

Minutes for the meeting held on October 10, 2014 between Resort Village of Manitou Beach, Water Security Agency and Golder Associates

PRESENT

Mayor Eric Upshall
Councillor Gerald Worobec
Councillor Larry Zemplak- *via phone*
Councillor Fraser Murray
Chief Administrative Officer Beverley Laird
Foreman Lorrie Struthers
Gary Neil, Water Security Agency
Warren Thompson, Water Security Agency
Brent Topp, Golder Associates
Saul Marin, Golder Associates
Keith Polley, Camp Easter Seal

REGRETS

Deputy Mayor Chris Moffatt

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Upshall called the meeting to order at 6:57 pm

The purpose of this meeting was to review the two reports prepared by Golder Associates regarding the flood prevention measures that have been recommended.

Mayor Upshall opened with the following questions:

1. The village needs to know the process in which these measures will be carried out, along with a time frame.
2. That it is critical that the level of the lake is benchmarked in order to create controls that would allow controlling the inflows to the lake and creating the ideal level for economic stability and property flood proofing stability.

Brent Topp with Golder Associates presented a slide show that reviewed both Golder Associates reports. The first report was how to heighten the berm areas and areas of concern that they had identified. The second report outlined the possible water diversion courses that could manage the amount of water flowing into Little Manitou Lake.

Foreman, Lorrie Struthers listed areas of additional concern that he has identified as having water seepage. Those areas are as follows:

1. East end highway
2. Corner of Jean Street and Lake Avenue
3. Danceland parking lot
4. West side of the Nu Inn
5. Both the Condos and Salty Surf

Keith Polley added that Camp Easter Seal is having more seepage than what was identified in the initial findings.

Some key points discussed were; a) divert Wellington Creek drainage into Freshwater Lake; b) Divert inflow from Freshwater Lake to Lanigan Creek (no storage capacity in Freshwater Lake) c) Construct a low dam across the valley bottom on the west end of the lake. Very expensive for the effect it would have. The first year would be the most beneficial.

Warren Thompson from Water Security Agency outlined the process for this project to be approved by WSA:

1. Application
2. Detailed plans.
3. Necessary easements and land control agreements.
4. Municipal consent for road allowances that may be affected.
5. Railway consent for affected areas.
6. Public advertisement-he thought for a 28 day period.

The above approval could take up to 6 months.

Mayor Upshall stated this project should be considered a Provincial Project whereas Warren Thompson feels it is a Manitou Beach project and WSA involvement is limited to approving the project.

Gary Neil , WSA, Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program stated that 100% of the engineering will be covered under the program he represents and that he cannot see the diversion project starting this fall. The biggest hurdle will be getting land easements.

Gary and Warren suggested the following things be done now:

1. Send a letter addressed to WSA to both Gary and Warren outlining the resort village's needs. They in turn will take the request to the decision makes.
2. Continue with the engineering.

Gary Neil also asked for a motion passed by council stating that the resort village will continue with the diversion plans under the emergency funding offered through the Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program.

ADJOURN

Mayor Upshall wrapped up the meeting thanking everyone for coming at 8:54 pm.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer