the process to get signatures on a petition by year-end to get the RM moving on this issue. Our goal is to have a Local Improvement Plan (LIP) proposal ready by Victoria Day weekend, along with funding assistance* for 50% of the cost. We may not make it, but we are going to try.

Gary Bunio
November 14, 2006

Editor's Notes: * Funding assistance could come from Provincial and/or Federal sources.

A Residents' Special Meeting may be held as early as December 2006
Details to Follow

Beach Ownership

As many of you may be aware, the Government of Manitoba has rendered a legal opinion that the "Sand Shore" depicted on the original 1904 survey of Loni Beach is public property, as is shown on the drawing. Based upon this, we can all get back to enjoying the beach on summer days with our kids. It also is at least some relief to lake front owners, as it means they cannot be held liable for anything that occurs in front of their properties.

There may continue to be some legal back and forth on this, as each segment of the East shore of Lake Winnipeg is different and precedents in one area may not apply to others. That having been said, we should all treat the rulings of our senior bodies of government with respect, until such time as they are lawfully overturned.

That having been said, with rights, come responsibility. So, I request that this summer, everyone treat the beach as they would their front yard. Respect others space, be considerate, be nice, and clean-up. These are all things we learned in Kindergarten and maybe need a refresher from time to time.

As we turn the corner into December, Victoria Day cannot come soon enough. Have a safe and happy holiday season and we'll see you all this summer.

Gary Bunio
November 14, 2006

CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT

As most of you are now aware, the Conditional Use Application that was brought forward by Stride Development for the Condominium Plan known as "The Bungalows at Loni Beach" was turned down by Gimli Council at their September 11, 2006 meeting. The decision was made by the previous council, as it was prior to the municipal election.

The vote was 4 to 1 against, with only Mayor Chudd voting in favour. Lynn Greenberg maintained from the beginning that based on the size of the development and no alternate access, he would vote against it and he remained true to his word. Luke Zaborosky stated that he would only support 30 units and further, that the area should be developed as single family dwellings and nothing else. Danny Luprypra stated that he was opposed on the grounds that there were too many units., Further, he believed that the application had to be voted upon as originally proposed and therefore, he had concerns on the legality of approving the amended proposal. Gil Strachan stated that, although he was not opposed to development of the site itself, given the concerns of the other councillors as to the number of units and as well the poor conditions of the roads, he was also opposed.

Mayor Chudd's reasoning in approving the development was how this particular development would be positive for Loni Beach in that a new sewer system was now a possibility.

Although the Application was dismissed, this does not preclude the owner of the property from bringing forward another Application to council to develop the land. Mayor Chudd did state, however, at the end of the meeting, that the developer is no longer interested in developing the land. In any event, whether this is in fact the case, this particular Application is now at an end.

Robert Dowhan
November 15, 2006

