

L O N I  B E A C H
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Loni Beach "PROGRESS" Newsletter December 2017

LBRA Executive 2017/18

President: Salín Guttormsson **Past-President:** Campbell Alexander

Vice-President: Kim Krahn **Treasurer:** Cheryl Hahlweg

Secretary: Ron Lambert **Director of Communications:** Brennan Childs

Directors-at-Large: Greg Carlson, Jude Guzzi, Darena Snowe



Meet Your 2017/18 Executive: August 2017-August 1, 2018 Term

Ron Lambert, Salín Guttormsson, Darena Snowe, Jude Guzzi, Cheryl Hahlweg, Greg Carlson. Missing: Campbell Alexander, Brennan Childs, Kim Krahn

Mission Statement, Objects, and Membership

Mission Statement: “As a team, we are committed to being a voice for our growing community and a liaison to the Rural Municipality of Gimli”.

Objects: The Loni Beach Residents Association (LBRA) was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1992. As set out in the LBRA [Constitution](#), its objects are:

- To actively pursue the concerns of Loni Beach Residents;
- To act as a liaison between the residents and the Rural Municipality of Gimli; and
- To distribute information to the residents on items of concern.

Membership: The Loni Beach Residents Association is not restricted to property owners - anyone over 18, renter, permanent resident, cottager, weekender, is welcomed as a member.

After a very successful Fall Membership Drive, we are *thrilled* to announce a very respectable membership number of **118!** The distribution of Members by “address” is:

North 5th: **6** North 6th: **1** North 7th: **5** North 8th: **3** North 9th: **7**

Chudd Crescent: **4** Colonization Close: **4**

Howell Street: **7** Vaughan Street: **11** Loni Avenue: **10**

North Lake Avenue: **30** North Lake - Lakefront: **30**

Treasurer’s Report: Cheryl Hahlweg

Starting Balance: \$465.10

Income: Memberships (\$10.00 each): 118 = \$1180.00

Expenses: \$869.31

- New Horizons Hall Rental (August 2017) = \$100.00
- Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners = \$30.00
- ¹Companies Office / Corporate Filings = \$235.31
- ²Smokehouse Design Company = \$504.00

Balance: \$775.79 (December 19, 2017)

¹ The LBRA had fallen behind in its annual filings....

² LBRA Website maintenance costs unpaid for 2016, 2017 and prepaid to April 2018

Secretary's Report: Ron Lambert

A round-up of items addressed by the LBRA Executive this Fall includes the following:

- Canvassing the Loni Beach neighbourhood for Memberships and to bring awareness of the LBRA's intentions to be active year-round representing the membership on common issues and developments that would be or are currently affecting this community.
- Reviewing external engagement with the LWRC (Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium) and a donation amount (deferred to our 2018 AGM); the MACO Membership and having LBRA representatives at the MACO - AGM (October 17, 2107), and COPPS (deferred to our 2018 AGM)
- Our internal engagement with the RM of Gimli Council and Administration has resulted in some new activity for signage on streets. We have looked for signs indicating public access paths to the lake for residents and the motorized watercraft use in the lake parallel to the shores of Loni Beach.
- LBRA has strengthened communication with RM of Gimli Councillor Petrowski so he is informed of the current and ongoing matters and issues of LBRA, in particular, the location of the fire hydrants and the improvements of the North Colonization road surface, as well as the drop-off down to the ditch for some of our roads.
- We had three LBRA Executive meetings - August 20, September 3 and 23. Our LBRA President has formed a planning list of items to be addressed and progress has been made this fall on many of them. We look forward to future Executive meetings in 2018 and welcome your communication on items you wish the LBRA to address and to make comments on our progress this year. LBRA communicates through this E-newsletter and our (closed) Facebook Group. These new internet ways will replace surface mail and will improve direct online communication to our LBRA members. Please let us know how you like both of them and what new features you may like to see to benefit life in Loni Beach.
- Our efforts to secure publications on the past life and heritage stories of Loni Beach will result this being ready to pass on to our next generation of families enjoying Loni Beach. Thank you to Wally Johannson of the Gimli Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee for distributing the publication on Historic Loni Cottages to residences this Fall.



Social/Community: Darena Snowe + Jude Guzzi



Directors-at-Large Darena Snowe and Jude Guzzi have taken on community building roles and, amongst other things, are planning a BBQ/Potluck/Meet+Greet! This may be held in conjunction with the 2018 Annual General Meeting (which must be held no later than August 1, 2018) Stay tuned for details! Participation in Islendingadagurinn (the Icelandic Festival - August 3-6, 2018) is also being discussed - a float in the parade and/or perhaps a display at the Pavilion.

