

BOUCHIE-MILBURN
Community Planning Team Meeting
Established 2018
June 26, 2018 (7-9pm)
Rocky's General Store, Bouchie Lake

MINUTES

Facilitator: Susan MacNeill
Scribe: Heloise Dixon-Warren

In Attendance: Leslie Holland, Isobel Speer, Peggy Smith, John Smith, Heloise Dixon-Warren, Susan McNeill, Monika Robert, Michel Robert

Agenda:

1. **Called to Order - 7:13 pm**
2. **2nd request for all draft Submissions for Mission Statement be read, circulated & discussed**
Peggy Smith introduced 2 options for a Mission Statement as circulated to the TEAM members

The Mission Statement of the Bouchie-Milburn Community Planning Team is

To bring Bouchie-Milburn community residents together as involved members of the Community Planning Team. The Team will have a collaborative voice in the planning, organizing, implementing any, and all, community development and initiatives, that the either promote or hinder the growth of our immediate area. This grassroots team will work together to promote growth, inclusion, transparency, and non-partisan community involvement.

Adopted by the Bouchie-Milburn Community Planning Team, June 26, 2018

3. **Airport Referendum Proposal - response from Darron Campbell (as circulated by Susan McNeill via email)**

Bring forward to the CRD BoD for endorsement; no public engagement timeframe proposed;
Public consultation should be happening now by individual Directors;
Not officially approved by the CRD BoD; want to establish a Contribution Service Bylaw
Implied comment on #7 - "may result in a reduction in services"; likely not going to happen

Why not an Airport Improvement Fee - User Pay
Quesnel Sky Fest Does not pay anything to use (rent) the Airport during the Air Show;

Use of the Airport for Air Ambulance, BC Wildfire, other Users - pay a user fee

CRD FAQ Sheet - very vague

As soon as something goes onto taxes, control of people's money goes away from the people

Recommendation:

- (i) a letter be written to the CRD / City of Quesnel once we obtain additional information (see below)
- (ii) contact the City of Quesnel (Kari Boulton?) & request a copy of the Operating Budget for the Quesnel Airport; Operating Budget: \$180,000 - expenses and sources of revenue (users, CMA, BC Wildfire, BC Medical (Air Ambulance), Sky Fest, Quesnel Flying Club, fuel, etc.); *Isobelle will contact; HDW will email out another FAQ from theCRD*
- (iii) Maximum amount under the Establishment Bylaw? \$66,000 for CRD residents???
- (iv) Process within local government to re-new a Bylaw, change a Bylaw, increase the maximum, etc.??? (Ask Alice Johnston)
- (v) FAQ Sheet refers to "Longterm Viability of the Airport" - 3 years is not longterm
- (vi) The CPT Could produce a "FACT SHEET" for distribution; Pros and Cons
- (v) Who is paying the \$180,000 now? If bylaw passes, the C. of Quesnel contribution will reduce to \$114,000; where does the \$66,000 go?

4. Rural Dividend Fund Grant Application:

Letters of Support - an email has gone out to groups requesting a Letter of Support
The CPT needs to do some outreach to the groups so people understand what the CPT is wanting to accomplish

Deadline: July 31st

Peggy motions that the CPT supports the Friends of Bouchie-Milburn Society apply for funding under the Rural Dividend Fund to access funding to support the development of a Community Plan; seconded by Isobel; funding will be held in trust in the Friends of Bouchie-Milburn Society for the CPT; AIF - motion carried

Heloise will contact Erin Robinson - Fraser Basin Council re: potential partnership

5. Community Priorities - where are we to date?

- (i) Bouchie Beautification Workbee - July 8th; 10 am - 2 pm (Green Space between Nazko Road and Bonny Road); hosted by the Friends of Bouchie-Milburn Society; Safety Gear provided by Emcon; Mower with a 5 metre swath to cut the trees / bushes; BBQ for all Volunteers at 12 noon; Wear Proper Footwear; discussion about applying for a Permit with M. of Transportation re: Landscaping / beautification
- (ii) Community Website - 1 page / organization (initiative)
- (iii) Welcome to Bouchie-Milburn Signage
- (iv) Kiosk - Informational (McLeese Lake)
- (v) Other Signage - Rural Crime Watch, Kiosk, Telegraph Trail signage, etc.
- (v) Transportation (Community) - Bus
- (vi) Museum / Display Cabinets / C-Can / Trailer
- (vii) Field Trip - 108 Heritage Site / Fort St. James ("Footsteps of Billie"); Monika will be the Field Trip co-ordinator

6. Projects, Goals, Plans from each user group - open for further discussion and follow up with Actionable Items:

- a. Bouchie Lake Stewardship; no report
- b. Q & D Riding Club: no report
- c. Friends of Bouchie-Milburn Society: administer of the Rural Dividend Fund; will apply for the Rural Dividend Fund to support the CPT

- d. Bouchie to Baker Network Society: no report; 2017/18 “Best of Bouchie to Baker Network Society”;
 - e. Other Groups: n/a
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- 7. **Access to the BL Hall:** the Friends of Bouchie-Milburn Society have been approved to get a key for the hall; hours of the Facility Manager have changed
 - 8. **Rural Dividend Fund Grant Committee:** Peggy, Heloise, Leslie, Monika, everyone else welcome to join in. A meeting will be announced.

Heloise will email out details re: Grant to Grant Committee Members

Next Meeting: September 25, 2018 at the Bouchie Lake Hall