

Council notes
October 6, 2010

The foreman reported that we are slowly getting caught up with fall work. Things like bus shelters, back alleys, culverts, snow fences and a few other things still have to be done. You will also notice that we are placing a berm around some of our lift stations and man holes. This is to prevent them from being flooded next spring.

Sask Watershed Authority is predicting a one in ten spring run-off. This means that the lake has the potential to rise fifteen to twenty-four inches next spring. While these are only predictions we must prepare ourselves for the possibility. Watershed Authority has been in to determine potential water levels to give us an idea of where the waterline will be if in fact the predictions are true. Individual residents are responsible for their own property, however council is working to ensure that we get the best information available in order to make the appropriate decisions to protect residents. We will also be passing on the information to all residents who could be affected. We are contacting Government departments who we feel could be of help to us in this matter.

One of the problems we have encountered is that under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) there is no provision for preventative action i.e. we can not get assistance to berm an area to prevent flooding. The area must flood to get assistance. We will have more information on this in the days ahead.

The mail boxes are in place and we are close to having our own postal code. We were successful in making a deal that would have Canada Post waive the forty dollar fee for each of us changing to civic addresses by having our staff prepare the ground for the postal box sites. This means we will now have our own identity and is a big step forward for Manitou Beach.