



Bouchie-Milburn Community Planning Team

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CPT COMMITTEE #3 – Public Land Assets / Land Use-June 1, 2020

@ the Bouchie Lake Country Store – with thanks.

Meeting called to order: 6:10 pm

Attendees: Leslie Holland, Heloise Dixon-Warren, Claudia Vogt, Colin Keis, Ken Falloon, Susan MacNeill

Discussions took place to actualize the 3 most important and feasible programs that would enable a prominent start and continue through as a Community Lens for future years. Discussion around Community Planning was very helpful, as many clearly were not aware of the differences of the timelines and plans. During CRD Director Bruce's tenure, it was identified that there was very minimal Community Engagement or consultation and nothing about Recreation. Heloise explained to the group about the CRD Neighborhood Plan and their jurisdiction. Ken shared some information about the CRD Plans and the apparent OCP, when there was a person hired from Likely to put this plan together. Ken also referred to a time when Jerry Bruce was Director and wanted to know if this was the same plan. No it's not.

**Lake Health and Access:**

- It was noted that while some folks recreate out on the lake, many would enjoy a Park like setting for picnics and socializing. We may need to look at land acquisition to make this happen. As there are 2 different styles of interest in the lake, this may cause some resistance / barriers to changes.
- Heloise: stated she knew of 2 properties on Norwood Road and Ken suggested that Bill Vliegenthart property has a piece that may be an option. Susan to call Bill.
- Heloise stating that core samples were taken of the B Lake to stratify what has been going on in the lake and how much sediment loading is there. There was a septic review and BCES was involved, Susan to follow up. CRD feasibility study may have been done but no results.
- Ken added that at the high end of 9 Mile, the phosphorous dump into Bouchie Lake is over 50%. There had been a report done by the Baker Creek Enhancement Society with the BL Watershed group. Susan will dig up report. It may be available on the BCES website.
- Heloise: spoke about Aeration of the Lake to enhance health before anyone would actually like to be in the lake. Bob Taylor an active angler and works with FLNRORD would be a viable person to have some discussion with and perhaps, invite him to speak at the next Committee meeting. The Wildlife Habitat Fund in Williams Lake may be able to assist us with how they funded aeration for 3 lakes in their areas. Heloise will follow up with Bob.
- Leslie: noted that there are 11 right of ways to Bouchie Lake.
- Heloise: there is a map on the google drive indicating the above, as well BC Assessment
- Colin told us that he lived out in BL as a child, moved away and is now back and would like to see the Lake Health corrected. He would also be interested in Green Spaces for families etc.
- Susan's question: "What's the buy in?" How do we frame the next vision to encourage others to participate or at the least, attend a meeting to become informed and raise awareness.

**Actionable items:**

- Susan: call Bill Vliegenthart regarding property & lakeshore acquisition
- Susan: follow up on Septic Review & Phosphorus report
- Heloise: follow up with Bob Taylor

### **Trails and Green Spaces:**

- Ken: spoke of the development of the Heritage Park, frontage and walking trails that the community built up over many years. The Granite Sign at the Gateway to Bouchie Milburn Lake has room on the backside for honor plaques, that could be donated or purchased for long standing residents and those wishing to support. Originally, he priced out cast bronze and will follow up with this again for costing. He did mention that he built a Cairn for memorials but it didn't really fly. Can we reinvent this? Susan & Leslie say YES.
- Ken: would like to see if we could enhance the total frontage from the Heritage Park plus the 2 lots in front of the Bouchie Lake General Store.
- Heloise: suggested that it would be best for a caretaker for the above areas and could we have Interpretive Signage on it?
- Claudia: is happy to design layouts for all suggestions.

### **Actionable items:**

- Ken: to find out costs for bronze plaques

### **Bouchie Lake Recreation Grounds:**

- Claudia: moved the discussion to the lack of use in the Ball Park. The Riding Club did ask if they could repurpose it and measurements showed it was too small for their purposes.
- Discussion around "What do we do with the Ball Park?" Apparently in the Capital Plan there have been funds allocated for the Ball Park but to what rationale?
- Ken: stated while it's a sub-regional facility, it was built by the Fire Department and many volunteers; which took 3 years. As ball goes in cycles, the park hasn't been used for this, for a number of years. Can we relook at this and start up again? Maybe softball, family night ball? Thoughts were shared.
- Leslie: Asks if there is a rental cost to using?
- It was noted that BL doesn't have a tax function for recreation, as it's part of the sub-regional recreation in the North Cariboo Parks and Recreation Taxation function. Saturna Island was mentioned and they might be an ideal model for us here. They also have an innovative use of their right of ways to the ocean. They are maintained by the Saturna Parks & Recreation with an agreement with the MOTI. Liability is held by the Capital Regional District. Another thought was to look at the 108 Mile Agreement, as they are closer to what we may need.
- Thoughts were felt that the way BL Recreation is operating now, is becoming more detrimental to our community we serve, and we could do better.

### **Actionable items:**

- More discussion is needed