

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE AGM
BELAIR PROPERTIES OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2018

It certainly has been a busy year since our last AGM; and thanks to your Board of Directors a lot has been accomplished. Thank you to these individuals who have taken on a leadership role in making our subdivision what it is today.

Welcome to all area property owners and to our new property owners - you have made a great choice by purchasing a property on the chosen area on the east side of Lake Winnipeg.

We have a wonderful website that is both current and informative. Thanks again to Board member, Ken Sterzuk for developing a site that we can all be proud of. Our community survey was completed last year and the respondents are overwhelmingly in favour of maintaining what we have and not overdeveloping our subdivision.

A lot of the work reviewed with the Public Works Department of the R.M. of Alexander has been completed and a word of thanks should be recorded for the work they have done on our behalf. Area trees on R.M. property were marked by area residents last fall and the majority of these dead trees were taken down and removed by the R.M. Work on the site of the former tennis courts is still to be done and once completed it will give us a great green space for the community.

A large number of street/bay signs have been painted by area residents and those signs beautified with the addition of planters and plants. To those who have done this work, thank you. I would also encourage you to volunteer to do this work if your signage has not been renewed. It is also worth noting Wiesia Drewniak had one of our bulletin boards at Alberto Aiello Park repaired and re shingled with information on migratory birds placed on the sign

Belair Properties received a discretionary grant in the amount of \$270.00 from Councillor Jack Brisco and a \$4,000.00 Community Organization/Cottage Association grant from the R.M. of Alexander for the purchase of a piece of lawn cutting equipment that we will be using to maintain our boulevards. Thank you to Jack for

his grant and his encouragement in applying for the Cottage Association grant. Jim Kovachik will give you a little more information on the cutting equipment when he gives his report.

The lack of a voting station in Winnipeg for the Municipal elections is still a major concern. Article 51(3) states a voting place must be in a convenient location for the majority of the voters served by it and, for this purpose, it may be established outside the subdivision or local authority. Numerous emails to the Ministers of the Provincial Government have fallen on “deaf ears.” Apparently the decision for having a voting station in Winnipeg lies solely with the Senior Elections Officer (SEO). She appears to be against having a voting station in Winnipeg. ON our website her name and other information about her has been posted. I encourage you to contact her and press her to have a voting station in Winnipeg. The R.M. can direct the SEO to have a voting station in Winnipeg if they pass a by-law or resolution. Article 11(3) states: **An elected authority may direct a senior election official only by a by-law or resolution that is authorized under this or another act.**

Ward 1 and Ward 2 (made up predominately of cottage owners) must make a stand in ensuring that they are given the opportunity to vote in the most convenient way and they must exercise their right to vote if we are to have strong representation at the municipal level.

We have had one Unite the Beaches meeting in Ward 1. This group is made up of the Presidents and Board members of the various Area Associations in Ward 1. The hope is to give us a stronger and united voice in our dealings with the R.M.

Political interference caused a “revolt” by the volunteer firefighters of the Victoria Beach. The R.M. of Alexander has a written agreement with Victoria Beach for the provision of services. Luckily the firefighters decided not to go on strike. With the election of a new reeve and council in Victoria Beach it is hoped that the damage done can be repaired.

This spring a metal cylinder washed ashore at Alberto Aiello Park. These cylinders are used by the military to mark locations and they are considered dangerous. If you spot one, please DO NOT touch it. Contact the R.C.M.P. immediately

Last fall our association joined M.A.C.O. (Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners). This association gives us a larger voice in dealing with situations of mutual interest

and it allows us to purchase insurance that covers liability, property damage, theft and crime coverage that we would not be available to afford on our own.

It has been a pleasure this past year to serve as your President and thank you once again to our Board of Directors for their continued support. In closing, please join us for our Annual Pork BBQ and the fireworks display that has gotten bigger and better every year.