

**Loch Woods Property Owners Association
Annual General Meeting
13 August 2016 at the New Horizons Centre**

1. John Driedger, LPOA Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. He welcomed the Residents and introduced our invited guest Mr Peter Peiluck, Deputy Mayor of the RM of Gimli. He advised the assembly that Mayor Woroniuk was out of town and sent his regrets for being unable to attend.
2. The Chair then proceeded to recognize departing and newly arrived residents as follows:

Departing Jim & Bev Richardson

Arriving Ghis & Mary Carriere

Peter & Jane Serr

Derrick & Micki Snell

Rick & Diane Wattling

3. The minutes of the 2013 were not read, but the Chair opened a discussion on issues arising since last year's A.G.M and asked Peter Peiluck to comment on several of them as follows:
 1. **Senior's Housing Update** – Peter had no new information on this issue but was confident that some news will be forthcoming on the matter in the near term.
 1. **Multiplex** – Peter explained that construction for the outdoor pool will start in two weeks and will be completed by 01 July 2017 – guaranteed. He is confident the entire complex will benefit Gimli residents and businesses. He also noted that \$4 million was secured for the project but hinges on federal funding.
 1. **Sewage Plant** – Peter advised that the RM got a grant for waste water improvements and expects that sewage rates will go down once the project is completed.
 1. **Road Frost Boils** – the Chair asked what the RM position was regarding frost boil road repairs – Peter responded that there were a large number of them this year throughout the RM and Public Works will fill them in as required but not dig up sections of road and gravel fill due to the high cost.
 1. **Beach Stairs** – the chair thanked Peter for the new aluminum stairs to the beach. Peter stated that the RM will remove them in October, store them as required over the winter and then reinstall them next spring.
 1. **f. Culvert Repair** - Peter stated the Culvert by the lake would be repaired starting Monday 15 August.

1. **g. Forest Tent Caterpillars** – the Chair noted that a large number of the beasties are expected next year and the LPOA Executive wanted to be proactive in addressing the issue. Aerial spraying was proposed. Concerns were raised about the impact of chemicals on people, properties, gardens, and the like. A show of hands indicated most residents were in favour of spraying. The Chair reassured everyone that the LPOA Executive would review the matter and spray options fully and advise the Residents before any spraying occurs.

1. **Residents' Concerns:**

2. **Taxes** – there was concern raised over increases in both the property assessments (for most but not all) and mil rate increases. Peter replied assessment increases occur every two years and residents are free to bring their assessments to the Review Board. He commented that the mil rate had not increased in a couple of years and that a \$400,000 property would see about a \$60.00 increase.
2. **Recycling** – Peter stated that a new form of recycling would be coming this fall. He encouraged everyone to recycle and follow the new processes that will be forthcoming.
3. **Zebra Mussels** – Peter commented that zebra mussels had increased 700 fold this year over last but the fishers still had a good season. Short term benefits may include clearer water but the long term impacts are not known at this time. He stated there is a lot of information on the subject and the RM continues to monitor it.
4. Peter Peiluck thanked the Residents for the invitation to attend the AGM. The Chair thanked him for attending and noted the good service Peter has been providing to the RM and in particular, to the Loch Woods community. The Residents showed their appreciation with a round of applause.
5. The Chair then raised several points of interest to the Residents:
6. **Property Cleanliness** – he asked all residents to not only maintain the front of their properties in a clean and tidy state but all the back of them including behind garages and sheds for the benefit of all residents.
7. **Chimney Cleaning** - those wishing to have their chimneys cleaned can contact Peter Veselinovich 15 Loch Woods who has secured a group rate. Cleaning is scheduled for Mon 22 August.
8. **Residents List** – will be updated and sent out in the near future. If your contact information has changed since last October please contact Steve Bannister 642-1293.
9. **Annual BBQ & Golf Tourney** – is scheduled for Saturday 20 August 2016 from 3-5pm in the vacant lot south of Sam & Farrah Masoumi's property (37 Loch Woods). Cost is \$5.00/person or \$10.00/family. Please bring a salad or a dessert.
10. **Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP)** – the Chair requested that if any residents are interested in participating in this program they can contact him.
11. **Treasurers Report** – Jim Sigurgeirson presented the LPOA's financial report citing \$471.00 in the Chequing account and \$654.00 in the Savings account (does not include the fees taken this morning). There were no outstanding bills. The report was accepted as read.

12. **Nominating Committee** – the Chair announced the following residents would form the LPOA Executive team, their positions and terms:

John Driedger –Chair – willing to serve one more year

Craig Mackie -Vice-Chair - one year remaining

Jim Sigurgjerson- Treasurer – willing to serve 3 more years

Steve Bannister- Secretary – willing to serve 3 more years

Keith Gathercole- member at large – willing to serve 3 more years

Len White – member at large – willing to serve 3 more years

8. LPOA Website – Craig Mackie supported by Sam Masoumi gave a presentation about a proposed website for the Loch Woods community. Craig walked the residents through the pages of the website, proposed costs and possible methods to cover them. A general discussion on website privacy issues and cost issues ensued. The chair put the matter to a vote as to whether to proceed with the website or not. The result was 22 in favor, 2 not in favor of proceeding. A second vote related to whether or not the costs should be covered from LPOA general revenues or not. The result was 21 in favour of using general revenues to cover costs of the domain and server fees. 2 were not in favor. As a result of the votes, the LPOA Executive will proceed with the creation of a Loch Woods website paid for by LPOA general revenues. The Chair thanked Sam for his effort to date in developing a proposed website. Discussion regarding a Website Monitoring Committee ensued. Rolly Harp and Larry Gel agreed to form the Committee to oversee website content.
9. The next meeting is scheduled for 12 August 2017, location TBA.
10. The Chair thanked all the Residents for their attendance today and those who have assumed LPOA Executive positions. There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.

John Driedger

Steve Bannister

Chair LPOA

Secretary LPOA