

TWIN LAKES BEACH ASSOCIATION  
**2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
July 10, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. Dakota Community Centre

1. Call to Order – 7:10 p.m.
2. Roll Call of Executive:  
In attendance: President: Lawrence Heise, Treasurer: Bob Cox, Acting Secretary: Lori Fenn, Past President: Lorne Britton, Membership Chair: Rilla Britton, Communications/Newsletter: Sherie Turek, Members-at-Large: Larry Marquardson and Bruce Buschau.  
Regrets: Jeannette Lagace, Vice President, Linda Ripert, Secretary
3. Welcome and Introduction of Guests:  
Province of Manitoba: Don Norquay, Deputy Minister Water Stewardship (joined the meeting at 7:30)  
St. Laurent: Regrets received from Councillor Mona Sedleski  
Woodlands: Doug Oliver, Ila Buchanan, Carl Fleury  
Mitch Timmerman and Colleen Wilson, MAFRI
4. Approval of Agenda as circulated: moved by Lorne Britton and Laurel Buschau. CARRIED.
5. a. Approval of Minutes of July 11, 2010 Annual General Meeting  
Bruce Buschau noted last year's financial statements should be included with the minutes.  
Motion: moved by Arlene Turek, seconded by Diane Peden to accept the minutes with the inclusion of the financial statements. CARRIED.  
5.b. Approval of minutes of June 12, 2011 Emergency meeting of members  
Motion: moved by Sylvia DiCosimo, seconded by Bruce Hymers that the minutes be accepted as circulated. CARRIED.
6. Business Arising from the Minutes:  
A question was raised asking how much money was in the legal fund. L. Heise reported \$25,000 is in the Legal Fund account.
7. RM of Woodlands – Doug Oliver
  - D. Oliver provided an update on the work carried out by the RM relating to the flood, coordination with the RM of St. Laurent and the Province (financial support), work to get the lake level down, participation with the Lake Manitoba Flood Rehabilitation Committee and Community Futures West Interlake communities.
  - The Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) has been working with assessors/inspectors to complete a detailed report on damages/structures. The report will be forwarded to MASC and information will be discussed with property owners directly.
  - As of July 7<sup>th</sup>, the road was built up to Lot 235 in St. Laurent. Woodlands expect to take over road construction by July 13<sup>th</sup>. The road is being built to approximately 818.5, built of primarily 4" limestone, topped with 2" and ¾ inch up to the channel. A large majority of the road will only be 20 feet wide. Construction will be on Monday to Friday 6am to 6pm until completion.

- To date, \$850,000 has been provided for the road. M.I.T, funders of the project, states the primary purpose for the construction of temporary road access is:
  - to get equipment and flood mitigation materials in/out
  - to provide access to property owners/municipalities to begin cleanup
  - for property owners to get their possessions out
- Property owners who are contracting private companies to complete any flood mitigation measures should contact the Site Supervisor to make an appointment, outside of construction hours, to arrange for delivery of heavy equipment/materials to access their site.
- Controlled access to Level 1 and 2 properties, adjacent to the newly constructed roadway, will begin at specified times and dates.
- As of June 17 & 18, access had been provided to 35 property owners: 20 level 4 buildings, 8 permanent residents and another 7 property owners whose damage status was unclear from the initial OFC report. As of July 9<sup>th</sup>, all permanent residents had been provided access as well as all Level 1 & 2 property owners. Permanent residents, level 2 and lower, and all level 1 & 2 property owners will be provided with scheduled escorted entry via the pontoon boat.
- Details on the delivery of the municipal property tax program are expected this week.
- Assessment Branch is working on assessment notices.

8. President's Report – Lawrence Heise

L. Heise provided an update on actions taken by the Executive since notice from the RM on May 10, advising of high water levels and that sand bagging was in progress. Subsequent to the May 31<sup>st</sup> storm, the Association was instrumental in the formation of the Association of Lake Manitoba Stakeholders (ALMS). ALMS include various groups and associations surrounding Lake Manitoba whose role is to present a united voice in advocating for property owners affected by the man-made flooding of Lake Manitoba. The most urgent concern is the immediate lowering of Lake Manitoba levels. It is recommended that ALMS be the group to lead the way and financial support from the various groups and associations may be needed in future to further our progress towards flood mitigation. The following motion was put forward:

Motion: moved by L. Heise, seconded by R. Britton, whereas the need to access funds from the legal fund may be necessary to further our progress towards flood mitigation, we ask the membership's permission to access an amount not greater than \$5000 from the Association's legal fund. CARRIED.

9. Treasurer's Report – Box Cox

B. Cox stated the Legal Fund was established as a separate fund from the general account to be used for legal matters impacting the Association as a whole. In 2008 the fund was capped at \$25,000 and interest would be transferred to the general account to cover operating expenses of the Association. The Executive requires approval of the membership to access the funds in the Legal Fund. The Association is partnering with the Association of Lake Manitoba Stakeholders (ALMS) and should any legal action be considered, it would be expected members of ALMS would contribute to any legal fund deemed necessary to pursue legal action.

