



BOUCHIE-MILBURN COMMUNITY PLANNING TEAM

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Tailgate Meeting Minutes, May 13, 2020 @ 6:05 PM @ Bouchie Lake Hall Parking Lot

Submitted by Susan MacNeill

1. Welcome & Introductions by Susan MacNeill, BM Community Planning Team Coordinator.
The community members were very respectful of the social boundaries and we set up with a minimum of a 6' space between us all. Coffee, water and goodies were available and served by a Barista only, ensuring hygiene protocols.
2. Round Table of Community Attendees – we had 17 people at this meeting.
 - Bob/Elaine Ross, Heloise Dixon-Warren, Ted Traer, Susan Phillips, Heather Burke, Richard Armstrong, Ray Jungaro, Claudia Voght, Gord Redman, Lori Gray, Leslie Abbott-Holland, Martha Murray, Peggy Smith, Garth East, David Law
3. Distribution of packages with Agenda – this was well received.
4. Top 3 Priorities Identified by Community; call to action for establishing 3 Committees. Susan meeting with them to help assist with moving the most critical and attainable ideas forward, within the next 2 weeks.
 - Community Safety – David Law, Ted Traer, Leslie Abbott- Holland, Peggy Smith, Martha Murray will start up this committee.
 - Fire Smarting (review & readiness/ City of Quesnel Survey to be taken if you wish/ CRD has link on their website for personal assessments). Ray Jungaro spoke about his group that does clean up, once assessments have been done and it's a free service to Seniors and disabled persons.
 - Fire Protection – Ted Traer spoke of the crownlands that are prescription ready for Fall 2020 and the review of job readiness for future areas, including Hangman Falls & Pinnacles West.
 - Block Watch, BC Rural Crime Watch (Constable Nutley will address us at a future meeting soon), June 15, if not conflicting with his work schedule. Susan can meet with him independently and report back to group.
 - Flooding of Milburn Lake and the consequences / clean up, BC Disaster Relief Funding.
 - Unstable Terrain – road to town in disastrous condition and never really fixed but bandaid solution each time it becomes critical. Letters to MOTI have been sent but no response with real solutions. This is a major artery into Bouchie, Milburn, Nazko and Blackwater Roads. It would be extremely dangerous to navigate out of these areas in case of fire or other disasters.

- Recreation – Lori Gray, Garth East, Heloise Dixon-Warren, Heather Burke (??) will start up this committee.
 - It was very evident that there is a need for a Service Review of how the BL Hall functions, so a request will be made. This Committee will look into the Recreation Tax Function in more detail and make available a document for the residents, so it may be better understood how this works.
 - Some non profit groups are allowed free rental at the hall and some are not. It is disconcerting to residents when this happens without appropriate guidelines/rules in place. It was stated that the hall was built by the people for the people's use and should have clear intentions of how to administer the operation of the hall.
 - Recycle Depot is one suggestion to generate revenue and capitalize on keeping a green community.

- Public Land Assets & Use – David Law, Bob Ross, Heloise Dixon-Warren, Richard Armstrong (??) will start up this committee.
 - Lake Health in Bouchie Lake could be better with an aeration program that would cost approximately \$150,000 for purchase and \$20,000/year to operate. Bob spoke extensively on this and advised that Williams Lake does this and the CRD apparently pays the operational costs but it was not clear how they acquire these funds – maybe through taxation? This will be investigated more to determine if this would be viable for this project. Aeration would reduce, if not eliminate the bulk of the algae bloom. Also mentioned, was adding bacteria to reduce sludge.
 - Lake access via right of ways was discussed with the potential of looking for an appropriate “lake front” spot for day camping or picnickers. Another thought was to look at purchasing land to accomplish this. Again, this may take a referendum with a minimal increase to taxes for a short period of time, then the property would belong the Bouchie Lake Community members permanently.

5. Discussion of meeting times for our Planning Team and Committees throughout the summer.

- It was decided that the committees will meet independently and the group as a whole have set their next meeting date, same venue for June 15, 2020, Monday @ 6 pm. The Committees will have met by then and will bring forth their work to date.

6. A big thank you to Susan Phillips for taking pictures at this meeting. They will be archived for our community and final report.

7. If there are errors or omissions, please contact Susan for edits.

Adjournment: 7:20 pm

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Mission Statement

To bring Bouchie-Milburn community residents together as involved members of the Community Planning Team. The Team will have a collaborative voice in 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