

## Loni Beach Progress May, 2008

### President's Message

Hello Loni Beach Residents,

I trust everyone has had a busy winter with work and play. The May long weekend approaches and we are still wearing gloves most days, waiting for our glorious summer to arrive. I am hoping the well at our cottage will be thawed enough by our May 16 opening!!

Before I continue, I would like to acknowledge the passing of Dorothy Yates Goldberg, this past spring. Dorothy will be remembered as a matriarch of Loni Beach; initiating and judging the yearly 'Beautiful Yard/ Garden' contest of Loni Beach and for her interest in and love of Loni Beach.

Plans are still in the works for the Loni Beach Play Site, to be located south of the tennis courts! The land was cleared last summer and Tracy Moroz submitted a site plan to the R.M. in October, 2007. Leanne Squair and Tracy have taken on the task of liaising with the R.M. for approval of a play structure, the type of structure and when the installation may take place. Their efforts are appreciated and we await the R.M.'s decision on designating a play structure to Loni Beach as we are led to believe will happen this summer of 2008.

According to the RM Newsletter, Spring 2008 issue, the R.M. of Gimli Strategic Plan is close to completion. The Draft Plan may be viewed on the R.M. website @: [gimli@rmgimli.com](mailto:gimli@rmgimli.com).

Another items of interest include:

- A garage sale permit, free of charge, must be obtained prior to the sale from the Municipal office at 62- 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. A penalty of \$10.00 will be given if any one is found without a permit.

**Mondays will be the curbside recycling day for Loni Beach. Please use only clear or blue plastic bags for recycling products. Cornerstone Enterprise will again operate the recycling program.**

All civic addresses must be posted in front of individual properties in such a place that is highly visible and legible by **May 31, 2008**. EMS recommends the reflective green signs, available at the Municipal office at a cost of \$32.95 which includes the installation.

#### **Compost News**

The special spring pickup of compost materials such as leaves, grass clippings and tree branches (2" in diameter x 3 foot lengths, tied in bundles, weighing less than 50 pounds) will occur from **May 5 - May 20, 2008**

Only 1 bag of leaves or grass clippings will be picked up weekly with the household garbage pick-up. This compost material must be placed in clear plastic bags only

#### **Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium (LWRC)**

The Loni Beach Residents Association has continued its support of the Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium. A LWRC workshop held in March, 2008 provided an opportunity for various stakeholders to present findings on the health and state of Lake Winnipeg and to also plan for the 2008 season. Below is a synopsis for the Spring 2008 research season, produced at this workshop.

Scientists convened to discuss plans for the 2008 field season. Environment Canada (EC) will install a new portable control room and lab facility on the *Namao* for a water sampling system that includes a Seabird rosette, sensors, and electronic winch. Consensus was reached to continue with three lake-wide 50 to 60 station surveys and to provide the necessary effort to sample the region west of Reindeer Island extending south of Long Point to Sturgeon Bay. As in 2007, EC meteorological buoys and instrumentation will be installed throughout the lake to evaluate meteorological conditions, physical mixing processes, sedimentation rates, river plume mixing and water quality. Continuous analyses of pH, conductivity, surface oxygen, chlorophyll fluorescence, turbidity, and pCO<sub>2</sub> (partial pressure of gaseous carbon dioxide) will again be done. Other research activity objectives for 2008 reported at the workshop included:

1. Develop a bio-optical model specific to Lake Winnipeg to predict water quality parameters from the detected water colour spectrum (EC)
2. Use MERIS satellite to identify and quantify Harmful Algal Bloom (EC, CSA).
3. Study role of river & lake sediments as sources of biologically active P and N (EC)
4. Continue multi-year isotopic analysis of food web, including fish scales (EC).
5. Complete interpretation of fish age structures collected in 2007 (MC)
6. Continue trawling and fix and preserve collected walleye and sauger (MC)
7. Confirm fish species identification and examine gonad condition (MC)

Study of the following ecosystem components will not be undertaken during 2008 due to lack of funding commitments:

1. Algal community seasonal composition and dynamics
2. Zooplankton community seasonal composition and dynamics

In addition, numerous biological samples collected during 2006 and 2007 field survey remain archived due to lack of funding for analyses. These data gaps will hinder development of a Lake Winnipeg ecosystem model.

A tentative date, Monday, May 26, was set for commencement of the Spring 2008 survey of Lake Winnipeg. The Namao will be accessible for loading of equipment and supplies on May 19.

## Loni Beach AGM

Please watch for the date for the 2008 AGM for Loni Beach at New Horizons; room availability pending. The Executive is looking forward to meeting with Brian McKenzie, the Councillor responsible for Loni Beach. Continued concerns about ditches, drainage and conditions of roads; the status of a possible sewer system; the repair of the well at the tennis courts and the future Playground and play structure are all topics for discussion. Please let the Executive of the LBRA know of any concerns you might have to discuss and/or place on the AGM agenda.

I am going to be stepping down from the position of President of the LBRA to enable myself to focus on other volunteer commitments I am involved with. The AGM will provide the forum for the nomination and election of new officers for the LBRA. The 2008 membership forms will be distributed door-to-door within Loni Beach during the month of June. Please consider involving yourself in our residents' association and adding your wisdom, passion, concern and voice to our LB hamlet!

SEE YOU ON THE BEACH!!!

Lisa Squair



For the next steps about the sewer process, please

Check out the RM's website at