

BOUCHIE-MILBURN COMMUNITY PLANNING TEAM

June 19th, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Minutes

Attendance: Leslie Holland (Vernon Road), Heloise Dixon-Warren (Nazko Road), Garth East (Norwood), Peggy Smith (Jaskela), Monika Robert (Rawlings Rd.), Al Waters, RPF (Fire Mitigation Project Supervisor, United Way / Kersley resident)

Regrets: Claudia Vogt, Director Barb Bachmeier, Nigel Whitehead, Havan Surat

1) Welcomes / Round Table – meeting called to order at 6:42 pm

2) Review of Minutes of last Meeting - May 23rd

Follow up with Nigel re: Steering Committee Member possibly volunteering to sit on the CPT
CRD has launched a webpage for the “**Bouchie-Milburn Neighbourhood Plan**”; we reviewed the boundary of the CRD B-M Neighbourhood Plan area
<https://www.cariboord.ca/bmnp>

Email was sent out to all the groups as per item 7 action of last minutes; Recommendations is that this be sent via the Canada Post; Action: Leslie to do ☺ Addresses will be needed Leslie will purchase stamps and envelopes (x 20)

3) Acceptance of Agenda

N/A

4) Fire Smarting – “Community Champions”

Al is co-ordinating the United Way Fire Mitigation Project for seniors and disabled persons; quite a bit of uptake; several residences in Bouchie-Milburn assessed and “fire smarted” over the winter months: **end of project: August, 2019**

City of Quesnel recently hosted a “Community Champion” Firesmart workshop at the BL Hall; Director Bachmeier in attendance along with 3(4) residents; Bouchie Lake Volunteer Fire Department hosted a “Structure Protection Demonstration” outside with sprinklers, pumps and hoses

<https://www.firesmartcanada.ca/>

Ideas for incorporating Fire Smarting in the “Bouchie-Milburn Community Plan”?

Director Bachmeier mentioned at the “Community Champion” workshop that the BL Rec. Commission will be undertaking a FireSmart Project at the BL Hall; no other details provided; Director Bachmeier did not think that there would be an opportunity for community involvement;

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Brochure: Tips for Home Owners for Fire Smarting (simple)
Forest Science Weekend Walk: Forest Health (Douglas fir Beetle)

July 14th, Sunday, 2 pm - 4 pm

Wildfire Water Delivery and Structural Protection System

Weekend Info. Event: Fire Smarting, Forest Health Walk (BL Hall), Water Delivery systems for Fire Suppression; Fire Suppression Equipment for the Home Owner (Scotty, Wasp); send samples and brochures; pumps and hoses

Lightening Tracker App

Stand Up Displays

Canadian Institute of Forestry

BC Wildfire – Cariboo Fire Centre (brochures, etc.)

Info. On S-100 & S-185 Courses

BL Volunteer Fire Department – invite them

\$100.00 for Johnston Meier – contact Barb Lofstrom

Sign Up Lists for future workshops / info. sessions

Committee: Garth, Heloise, Leslie, Monika, Al, and Peggy

Create an Event on Facebook for this event

5) Update on BC Rural Dividend Grant

Deadline for project completion: December, 2020

Timeline for the Project

Follow up with Nigel Whitehead re: potential eligible contractors?

i) Request for Proposal for Facilitator – examples online

working independently and as a team; must be able to work with volunteers;

Potential candidates: Jim Savage, Maureen LeBourdais, Shawna Spencer, Travis

(ii) Contractor Skills and Expertise???

6) CPT Role in supporting CRD Neighbourhood Planning Process

Promotion, Information Distribution, etc.

7) Upcoming Events: Garage Sale (hosted by BLCA): June 30th; CRD will be on-site promoting the B-M Neighbourhood Plan; invite the CRD to the 4th annual Bouchie Lake Harvest Festival (Sept. 29th, Sunday?)

8) Rural Recreation Service Review / Alternative Options

The CPT will complete a non-bias review of all options for management and funding of recreational facilities and halls in the CRD; all members present in favour

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9) Lakeshore Access Ideas

Lakeshore access improvements to both Milburn Lake and Bouchie Lake

Capitol Regional District (Victoria) has an Agreement with the Ministry of Transportation so local Recreation and Parks Commission (e.g. Saturna) can work on the R/W's; Saturna Parks and Recreation commission (established under the Local Government Act) receive tax funds so they can do work on the island;

Access to the lakeshore is important for fire mitigation activities (initial attack fire suppression)

10) Parks and Green Spaces / Heritage Ideas

Little land available on Bouchie Lake; 2 parcels available for Sale along Norwood Road

Land for a community park – perhaps rebuild “Billie Bouchie” house for a museum / interpretive centre on the early settlers and Telegraph Trail, etc.

99 Year Lease with option to purchase??

Heritage Homes in the community that could be relocated to a “Green Space” and preserved for the community; farming artefacts, etc.

Kiosk, X-country Trails, etc.

e.g. 108 Mile Green Belt Commission - <https://www.cariboord.ca/services/recreation-2/108-mile-greenbelt>

<http://108ranch.com/oldsite/greenbelt.html>

Next Meeting: July 16, 2019, 6:30 pm

Venue: Monika and Michel Robert's