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DIRECTORS REPORT

President
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Al Miller
Wilf Cook
Jim Robertson

Directors

Joan Guttormson
Jim Bright
Fred Isford
Art Kilgour
Mal Wigg

Director Harry Thompson passed away recently. He will be greatly missed.

Newsletter

Three newsletters were circulated in the past year. Thanks to Mal Wigg (Editor) Jim Bright (Circulation) and Andrew Robertson (Printing and Production). The newsletter is an important means of keeping all residents informed. Any items of interest or comments would be gratefully received.

Sewer

As reported last year the proposal to extend the sewer to all areas of Loni Beach did not receive sufficient support. Many owners of cottages and seasonal homes indicated they were satisfied with their existing systems serving their short term needs. Presently there are local improvement districts in South Beach and Loni Beach which allow for a limited number of hook-ups to the Town service but the capacity of the Town lagoon prevents added extensions. The Minister of Rural Development (Hon. Len Derkach) has indicated the need for further study of sewer services as a shared program for the area. The annexation / amalgamation issue may further complicate the research and planning of any services but it will proceed.

Derelicts

The R.M. gave final reading to the derelict by-law and director Joan Guttormson followed up by seeing the by-law was enacted. The three derelict cars and the cottage at 89 Lake St. N. have been removed.

Tennis

The paving of the courts has been completed and they are being enjoyed by tennis enthusiasts from Loni Beach and the area. To maintain the surface we should discourage ball hockey and roller blading. Sad!! But unfortunately necessary. Thanks again to Sid Trepel for his generous contribution.

Access to Pelican Beach

It has been difficult to convince some people that there is no vehicle access to Pelican Beach through Loni Beach. A new welcome sign has been erected, rocks and posts were put in place and finally the traffic has been stopped. Our thanks to councillors Danny Luprypa and Marilyn Johnson, Reeve Kevin Chudd and the public works staff.

1999 Summer Student Pilot Project

Our association is engaged in a pilot project to hire a student to cut grass, clean and spray the weeds in the base of our ditches and maintain and enhance our public spaces. Grants have been approved by the R.M. of Gimli and the Province of Manitoba Career Start Program. Our Association must also make it's contribution from our membership fees which is our only source of funding. Mark Sarkozi, a Gimli High School student started part time on June 1st but will work longer hours as soon as the school term ends. Morgan Fines will also be working part time subject to availability and our budget. A sub committee of the board will oversee the project and will be anxious to receive comments and suggestions which will assist with the program's assessment. We are grateful to the R.M. for it's confidence and support and to Jack Feschuk and his public works staff for their guidance and assistance. An application for purchasing equipment has been filed with the Manitoba Community Services Council but at this point we have not received approval. Our application will be received later in June.

Annexation / Almalgamation

As directed by the membership at the 1998 annual general meeting your board filed a letter with the Manitoba Municipal Board and sent copies to Premier Filmon, Minister Len Derkatch, Mayor Bill Barlow and Reeve Kevin Chudd advising the Loni Beach Residents Association rejects the Town's annexation proposal. In October representatives from Loni Beach Attended a workshop conducted by the 12 property owners associations in the R.M. of Gimli. The delegates at this workshop received and discussed information related to annexation and almalgamation and concluded that there was little advantage to the residents in the R.M. to consider any proposal. Resolutions were sent to all the authorities informing them of the positions of the respective associations. The delegates approved of conducting another workshop in 1999 and hope that this may be held in July prior to the Pan Am Games. The R.M. of Gimli Council has approved the funding of the workshop and a planning committee will be meeting in the near future. It is expected the number of invited delegates will be increased and the smaller areas of the R.M. will be encouraged to attend.

While the residents in the various parts of the R.M. of Gimli stressed that they prefer the rural resort lifestyle of the R.M. and do not want to be annexed or amalgamated with the Town, the principal of cost sharing services where it is mutually beneficial to the Town and R.M. was supported. This will be a topic of discussion at the July workshop.

Survey

In order for community leaders, politicians, community clubs, sports clubs, arts, cultural, service clubs, chambers of commerce or associations like ours **to be effective**. They need to **know** their community and be **sensitive** to the **needs and interests** of it's people. In an effort to begin to know the community of the R.M. of Gimli, a survey has been designed to provide a fact finding instrument which may be used by the Associations in the R.M. At the Loni Beach Annual Meeting the membership will be asked to support the survey and initiate it by completing it at the meeting or shortly thereafter. Members of our Association will be requested to present the survey to their neighbors who are unable to attend the meeting. Your co operation is appreciated.

Membership

Our Association does not deserve your membership unless we serve you well and bring benefits to the community. We believe we do! Our appreciation is extended to all those who approached neighbors to become members or to renew memberships. Your interest and involvement is most important and your fees will assist with our administrative costs and our summer student employment project. The membership fee also entitles you to a Loni Beach – Beach Bag. We cannot be satisfied a brief canvass and signing up members at the annual meeting is sufficient. We should have at least a 50% membership resulting in about 100 members. If we are really interested in Loni Beach as “Our Community” surely our membership can reach 120. We need your help!! If you have friends or neighbors who have been unable to attend this annual meeting and are not yet members, please approach them with a membership application and urge them to join. It is appropriate here to thank Fred Isford for co ordinating the “Beach Bag” project.

In closing, appreciation is extended to all those who have contributed to the success of '98-99. Our Directors, the Reeve and the R.M. Council, the R.M. administrative and public works staff and of course, you the members of the Loni Beach Residents Association.

Respectfully submitted:

Al Miller, President
Loni Beach Residents Association