



Bouchie-Milburn Community Planning Team

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CPT COMMITTEE #3 – Public Land Assets / Land Use-June 23, 2020

@ the Bouchie Lake Country Store – with thanks.

Meeting called to order: 6:20 pm

Attendees: Leslie Holland, Heloise Dixon-Warren, Bob Ross, Don Patchett, Ken Falloon, Susan MacNeill

Welcome to long time resident guest, Don Patchett. Don shared some history with the group about Bouchie Lake, the building of the grounds, fire hall and Lake Health.

Heloise clarified that we are continuing to share information so we can succeed in moving projects forward.

Lake Health and Access:

- A discussion around Lake Health and Don shared how samples were sent to the government 25+ years ago and residents also, dumped dye into toilets to see if it was leeching into lake & there was evidence that seepage was happening.
- Bob talked about his discussions with various officials and knowledgeable people who knew about the lake health. Chris Swaan was one of them. His thoughts were that elected officials were not taking this seriously and doing enough. He felt that the residents were doing all the work. It appears that dollars are supporting bureaucracies. Northern Health has opted out of helping and the CRD will only look at the issues if septic are visibly running across property. Aeration is going to be costly but valuable to assist with cleaning up lake.
- This topic will require collaboration and perhaps, a strategy to move towards actions needed to get the ball rolling. Gathering more information is needed.

Actionable items:

- Heloise to request Chris Swann to meet with us
- Heloise: further investigation and consultation needed before we might submit for Referendum

Trails and Green Spaces:

- Don shared: about the hall burning down / rebuilding. The intent to rebuild was so the people had a gathering place again. Lots of volunteers did this and they all got along to get the job done.
- Don shared: the history of the ball park – the school was redoing their ball diamond, so the locals needed a ball park for their tournament and the volunteers in the community built it.
- Heritage Park – plaques, pricing to come

Actionable items:

- Claudia to discuss with Ken about plaque positioning and sizes, then Ken will get pricing.

Bouchie Lake Recreation Grounds:

Heloise shared the functions of the North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee (no delegated authority) and the CRD.

- Heloise explained how the BL Rec Commission (BLRC) was established under a CRD bylaw and how the BL Community Association fit with all of this. There were significant changes along the way and when the new Societies Act changed in 2018, the BLCA chose to be a member funded society and not an ordinary society. So, now all assets of the BLCA became owned by the members. This is wrong as the Hall and it's contents were fundraised by the Community and should be owned by the Community.
- Ken asked, "Why did this change?" The answer is above. This is what they chose to do without community consultation. And, "is there a strategy to accomplish this?"
- Heloise asked: "Is there an appetite to revert back to the way it was operating?" Perhaps, a poll would be a good idea and a Comparison Sheet to show the Community the differences.
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Actionable items:

- Planning team to develop a Poll & Comparison Sheet
- Heloise: look at Bylaw change, if needed
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