

# Concerns Action Committee (CAC) AGM Report 2006 - 2007

- Procedure - we remind members that we are here to assist, I repeat assist, GMPOA members in their efforts to resolve their issues - if you are not a member, we cannot help you - the MC does not want to police and regulate GM, nor be accused of using the CAC to forward our own causes - therefore we WILL NOT report concerns, that is your job; after all, if it isn't important enough to you to simply register your complaint, then why should it be important enough for the CAC to take up your cause - that said, we WILL assist you in reporting your concern and once you have registered your complaint, we WILL assist you in bringing it to a reasonable resolution - if you are a member and you have an issue you would like us to assist you with, we request that you complete a complaint form, available at the GMPOA display at the back of the room, or speak to a MC member

- Concerns/Issues

1. Derelict Buildings - the Bylaw Enforcement Officers for the RM of St. Clements and the officials from the Selkirk and Area District Planning Board have been actively inspecting properties, issuing notices of violation where necessary and ensuring remedial action is taken; Kudos and thanks to them - in 2008, six files were dealt with and a seventh file was added only recently
  - file 1/2005 - the owner submitted a detailed plan to renovate and restore the buildings - the owner initiated repairs, but there has been little activity of late -
  - file 2/2005 - property was referred for inspection by the fire chief
  - file 3/2006- buildings were demolished however derelict bus still on site - recently referred to Selkirk and Area District Planning Board for action under the zoning bylaw
  - file 4/2006 (closed) - property was declared to be "acceptable"
  - file 5/2007 (closed) - buildings were demolished and the site cleaned up
  - file 6/2007 - violations were issued - subsequently, the property was sold - we will continue to monitor to ensure the new owner(s) remedy the situation in a fair and reasonable time
  - file 7/2008 - referred to RM of St. Clements Bylaw Enforcement
2. Twinning of Hwy #59 - letter sent to Ron Lemieux in September 2007 supporting the provincial government's recently announced plan to twin 59 - letters also sent to RCMP and MPI encouraging them to send similar letters of support - Letter received from Ron Lemieux thanking us for our support and informing us: the government is designing the section through and north of Scantbury - once the design is approved by Brokenhead First Nation,

land acquisition will proceed - then govt. funding will be secured - then construction will take place over multiple years

3. Roads - At last year's AGM, roads was voted the #1 priority of our members. In our fall Newsletter, we asked exactly what road issues you wanted us to address; there was reply. We approached a couple of members whom we know had concerns about the roads. Then, on February 21/08, I wrote to the Public Works Department of the RM of St. Clements addressing the following issues:
  - dust suppressant - dust control is limited to 1 pass per street with the exception of Grand Marais Blvd. which gets 2 passes because it is a main community road and as such the 2nd pass is financed by the Province - the RM will apply two passes on every street if property owners agree to cover the costs
  - missing street signs - the sign crew is reviewing all streets and will replace signs as needed - we have notified the RM of our displeasure about the continued lack of signage at certain locations (despite repeated requests) and about the length of time it is taking to resolve this issue
  - parking near the sand spit- the "no parking" signs have been taken down & the RCMP cannot issue tickets because of this. RCMP said they would report the missing signs to the by law office of the rm.
  - potholes - pot holes were repaired and patching material will be kept nearby in order to facilitate further upkeep - the RM recently added and compacted gravel on Grand Marais Boulevard
  - trimming the bush on Grand Beach road near Poplar Avenue - brushing on Grand Beach Road has been attended
4. Sign at Grand Beach Road and Parkview - the RM has indicated they will remove this sign but no action has been taken as yet
5. Grass cutting along Hwy. 12 at the entrance to Grand Marais - this location is the responsibility of MB Highways and they mow this area just before the July and August long weekends - the RM of St. Clements, at our request, has recently begun to mow this area; kudos to the RM of St. Clements

- respectfully submitted to the GMPOA AGM, August 30, 2008

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