Bob Cox moved/seconded by Bruce Buschau that the Treasurer's report for year ending April 30, 2011 be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

## 10. Election

Lorne Britton reported the four Executive positions submitted for election include President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. Nominations are invited prior to the AGM as well as from the floor. Voting is limited to two votes per property title. The following slate of officers was put forward for voting:

**President:** Lawrence Heise agreed to let his name stand. Nominations from the floor: Jan Seifert, Lot 219 nominated Jack King, TBN 6, who agreed to let his name stand. Both were given the opportunity to address the membership before leaving the room. Voting took place by a show of hands. Elected as President – Jack King.

**Vice-President:** Due to personal reasons, Jeannette Lagace, has stepped down. Annitta Stenning, Lot 344 agreed to let her name stand. Nominations from the floor: Karen Durand, Lot 252b, nominated Rudy Kitsch, Lot 205, who agreed to let his name stand. Alice Dent, Lot 304, nominated Jeff Simes, Lot 304, who agreed to let his name stand. Elected as Vice-President: Jeff Simes

**Treasurer:** Bob Cox, Lot 370, agreed to let his name stand. Elected by acclamation as no names were brought forward from the floor.

**Secretary:** Due to personal reasons, Linda Ripert has stepped down. Lorne thanked Linda for her service to the Association over the past many years. Lori Fenn, Lot 157, agreed to let her name stand. Elected by acclamation as no names were brought forward from the floor.

Jack King assumed the role of Chair for the balance of the meeting.

## 11. Flood Update Reports:

### **11.a. Province of Manitoba** – Don Norquay, Deputy Minister Water Stewardship

Portage diversion flows peaked yesterday at 42,000 cfs. The plan is to close the portage diversion first week of August, subject to weather. New peak is expected to be 817.4 in the 3rd week of July. Because of the favorable weather, the lake will recede faster. It is expected to be 815 by end of November. Models are predicting 813.5 by April 1, 2012 with no new outlet and 812.5 with new outlet. With normal spring runoff it will go back up to 814.3. The province has hired engineering firms to assess the options for an outlet. A report is expected in 2 weeks and government will make a decision as soon as possible. Discussion about the option of using the Long Lake drain and building dikes on the Assiniboine River is an option being looked at by the engineers. The long term goal is to have the outlets equal the inflow from the Portage Diversion. 812.5 is the lake level sustainable for Lake Manitoba. Engineers suggest a new outlet can be operational by January 1, 2012. #1 priority is to ensure Fairford operates at maximum capacity. Water stewardship will commit to a technical review of the impact of the lake levels. Manitoba Hydro plays absolutely no role in the management of Lake Manitoba. It is the sole responsibility of Water Stewardship and there is no consultation between the two. If new outlets are established, new guidelines and an advisory committee will be established.

**11.b. RM of St. Laurent** – Lorne reported on behalf of Councillor Mona Sedleski that the RM is working on temporary housing for permanent residents. Property owners are requested to register with the RM if interested.

### **11.c. MACO – Rilla Britton**

R. Britton provided an update on MACO's activities since the flood. MACO is recognized as representing a significant voice in Manitoba as evidenced by the Premier's request to meet following the rally. Recommendations were developed on disaster financial assistance, declaring Manitoba a flood emergency and implementing short and long term flood mitigation solutions. MACO has 3 representatives on ALMS and have linked MACO's website to the ALMS website. Members were encouraged to visit MACO's website at [www.macoman.com](http://www.macoman.com).

### **11.d. Flood Action Committee – Dennis Turek**

D. Turek provided an update on the committee's activities since its inception on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The mandate of the committee is to investigate and take action on the two options generated by the Association membership: What options are acceptable to you as affected property owners? Option #1- Stay and rebuild; Option #2 - Fair compensation and buy-outs.

- The committee obtained free legal advice and recommends obtaining a written legal opinion to verify if we have a case against the province. If so, the next course of action would be to present the findings to ALMS as this group should lead the way in retaining legal counsel, if necessary, in negotiations with the province.
- Mario Lebar was introduced as a member of the committee and spoke about accepting or rejecting an offer of settlement. It is strongly recommended property owners ensure they understand and agree with all elements of a settlement before signing. Questions to ask to assist with this decision were provided and will be posted on the website.
- TLBA website was launched July 7<sup>th</sup> [www.twinlakesbeach.ca](http://www.twinlakesbeach.ca). The annual cost is \$25 for registration and support from X-Lab. Thanks were extended to Alex Morrison and Curtis of X-Lab and Teri Seifert for their volunteer time.
- Property owners were encouraged to consider having their property appraised based on pre-flood conditions. Arrangements have been made with a certified appraiser to conduct appraisals. Property owners should contact Val Jonsson directly or a certified appraiser of their choice.
- A letter writing campaign to government officials was organized. Some people received a response, however, the committee noted Minister of Water Stewardship, Christine Melnick, has not returned or responded to any of the emails directly.
- Initiatives being considered:
  - Rally – to demonstrate that we realize the city had to be saved but that we want to be treated equally and fairly for the intentional flooding of our properties.
  - Keep our story alive: letters to the editor, TV interviews, radio talk shows, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.