

2020 AGM President's Report

Greetings BPOA members and welcome to another summer. I hope you are all healthy and weathering the COVID-19 storm as best you can. It's been a strange spring and beginning to summer to say the least. We have chosen to hold our AGM in a virtual format to minimize large group contact as much as possible. As this is new for everyone, please be patient and understanding of this unique situation and the challenges it presents. A big thank you goes out to Ken Sterzuk for his knowledge, creativity and goodwill to both make our virtual AGM a possibility and the top notch maintenance of our belairpoa.com website.

1. COVID-19. We continue to minimize contact opportunities, and are following the guidelines of the province and RM. We ask that you respect and follow the prescribed guidelines as well. Our park remains open at this time, please be sure that you and your children are washing hands before and after any contact with playground equipment. We have suspended the social evening and fireworks for 2020 and hope to resume next year.

2. Safety and Crime

We were all shaken by the drownings that occurred within our immediate waters early this summer. If you are on the water, please be sure to follow Coast Guard guideline and rules for proper safety equipment and usage on your watercraft. The number for MANITOBA COAST GUARD IS 18002677270.

We seem to have escaped the rash of breakins we experienced last June, but remind you to make your cottage look as lived in as possible. The use of motion sensing outdoor lights, indoor lights on timers as well as security signage are always good practice. If you have experienced a crime or witness any suspicious activity, please call 911 immediately.

Just a reminder that speed limits and stop signs within the development are there for a reason. Please be sure that you and your guests drive carefully whether in a vehicle or riding an ATV.

3. Maintenance

A big thank you to the RM for their ongoing maintenance of the roads and community facilities. We continue to mow the boulevards when necessary and weather permits. For those of you maintaining your own boulevard, thank you very much for your efforts. The next round is scheduled for the second week of August. Please be sure that you are not stacking debris on your boulevard that prevents mowing. If there are specific maintenance requests that involve the RM of Alexander, please contact them directly by phone or through their website.

4. Raffle Tickets

We have noticed a decrease in the number of raffle tickets returned this year. Please remember that these raffle tickets are your membership fee to the cottage association and are the sole fundraising drive for the calendar year. The funds

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raised maintain our park, boulevards, off season water supply, signage and community events in a normal year. Please submit your tickets and payment, even if the draw date is over.

Thank you very much for your continued support and enjoy the rest of your summer.

Jim Kovachik
President BPOA