

The Northern Lights Twin Lakes Beach Association Inc.

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President's Report- Jack King

The Association is working hard on your behalf. We have met with RM's & Deputy Ministers from the Province on a range of issues. We pressed for the Conservative party platform & gave equal opportunity to the NDP to state their case prior to the election. Truth be told there is little difference between the parties.

The lake level has dropped below 815 from the peak of 817. All reports indicate that the Lake St. Martin channel will be completed on schedule. This new channel, coupled with the Fairford Water Control System kept open through the winter should see a further reduction down to 813 by spring. The Province has backed off an earlier promise of completing the secondary channel East of Fairford that would further reduce levels by another half foot.

We continue to press the Province to bring more clarity to the compensation programs. Look for the opening of a Winnipeg office for MASC soon, as a complement to their headquarters in Portage La Prairie. They have heard our complaints about the numbers & the quality of inspectors working with residents along the lake. In spite of our best efforts, we have made no progress getting government to remove the discrepancy between primary and non-primary residences. Our message remains clear. We have suffered a man-made disaster & deserve fair compensation for our loss.

Our challenge has been to maximize the compensation for our members. We have represented member concerns to politicians and will continue to lobby on your behalf. The other half of the challenge will be an individual one. Decisions regarding compensation, buy-outs and lawsuits rest with each of us. We will provide as much information as possible to help you in reaching those tough decisions. But, ultimately those decisions will be yours.

Thankfully people like Dennis Turek, Sherie Turek, Lori Fenn, and Lori Pisclevich have made it possible for information to get posted on our website and emailed to members. This newsletter is another vehicle for getting out the word by mail for those without computer access. Look for another forum shortly, where you will have an opportunity to meet with reps from the RM of Woodlands & St. Laurent to hear their progress reports and ask your questions.

We all are living with the uncertainty brought about by the flood. As this is written, we are entering our fifth month of evacuation! We hope and work when we can all return home.

RM of St. Laurent Re-Entry Registration

A plan for re-entry is being prepared and the RM of St. Laurent hopes to have some permanent residents back to their homes as soon as possible. Those who wish to re-enter must register by contacting the EOC Office at:

1-204-795-4780

e-mail: st.laurentecoflood@live.ca

This registration is NOT permission to re-enter on a full time basis, rather a first step in the re-entry process.

RM of St. Laurent Waste Depot Hours (aka: The DUMP!)

Mon	noon -6 pm
Tues	ALL DAY*
Wed	noon-6 pm
Thurs	noon-6pm
Fri	ALL DAY*
Sat	ALL DAY*
Sun	ALL DAY*

(*closed on full days btwn noon -1pm)

It is understood that there is a plan to have dumpsters set up in strategic spots along Twin Beach Rd for easier access to waste disposal

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2011 EXECUTIVE LIST TWIN LAKES BEACH ASSOCIATION INC.

President: Jack King	471-5671	Lot 67 TBN
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Lawerence Heise	837-8487	Lot 140
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2012 BOARD OF REVISIONS

WOODLANDS

Appeal Deadline Oct. 31/2011
Board of Revision Nov 15/2011

ST. LAURENT

Appeal Deadline Nov 14/2011
Board of Revision Nov 30/2011

Membership!

If you have not submitted your \$5 for a Twin Lakes Beach Association Membership you can do so by mail. Please mail a cheque made payable to Twin Lakes Beach Association Inc. Mail to :

c/o Rilla Britton
202-5995 Roblin Blvd
Wpg, Mb R3R 3T6

Your membership is **important**!! We must stay united and have a strong voice to fight for our property rights!

Lake St. Martin Channel

Construction of the Lake St. Martin Emergency Channel is progressing and, pending weather and logistical issues, is on track for a November completion. Ditches, dikes and temporary roads have been constructed on either side of the 6.5 km outlet. The work site is remote so workers, equipment and supplies are being moved by boat or barge across approximately 8 kms of Lake St. Martin.