Website: Brennan Childs

Director of Communications Brennan Childs has been diligently updating and refreshing the Loni Beach Residents Association website; be sure to check it out through the link below. In the works; uploading all the editions of the “Progress” - our sporadically published Loni Beach Newsletter. We’re not entirely certain whether we have every issue, so, if you happen to have one that is not listed, please do let us know. Next up will be the addition of all the Annual General Meeting Minutes. FYI: Brennan has been maintaining the LBRA website for many years on a volunteer basis. He not only patiently awaited payment for 2016 and 2017 costs, he also waived repayment of the 2015 costs.

[READ MORE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

MACO: Kim Krahn + MFA: Greg Carlson

In September 2017, the LBRA rejoined MACO, the Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners. MACO is an umbrella association of cottage, beach, and ratepayers' groups and individuals, the goal of which is to promote and advance common interests in Manitoba cottaging areas. Vice-President Kim Krahn attended the MACO AGM on October 17, 2017, as the LBRA's designated representative and the Board will soon need to decide whether continued membership is warranted. (MACO's dues are \$1/member, however, as the LBRA had just 24 members at the time of application, it was only required to pay the \$30 minimum).

Director-at-Large Greg Carlson is connected to the MFA, the Manitoba Forestry Association and the LBRA joined the MFA in November, 2017. Greg has already arranged a MFA representative to speak at the LBRA 2018 AGM - so very timely with the recent concern surrounding the expected Emerald Ash Borer invasion. Through this Association, the LBRA will also be placing an order for tree seedlings as a 2018 Membership Perk!



And FYI on the topic of Associations, the LBRA - which, back in 2003, was the very first "cottage" association to join - remains a member of the LWRC, the Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium. Discussions are underway for a Spring 2018 LBRA Members Only Dockside Tour of the MV *Namao*, the LWRC's research vessel.



President's Report: Salín Guttormsson

For those of you who have not been following the LBRA's progress through the updates on the Loni Beach Facebook Group, you may well think that there has not been any progress at all - but nothing could be farther from the truth! I am so very fortunate to have a terrific group of people who came forward last August in support of the Association and who are now dedicating their time and talents; the enthusiasm of this year's Board is simply wonderful!

The start of the season was a little rocky- lots to catch up on and to bring current. As Secretary Ron Lambert notes in his report, your Board has now met three times and expects to meet again early in the New Year. If you have a matter of concern or anything you would like to bring to the attention of the Board, please feel free to reach out; you can message or post through the Facebook Group or send us an email (see details below).

The door-to-door Fall Membership Campaign brought to light many items needing attention in Loni Beach - regrettably a lot of these were not new issues, but the same ones identified by residents year after year. As President, my primary role is to act as the main contact with the RM of Gimli and in particular, with our assigned Area Councillor, Richard Petrowski. Several exchanges have taken place, in which our "Matters of Concern" were outlined. The most recent was not included on the RM of Gimli's December 13 Meeting Agenda (as were our previous communications see: [RM Gimli September 13 Agenda](#)) - if you're curious, you can access it here: [LBRA Letter November 30](#)

Although the wish list is long, we have already seen the stop signs and "no exit" sign installed at the Comber and North Lake intersection. The RM has started in on reparations to "the well" and it has also granted permission to install "Loni's Little Lending Library" at the Tennis Courts.

Other ideas and suggestions for 2018 include;

- Installation of a Commemorative Plaque (heritage signage) at the last remaining Artesian Well in Loni (by the ditch, just south of Howell). Funding for this could be sought from the RM, through sponsorship/donation requests and/or a grant application to the Westshore Community Foundation
- Customized/Decorative Street Signs (similar to the ones in Gimli) - once the Loni Street/Avenue names have all been sorted out properly!
- New Loni Beach Apparel (T-shirts/hats/tote-bags)
- Compilation/Directory of Cottage Names

As mentioned, the Fall Membership Campaign allowed your Executive to hear many things that could be improved upon in Loni - but we also heard an equal number of things that are loved by our residents. We are working hard to both improve and to preserve - and your support of our efforts is so very necessary and very much appreciated.

As 2018 is just around the corner, I am reminded there are 365 new days and 365 new chances - although I tend to seek solutions, rather than resolutions, I do have one looming - to finish organizing all the Loni Beach "paper" (see photo below) for the next President!



On behalf of the LBRA, our warmest wishes for happiness the whole year through.

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p.s. Don't forget that 2018 is also an election year for Gimli - October 24, 2018. Both Residents and Non-Resident registered property owners are entitled to vote!

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