



Friday May 12, 2017

An Update from your Volunteer Board of Directors, 2016/2017

Dear Residents of the Lake at Heritage Pointe Community:

With the approach of our Annual General Meeting, Monday June 5<sup>th</sup>, your Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on the successes of this past year and our vision for those ahead. We extend our sincere appreciation to residents who have supported the various initiatives undertaken this year while providing positive, thoughtful feedback.

In keeping with its mandate over the past several years, the Board has worked aggressively to manage operational costs with an eye to ongoing, strategic financial management. A Five-Year Plan, with focus on life cycle infrastructure study, continued building of reserve funds, improved services and the streamlining of administrative systems/work processes, has been initiated. This Plan will provide a baseline upon which successive Boards may build and develop.

The enthusiasm shown for events and programs in the community this past year has been incredible. This summer will see a continuation of the same, offering many opportunities for stay-cation adventures at the Lake. In recognition of Canada 150 celebrations in 2017, we are working in partnership with the Foothills Firefighters Society to bring you **"Heritage Day at the Pointe", Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup>**, on the Heritage Pointe playing fields. This event will be open to residents in all surrounding communities – DeWinton, Davisburg, Heritage Pointe and Artesia. It will be an afternoon of family fun including activities for children, food, music and general merriment! Plan to bring your lawn chairs, as the day will conclude with a Fresh Air Cinema and, if fundraising endeavours prove fruitful, a fireworks display to wrap it up.

As with all events the LAHPOA coordinates, we focus on donations to make it happen. To this end, we invite any local businesses, personal corporations or other benefactors to make a financial donation to this occasion. Because the Foothills Firefighters Society is a registered charity, tax receipts will be provided upon request. Please spread the word and help us make this a memorable salute to Canada's 150<sup>th</sup>! To volunteer your time or to coordinate a donation, please contact Community Manager, Don Waldorf, at (403) 660-5334 or via email to [don@thelakeatheritagepointe.ca](mailto:don@thelakeatheritagepointe.ca). Watch your Lake email and Facebook page for updates!

The community is off to a strong start in its three-stream waste collection practice via the Universal Cart Program. During the period of January 26<sup>th</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup>, curbside metric tonne pickup of black cart waste measured 24.73, while green cart organics totalled 18.85. This combined total of 43.58 metric tonnes reflects the diversion of 43.25% of organic material from the general waste stream. This achievement is significant and we congratulate those residents embracing the program. As the second key step in maximizing financial gains from this program, we will be moving to "every other week" collection of black cart content in late June, plus the requirement for clear bags for this waste. If you find yourself struggling, or remain unsure with the practice of separating organic from regular waste within your household, please contact the Lake House or refer to our website for supporting documentation at <http://www.thelakeatheritagepointe.ca/lake-news/universal-cart-program-brochure/>.

Many of you will have been following news reports regarding the presence of Whirling Disease in the Bow River Watershed and, most recently, the Old Man River Basin. This fish disease affects trout and whitefish primarily, causing premature death and skeletal abnormalities. It is not harmful to humans in any way, through either water recreation or consumption of infected fish. While its presence has not been

detected “officially” in our own Lake, we are instructed to proceed on the basis it **is** present. The Lake is filled directly from the Bow River and fish stocking in previous years has taken place through fish farms since identified as testing positive. There is no known “cure” for this disease and it is detected only through the necropsy of infected fish.

Governance of fish stocking comes under the joint purview of Alberta Environment & Parks (AEP) and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). As of this writing, the LAHPOA has not received approval to stock trout in spring 2017 based on our direct relationship to the Bow River Basin. We may not receive approval to stock at all this year, and the potential for this issue to extend into future years is a possibility. To manage our limited trout population, a **strict “catch and release”** policy is in place **effective immediately and until further notice**. Anglers pulling burbot (Ling Cod) are requested to NOT return them to the Lake, as their numbers must be culled. If you don’t eat burbot, please deposit your catch in the green organics cube in the Lake House parking lot.

We will keep the community apprised of this situation as it evolves. As part of our commitment to stopping the spread of Whirling Disease, specific protocol around the use of “outside” watercraft or recreational water toys in our Lake and beach area will be introduced this spring. Literature is available in the Lake House and summer staff will be trained in the precautionary measures our residents and guests must observe.

As noted in the Community Update distributed in January 2017, this year’s AGM will see us table a “Repeal & Replace” of the Association’s Bylaws, under the terms and conditions provided for in the Alberta Societies Act. The version in place since incorporation in 2001 was drafted with a singular focus on Developer privilege for Stage One Lands. By 2004, when the community was turned over to the first Lake at Heritage Pointe Owners Association, the majority of those clauses lost their relevancy.

This past year, the Board has worked to repurpose this document into one that reflects our community needs sixteen years later. The amended version is included in this package for your reference and its covering letter details exactly those changes that have been made. Residents may visit our website at <http://www.thelakeatheritagepointe.ca/files/bylaws.pdf> to review the 2001 document for comparison purposes. The motion to Repeal and Replace will be executed as a single action to adopt this new governance in its entirety; we encourage residents to read through the enclosure in preparation for tabling this Special Resolution. Specific questions or comments are invited ahead of time to Board Chair, Louise Ascah, should clarification be required in any respect. Please direct email to [louise@thelakeatheritagepointe.ca](mailto:louise@thelakeatheritagepointe.ca).

In addition to the review of Bylaws, our Community’s general Rules & Regulations have been revisited to bring them current with expectations in and around community property. Based on input from residents, guidelines around the use of private floating platforms, water trampolines and water playgrounds will be introduced. Consideration must be given to liability concerns, consumption of recreational lake area and objections to the visual distraction these structures present. At this time, we wish to engage full community feedback on this topic and invite all residents to review proposed Rules & Regulations on the website at <http://www.thelakeatheritagepointe.ca/community-info/rules-and-regulations/> . Please direct your comments on these recommendations to Don Waldorf at [don@thelakeatheritagepointe.ca](mailto:don@thelakeatheritagepointe.ca) by the end of June.

It’s been an incredibly busy and exciting year in the Lake at Heritage Pointe community, so much more so than can be captured in a single letter. We hope you will join us at the Annual General Meeting to celebrate the successes, and contribute to discussion around our future direction. If you cannot be in attendance, please direct your proxy to the Lake House or entrust it to a neighbour. All the best from your Volunteer Board and we look forward to seeing you next month!

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