



Bouchie-Milburn Community Planning Team

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CPT COMMITTEE #2 – Recreation Meeting – May 27, 2020
@ the Bouchie Lake Country Store – with thanks.

Meeting called to order: 6:10 pm

Attendees: Heather Burke, Heloise Dixon-Warren, Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, Garth East, Laurie Gray, Claudia Vogt, Greg Sterling, Susan MacNeill

Discussions took place to actualize the most important and feasible programs that would enable a prominent start and continue through as a Community Lens for future years. We unfortunately, didn't actualize programs to move forward with; as the discussion wrapped around Recreation Facility Access & Usage. We will have another meeting in 2 weeks to further this conversation. We did, however, actualize Actionable Items which will assist greatly in the next meeting.

Recreation Facility Access & Usage:

- Greg brought forward the importance of inviting 1st Nations & felt we might be missing some Golden opportunities, if not invited.
- Heloise would like to see Recreation & the Hall be used more and made viable for access for all user groups. A Recreation Hall Review would be useful. The CRD Tax Function formula is outdated and relationships are fractured. We could do better. Let's look at 3-5 other facilities for comparison. As well, the Boundaries the CRD uses for the Tax Function might need to be reviewed. Right now they use the Fire Department Boundaries – 13km out.
- Laurie agreed and believes the Core Group that exists now, appear to want to squash & put up barriers to help us function in a better way.
- Claudia frustrated that the Gymkhana Club has access to concession each time & the Riding Club doesn't. The only time they can use it, depends on the structure of their event. The Riding club built the arena & small building and feels it's unfair. Gymkhana Club has concession key and Riding Club doesn't. Signage for their club now costs money and payable to the Rec Commission – apparently this is a verbal policy but there is no written policy.
- Laurey-Anne has sat through 4 terms as City Councillor and sits as Co-chair of the North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee. She wants to see how we will move this forward & eliminate the line or barrier that exists. She is willing to help us in any way. She spoke about the needs to generate funds; however, there should be a purpose for dollars. Recreation Tax dollars never cover the total costs for recreation. Laurey Anne stated that all budgets and emails pertaining to the BL Rec Commission should be on file.
- Garth reminds us that there are 3 boundaries of 1st Nation Peoples and that cultural translation will play a part of the unity process. We need to learn how to co-manage.
- Heather would like to see Waste Free Living Solutions. She has started a Litter Pick Up Group and wants to know how to implement this into the BL Hall Usage structure. Recycle Stations at hall may be useful.
- General Consensus: how do we change what we have? Whom do we have to contact to do this?

Actionable items:

- Leslie & Heloise to seek a meeting to review minutes / policies of the BL Rec Commission. You cannot have them emailed to you as a resident, you must make an appointment and go in to read them or you have to pay for them.
- Laurey-Anne will check for the BL Recreation Commission Budgets for 2020 & 2021, as well as public knowledge emails that would have come to the Cariboo North Joint Planning Committee.
- Susan to call the BL Hall and seek fees for users: weddings, one day events, hourly for programs and how many events are free / how many are paid as BLRC has been told to generate income through rentals.
- Service Review of the Recreation Commission – to be undertaken
- Service Review of the BL Community Association – to be undertaken
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Meeting adjourned: 7:45 pm