



Wednesday May 13, 2015

A Letter from your Board of Directors in 2014/2015

Dear Residents of the Lake at Heritage Pointe Community,

As we move toward our Annual General Meeting this coming Monday June 8, 2015, the Board would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the community who have taken the time to touch base with us electronically or verbally. It has been a privilege to serve on this volunteer Board knowing we are surrounded by the support and interest of so many; as a new Board serving its first term together, the learning curve has been easier to ascend thanks to the sharing of thoughts and input by so many.

The mandate we set for ourselves this past year was that of strong financial management with an eye to creating financial strength and stability for our future. To this end, we tasked the Community Management Team, under the direction of David Moote, to work within a budget that allows for a strong contribution to the community's contingency fund at year end. In return, we will be positioned to invest in the aging infrastructure of many of our community assets. For example, the Lake House has suffered foundation-based structural issues resultant of below-grade water seepage over the course of several years. Work to mitigate and repair these damages will, ideally, take place over the course of the coming year. To aid us financially, the Association has applied for Alberta grant assistance under the *Community Facility Enhancement Program*. This is a matching grant that, while not guaranteed to us, will support our efforts to repair the Lake House while not diminishing fully our contingency dollars.

We extend our thanks to the MD of Foothills for its willingness to engage with us around traffic and safety awareness in the community. Feedback from residents has been strong and supportive. The new 3-way stop at the community's entrance, along with electronic speed monitoring, has been a welcome addition. The MD is working closely with community management on plans for replacement of boulevard trees lost to last fall's sudden snow; continued improvements to area snow removal services in winter; and first-in-line street clean-up each spring.

The Board is very proud of the new Recycling and Organics Waste Collection program introduced to our community. It puts the Lake at Heritage Pointe on the leading edge of what's imminent in the MD of Foothills' future. The time frame permitting organic waste disposal in MD landfill sites is limited. Rural communities will be engaged in the environmental sea change engulfing the urban centres around us. By the time this program is no longer one of choice, residents in our community will be well immersed and educated in the process, establishing themselves as area leaders in environmental stewardship.

The community's relationship with supporters and sponsors has strengthened this past year and it is our intention to grow it even further. Our neighbours in the Heritage Pointe Fire Station have proven to be

an amazing asset to our community, offering their assistance in flooding and maintaining skating areas on the lake in winter, while engaging in community events like the recent Slo-Pitch Tournament and Parade of Garage Sales. Watch the website for information on more fun family events coming this summer, as we roll out joint initiatives in support of the Heritage Pointe Firefighters Society. This registered charity works to enhance the lives of underprivileged children in the MD and is one we are proud to endorse.

Communication is the key to understanding all that goes on in our fabulous community. To this end, we encourage residents to ***never miss an update!*** If you haven't already done so, please visit www.thelakeat HeritagePointe.ca and register for email from your Association. If you're a fan of Facebook, simply "like" us! These methods will assist us in keeping you abreast of what's happening, as it's happening. It's nice to know that, in the event of an emergency, we can reach out and communicate with the greatest number of residents possible. Remember too that the MD of Foothills established its own Emergency Alert System exactly one year ago. You may register for this free service at www.mdfoothills.com and select your preferred method of alert: text, home phone, cell phone or email. It's a win-win situation!

In addition to electronic messaging, we are working toward the re-introduction of our own Community Newsletter, specific to the needs and interests of the Lake at Heritage Pointe. This will provide us the vehicle to inform residents in greater detail of the community's plans, projects and reasons behind them, while responding in print form to the questions often posed to us. If it's something you're wondering about, chances are that someone else is too. The intent is to have this newsletter fully self-sufficient based on advertising revenue. If you have a business of your own, know someone who does or would like to refer us to a business that could benefit from exposure in the Lake at Heritage Pointe community, please send that information to Louise Ascah at louise@thelakeat HeritagePointe.ca.

As noted in the AGM formal notification letter included in this package, the Board will be opening several existing Bylaws for amendment at the forthcoming AGM. This will be the first time since their inception in 2001 that community Bylaws have been re-examined formally. Much has changed since the development and sale of Stage One lands in 2001; in fact, Heritage Lake Isle represents the final build-out of Stage Seven lands. While we are not pursuing a complete rewrite of Bylaws at this time, the Board hopes to improve upon those that no longer serve the needs of the Lake at Heritage Pointe Community in its entirety. Please join us at the AGM or, if unable to attend, authorize a proxy to vote on your behalf at this important gathering.

We look forward to greeting friends and making new ones at the AGM. We are an incredible community with a vision to grow even better. There is so much we can accomplish together armed with the knowledge and respect of what our neighbours are doing for one another. Be there and be a part of keeping this community a jewel in the crown of the MD of Foothills.

Best wishes from your Board of Directors,

Louise Ascah
Chair

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