

TWIN
LAKES BEACH

FLOOD
ACTION COMMITTEE

REPORT TO THE AGM

JULY 10TH, 2011

The Flood Action Committee has met 4 times since its inception on June 12th. Meeting dates were June 14, 20, 30 and July 7th, 2011. Minutes and Commiques have been published and emailed for the first two meetings.

The third meeting was brief meeting, only 3 of the 8 members were able to attend, and we reviewed the results of the meeting that occurred that afternoon with Conservative Party officials. A Power Pt. was distributed which described the direction of discussion during that meeting. The Committee was given the following mandate at the June 12th Emergency Meeting.

To investigate and take action on the two options generated by the Association Membership to Fundamental Question #1: *What options are acceptable to you as affected property owners?*

Option

#1: Stay and Rebuild...

Option

#2 : Fair Compensation and Buy-Outs.

ASSOCIATION OF LAKE MANITOBA STAKEHOLDERS (ALMS):
(options 1&2)

One of the first tasks, as chair of the Flood Action Committee was to attend the ALMS meeting and be one of the representatives for Twin Lakes Beach Association. At those meetings I present our position on Flood Issues and describe our Committees Actions to date. So far, it has been a two-way street. Our initiatives give ALMS direction to move forward and ALMS gives us direction which helps the entire population of the Lake Manitoba Basin.

ALMS is the group that I feel will eventually lead the way and be at the table for Negotiations with the Province. If our resolve on June 12th was genuine and that being to be a Unified Voice then I cannot see another alternative. This group represents hundred's of Property Owners. This is the Group that I feel must retain Legal Counsel in Negotiations with the Province if we are to be dealt with equally and fairly. It is my feelings that the cost will be shared by all Associations and Groups affiliated with ALMS.

That being said, The Twin Beach Flood Action Committee, to this point, is the only body who is actively pursuing legal opinions. None of the other groups have done anyresearch so far in this area. It is my feeling that our committee will be spearheading this initiative in the future.

LEGAL INVESTIGATION: (option #2)

From the information that was already sent out in my Communiques, you should be aware that we have spoken to two lawyers from Taylor McCaffrey and are scheduled to speak to another firm during the week of June 11th. As a committee we will compare the free advice we have been given and then make a decision as to how we should proceed. At this point, at the very least, it is our opinion that a Written Legal Opinion is warranted to verify if we have enough for a case against the Province. If this Written Legal Opinion suggests we do then our next course of action would be to present our findings to ALMS and go from there.

URGENT NEWS:

Inside sources revealed to us that the government has completed their own appraisals of all Class 3 & 4 properties and are working on numbers as we speak. Our source suggests that within a week or two those property owners will be called individually and offered some sort of settlement. Although we have no idea as to what they will be offering all we can do is suggest to you not to make a decision right away over the phone no matter what kind of leverage they try to put on you. Our feeling is that you should have the right to think over what has been presented to you, investigate and discuss with others before accepting or rejecting. At this point I would like to introduce Mario Lebar, Flood Action Committee Member, who is a Class #4, to relate a scenario if he were called by the Government with an offer of settlement.

Mario and Kathleen's story.....

WEBSITE: (options 1&2)

Our Association's and Flood Committee's website was launched on Thursday, July 7th. It is still in its infancy and more stuff is being added every day. The purpose of the website is to keep people up-to-date with information as it happens thus reducing the need for constant emails. I hope you can all access this site and it proves to be a valuable tool and source of information. My sincere thanks go out to Teri Seifert, Alex Morrison of X-LAB, and Curtis of X-LAB and to Jeff Douglas (for initiating the idea of the website) for all their volunteer time and efforts. The cost of the website will be twenty-five dollars per year for registration and support from X-LAB. A very reasonable cost I think you will agree.

PROPERTY APPRAISALS: (options 1&2)

Val Johnsson has been in touch with most of you and has done some appraisals to date and she has published emails to people on the list. There are Frequently Asked Questions about Appraisals and Val's answers on the web-site so please visit it at your convenience. As of July 5th, I am no longer scheduling people onto her list to contact. If you would still like an appraisal then you can contact Val directly or you can retain a certified appraiser of your choice. The benefits of having a current appraisal have been explained in the past and I do not want to go over it here again tonight. It is totally up to you, it was just a recommendation from our Committee.

LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN:

Thank you to Ruby Grymonpere for her initial letter which we modified to use as a template for our letter writing campaign. The committee has heard that many people participated and received responses. Our Committee would like to note that our Minister Of Water Stewardship from the Reil riding, Christine Melnick has not returned or responded to any of our emails directly.

PROPOSED AUXILLARY OUTLET AT LAKE ST. MARTIN: (Option #1)

Our committee has learned the Hugh Munroe Construction is currently working on one side of the Dauphin River and Siglufson Construction is on the opposite side of the river. Both are working on an hourly rate and no contract award has yet been given out. They are digging and trenching in an exploratory capacity and the province is doing drilling activity. Neither company has been given any Project Contract Award yet.

INITIATIVES BEING CONSIDERED:

1. Rallies...at
the Diversion and other Hot Spots The
Purpose of the rally would be to demonstrate to the public that we realize that
the city had to be saved but that we want to be treated equally and fairly for
the intentional flooding and destruction of our properties.

We
accept we are victims of the Man Made Flooding now we want the Government to
accept Responsibility and not try to divide us into classes of owners and
citizens. We want a firm commitment from the Government that they will do all
that is necessary to Restore Our Beaches to the Pristine condition they once
were before the intentional Flooding which has been occurring for over a
decade.

If BP
can clean up one of the worst ecological disasters on the Planet...then our
Government should be able to Fix our Beaches...but do they have the Will????

1. Keep
our Story Alive: Letters to the editor,
TV interviews, Radio Talk shows. Etc.

This
concludes my report: Questions from the floor?

Respectively submitted on behalf of the Twin Lakes Beach Flood Action Committee

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