

MINUTES of a meeting of the Steering Committee on Behalf of the Residents of Loni Beach held at the Recreation Centre, Gimli, Manitoba on Saturday, August 25, 1990 at 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: MARG ASPERSON
ALLAN CANTOR
ALAN FINNBOGASON
ALAN MILLER
ISABEL PETERSON
GLEN POLLARD
KEPPY STEIMAN
JOHN STANGROOM

ALSO PRESENT: KEVIN CHUDD, Councillor
Rural Municipality of Gimli

NOT PRESENT: ART KILGOUR
BILL JENKINS

Glen Pollard was designated by Kevin Chudd to Chair the meeting and Allan Cantor acted as Secretary of the meeting.

1. Residents Association

It was proposed that a General Meeting of the residents of Loni Beach be convened for the month of June, 1991 to present proposals concerning some form of Organization for the residents of Loni Beach.

It was resolved that an Organization should be established and a Sub-Committee was appointed to investigate the Constitutions of various summer resident organizations in the area and to formulate and propose a Constitution for the Organization, the Sub-Committee consisting of: ALAN FINNBOGASON, ALLAN CANTOR, ISABEL PETERSON, ALAN MILLER.

2. Communication with Cottage Owners

After discussion, it was recommended that we prepare a communication including a Questionnaire to be circulated to the residents

which would include a report of our activities, as well as a survey as to the numbers of private waterwells, holding tanks, septic fields, year-round residents, etc. A Sub-Committee, consisting of GLEN POLLARD, ALAN FINNBOGASON and KEPPY STEIMAN was delegated to prepare and formulate such communication.

3. Drainage

After considerable discussion, the following recommendations were made:

- (a) There should be an overall drainage plan properly engineered for the Loni Beach area.
- (b) Kevin Chudd undertook to ask the Engineer for the Rural Municipality to prepare such a proper drainage plan.
- (c) In the short term, Kevin Chudd undertook that he would speak to the Foreman for the R.M. concerning any immediate drainage problems.
- (d) It was also recommended that the use of a VCR camera to record the water conditions in the area in the Spring would be very helpful concerning the drainage problem generally.

4. Wells

Glen Pollard presented a report, copy of which is attached.

After discussion, it was recommended that the present users of the municipal wells should be allowed to continue to use these wells until a proper study had been made of the situation to formulate a permanent plan or solution for water services for those using the wells.

As an alternative to closing the wells, the Committee would propose that there be considered the re-drilling of the wells and placing proper manifolds and shut-off valves on the wells with a view to

exploring the idea of organizing the present users to look after the cost by way of a local improvement levy, if possible. Those presently sharing private wells not on their own land should be given the opportunity to join into these municipal well arrangements instead of their present system. There should also be one flowing well, centrally located and maintained in the area, so that those who do not have a water system, or those coming down in the winter, would have a source of water.

The date for the next meeting was set for Saturday, October 6, 1990 at 9:30 a.m. at the Recreation Centre in Gimli.

There being no further business, the meeting then terminated at 11:45 a.m.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Public Works Department for the Municipality of Gimli has received numerous complaints from residence of Loni Beach about the drainage system which is currently leaving large amounts of water in ditches and low lying properties and the problems with sections of the roads collapsing and heaving.

They have looked into the situation and agree that something should be done. They have concluded that the primary cause of these two problems are the artesian wells which due to their age are now leaking large amounts of water into the ditches and undermining the roads and ground surrounding the wells.

It is their recommendation that:

- since a large majority of the cottages now have their own wells that once the municipal wells deteriorate to the point where they cannot be repaired that they should be closed.
- since a large majority of cottages now have private wells that the municipality can not economically justify replacing the closed wells
- one new well be drilled at the tennis courts and that no private connections be allowed.
- until the cause of the problem is eliminated that no work on improving drainage and roads be started.

It is their position backed by the municipalities lawyer that they are under no legal obligation to continue providing water service to those people who have connected pumps to the municipal wells once the wells are plugged. They do recognize a responsibility to provide a centrally located water supply for residences with no private well.

Questions have been raised about what is happening to wells in Sandy Hook and South Beach. In Sandy Hook they do not have this problem because the wells are not artesian ie: free flowing. In South Beach the broken down wells have been plugged and not replaced. Those cottages losing a connection to a well have put in private wells.