The wet, bog-like terrain is challenging to work in and each area needs to be pumped before construction can take place. Once the project is complete, the Fairford Dam Structure will be able to remain open through the winter, which will help lower Lake Manitoba water levels and provide for lower Lake St. Martin levels.

TWIN LAKES BEACH FLOOD ACTION COMMITTEE

Dennis Turek (chair)

RE-CAP of Where We Are To Date:

1. Formed strong working relationships with the Deputy Minister, Top Directors of MASC & Water Stewardship.
2. Working with Prov. Communications Director, Michelle Wallace to improve communications with property owners & develop face to face individual appts. With MASC.
3. Exploring the idea of a 3 prong approach as compensation talks are on the horizon; **Negotiate, Arbitrate, Litigate** (consulted 2 reputable law firms, which determined we have a case if we wish to proceed)
4. Still no definite answer from anyone in Gov. as to when the flood will be declared over & we will be allowed to return.
5. Temporary Shoreline Defence Mandate (aka GEO Tubes) near completion in Woodlands & progress in St. Laurent. Still looking for a more permanent solution.
6. All major Political Parties have been spoken to.
7. Volumes of information, articles and data have been compiled to be used in the future in Negotiations or Litigations proceedings.
8. 6 active members, from original 8 (due to work and personal commitments). The remaining group is still very energized, hard-working and committed.
9. **Flood Action Committee is cautiously optimistic in achieving the Mandate of staying and rebuilding for most of its members. However, realistically we predict that the next few months will be very tough sledding when we start hearing about compensation offers the province is currently mailing out.**
10. Participated in a Workshop Meeting with the Executive on Sept 27, 2011 to Reflect & Refocus efforts to continue moving forward.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE PROVINCE

PROGRAM	MASC PART C	MASC PART D	WATER STEWARDSHIP	TAP Temporary Accommodations Program
PURPOSE	To compensate for uninsurable property damage and flood protection	Permanent flood protection measures	Permanent flood protection measures	
COMPENSATION IN DOLLARS	Immediate flood mitigation \$10,000 Principal and Non Principal	Amt. paid will be reduced dollar for dollar if compensated by IFPI (sec 7.3)	Only for approved projects not covered by MASC <u>Part D</u>	
Principal Residence (structure and contents)	Maximum of \$270,000– (\$300,000 with approved permanent protection) Repair cost Or Current Fair Market Value whichever is LESS	\$20,000 for each Program Participant Plus \$2,000 for Engineering Assessment Costs	Max Project Cost \$100,000 86% Prov. share \$ 14% Owner	Incremental Living Costs as determined by the Program Administrator
Non Principal Residence (structure)	Maximum of \$90,000 – (\$100,000 with approved permanent protection) or Repair cost or Current Fair Market Value whichever is LESS	\$20,000 for each Program Participant Plus \$2,000 for Engineering Assessment Costs	Max Project Cost \$40,000 86% prov. 14%	
Application Deadline	November 30, 2011	November 30, 2011	November 30, 2011	November 30, 2011
Appeals	By March 15, 2012	Within 60 days of Program Payment Notification	No date given. Will be limited to items on the eligibility and ineligibility lists	
COMPLETION DEADLINES	Unknown	October 31, 2012	December 31, 2016	On going

Important Links & Numbers

Twin Lakes Beach Association Official Website:	www.twinlakesbeach.ca	
Municipality of St. Laurent	www.rmofstlaurent.ca	204-646-2259
Municipality of Woodlands	www.rmwoodlands.info	204-383-5679
Manitoba Water Stewardship	www.gov.mb.ca/waterstewardship/flood_proofing_programs/index.html	204-945-7428 or 1-800-214-6497
Lake Manitoba Flood Assistance (MASC)	www.masc.mb.ca	1-855-220-1822
Association of Lake Manitoba Stakeholders:	http://lakemanitobaassociation.wordpress.com	
Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners	www.macomn.com	
Manitoba Red Cross	www.redcross.ca	1-888-662-3211