



**Lakeshore Heights Association**  
**Spring meeting**  
**May 17, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Neil Taylor - President at 11:00 am; 51 households were represented by proxy. Twenty (20) are required for a quorum.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic an in-person meeting was not able to be held. An in-persona gathering would be in violation of provincial health directives and put residents at unacceptable risk.

Instead, an email was sent to all 2019 Members on April 30, 2020 informing them that the meeting would include three motions and all were invited to vote by proxy.

1. **Presidents Report.** Who would have imagined all 'this' when we last met in the Fall? While every aspect of life seems to have been disrupted by the pandemic, we hope that your property and friendships at Lakeshore Heights provide some comfort and tranquility to you and your loved ones.

We are all trying to do our best during this unsettling time. Please remember that, while you may be very healthy, we never know what issues and underlying conditions our friends and neighbours may have that put them at greater danger from the COVID-19 virus. This requires all of us to strictly follow all Manitoba Health guidelines.

When all of this first started I found, as I went about my daily business, that I was thinking of other people as potential 'infected carriers' that I need to avoid. This made me paranoid and impatient with strangers. I didn't like that feeling, so I changed my mindset. I do my best now to act as if I might have the virus and that it is my desire and obligation to keep others safe from my potential to infect them. I have found that this shift in mindset puts me in a much better place. I have a much greater feeling of control and I feel it has made me kinder and more compassion to others. Whatever works for you, please stay safe and healthy! We'll all get to the end of this and have a great celebration!

Below are a few more items from me, our regular reports, and the results of the voting on our emailed motions.

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  - a. Thank you to all that have voted for our motions and made donations to the Association in response to our April email. As you will see in the Finance Report, suspending membership collection this year is possible due to our strong financial position.
  - b. We will all miss the enjoyable events that strengthen the fabric of our community. We are so lucky to have a group of amazing volunteers and we are all excited to resume the full calendar of events once the health environment permits.

- c. Please be aware that there have been many bear sightings in the community this year. Report any aggressive behaviour to Conservation and please remove any 'enticements' from your property. They love bird seed and have already destroyed feeders as well as sheds containing feed. Conservation has asked that all bird feeders and seed be removed from April to November when there is plenty of natural food available for the birds. More information and tips are available by googling Bear Smart Manitoba.

**2. Approval of the minutes from the Fall 2020 meeting.** The minutes were posted on the Lakeshore Heights web site following September meeting. Members were emailed the minutes on April 30, 2020. No edits or additions to the minutes were proposed.

Motion – *“Be it proposed that the minutes of the September 1 2019 Lakeshore Heights Association Inc. Meeting be approved as presented”*. (Proposed by Louise Lefleche / Seconded by Ken Jansen). The Fall Meeting Minutes are attached.

**Votes For: 51 Votes Against: 0 Motion is adopted.**

**3. Communications and membership.**

Our Facebook page has been one of the forms of communication to the members. To get updates visit the Facebook page and “like” the page. Updates are made on a regular basis.

E mails are also sent out to inform members of the upcoming events and announcements.

Please also visit our Website; the top pages that are visited on the web site are the Home page, the Need a worker page, the History page, and the Events page. A reminder that, if you have any photos or information to contribute please forward them to the Association via e mail.

The Executive feel it would not be prudent to ask street reps to go door to door to collect memberships this summer. Door to door contact violates distancing initiatives and exchanging cash can create a risk of passing on the virus. Additionally, many Manitobans are experiencing financial strains and every dollars counts. Members who have a desire and means, and still wish to donate can do so via either:

- our Website Membership Page for PayPal Link at <http://www.grandbeachtourism.com/cottagecom-lakeshore-membership.html> or,
- eTransfer to [Lakeshoreheightsmb@gmail.com](mailto:Lakeshoreheightsmb@gmail.com).

Alternatively, members were invited to consider donating what they would have paid for this year’s membership to their favourite foodbank or other charity.

The plan is to return to door to door membership collection in 2021.

Motion – *“Be it proposed that 2019 Lakeshore Heights Association Inc. members have their memberships extended from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2021”*. (Proposed by Stefano Bevilacqua / Seconded by Edith Summerfeldt).

**Votes For: 51 Votes Against: 0 Motion is adopted.**

4. **Accomplishments since the September 2019 meeting.** Neil presented information about what had been accomplished since the Fall meeting.
- A bench was purchased for installation beside the volleyball court. Installation will occur when it is safe to do so.
  - A new juice container was purchased for use at events.

5. **Events.**

**Suspension of Community Events** – Due to the ongoing health situation, we have suspended indefinitely all Association events. We are so fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteer organizers and, when times return to normal, we all look forward to a resumption of these important times with our neighbours.

**Green Spaces** – Our green spaces are owned and under the authority the Municipality who have placed signs indicating that none of the play equipment, tables or benches are being disinfected. They are to be used at one's own risk. At this point the Association will not be putting out our children's toys or horseshoes as there is no process to disinfect them after each use.

6. **Planned improvements for the summer of 2020.**

The executive met and discussed possible projects for this summer.

- Improvements are needed to the basketball court, specifically the pole and temporary fence.
- One more bench will be installed close to the volleyball court.
- The bulletin boards need some paint and maintenance.
- The main staircase needs maintenance.
- Replacement of the white post in the main park that was vandalized over the winter.
- Some maintenance is needed at the 2<sup>nd</sup> playground.

7. **Financial report.**

Glenn Bunston has prepared the final results for 2019 and a budget for 2020 (attached).

We are very fortunate to have \$3,017 in our bank account (as of [April 20, 2020](#)) and our strong financial position allows us to offer the 2019 membership extension and forego membership collection this summer. We propose minimizing our 2020 expenses to a few key items (see attachment for details)

- Non-discretionary items such as electricity for the covered structure, our registration with the provincial government, and Paypal/credit union fees
- Committed expenses such as the new bench to be installed beside the volleyball court.
- Key memberships supporting employment in the GBADC and Lake Winnipeg Foundation.
- Regular upkeep and maintenance to preserve our community assets.

The proposed budget should leave us with approximately \$1,700 in our bank account at years end plus any voluntary donations from Members which as of [May 17, 2020](#) total \$595.

Motion – “Be it proposed that the **Lakeshore** Heights Association Inc. budget for 2020 be approved as presented”. (Proposed by Glenn Bunston / Seconded by Edith Summerfeldt). The budget is attached.

**Votes For: 51 Votes Against: 0 Motion is adopted.**

**8. Other business**

No other business has been brought forward to the executive.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05.

We very much hope to see you all in person at the Fall meeting. Stay safe!!