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STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED

July 9, 2014

The Rural Municipality of Woodlands declared a State of Local Emergency for the Twin Lakes Beach area located within the RM of Woodlands on July 8, 2014. The Emergency Plan has been activated and we will be providing updates on the municipal web site from time to time. We will also email Mario Lebar, President of the Twin Lakes Beach Association for distribution to members of this association.

An assessment of the Twin Lakes Beach area was undertaken to determine the vulnerable properties on a priority basis. Council accepted this Vulnerability Assessment report and approved Lakefront Restorers to undertake the installation of super sand bags wrapped in geo-textile to protect vulnerable properties. The Contractor anticipates to commence these works on Thursday, July 10, 2014. We will try to advise property owners when these works will be undertaken on their property.

Al Caron or Frank Minaker will be on site during the installation process.

We had requested funding for the installation of geo tubes however, to date, the Province denied our request. The Municipality will be hosting a meeting on **Wednesday, July 16th at 7:00 at the Woodlands Community Hall** to discuss the option of installing a permanent (geotube-based) protection system and the efforts being made for funding of such project. Woodlands Twin Lakes Beach Owners should plan to attend this meeting. Further information on this meeting will be forwarded in the next 24 hours.

If you require additional information please contact:

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MEETING NOTICE **Twin Lakes Beach Property Owners (Woodlands)**

DATE: Wednesday, July 16, 2014

LOCATION: Woodlands Community Hall

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

Purpose of the Meeting: Permanent Shoreline Protection Solution for Twin Lakes Beach

The Rural Municipality of Woodlands retained the services of HTFC Planning and Design together with TREK Geotechnical Inc. and Bruce Harding Consulting to evaluate a proposed shoreline restoration system for the Twin Lakes Beach area.

Through the strategic placement of geotube structures and backfilling of sand, the proposed system would provide wave and flood protection similar to that of the previous beach ridge destroyed in the 2011 flooding. Reintroduction of natural vegetation would enable the backfilled sand to be anchored over the installation much like the natural beach ridges.

The targeted protection elevation for the installation is approximately 820 feet above sea level (an elevation similar to the natural beach ridge at the south end of the beach that was generally spared from major destruction). The system concept will replicate the protection provided by natural beach ridges and protect against high water and storm events as well as deeper undercutting of the bank. The preliminary findings suggest that this permanent system would be beneficial to people from the outlet channel (from Lake Francis), north.

Considering the current lake levels and elevated risk to landowners, installation of the system may be considered under the Disaster Financial Assistance Program and the Municipality is prepared to pursue approvals to complete the project.

Meeting Objectives:

1. To inform residents of the planning and design work that has been ongoing
2. To receive comment from residents to help inform next steps

Meeting Content:

HTFC and TREK presentation:

1. Review the context, describe the design rationale and describe the proposed permanent protection design
3. Discuss probable costs and possible normal funding scenarios;
4. Discuss how this approach could be implemented during this current disaster as a permanent disaster relief solution under a different funding scenario; and
5. Discuss constraints and issues that will need to be resolved

The Municipality encourages all property owners to attend and to provide feedback on the proposed system. EMO Coordinator Jim Townsend will also be in attendance to provide an update on the ongoing flood mitigation activities. For more information, please call the Municipal Office at 204-383-5679.