



BOUCHIE-MILBURN COMMUNITY PLANNING TEAM

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Last Meeting Agenda, October 13, 2020, 6 - 7 pm

Bouchie Lake Country Store, 2338 Bonny Road, Bouchie Lake

In Attendance: Richard Armstrong, Gord Redman, Elaine Ross, Leslie Holland, Peggy Smith, Claudia Vogt, Heloise Dixon-Warren, Colin Keis

Regrets: Susan MacNeill, BMCPT Coordinator

Chair: Leslie Holland

Scribe: Heloise Dixon-Warren

1. Welcome & Introductions by Leslie Holland

2. Committees established with one liaison person from Tier 1 on each committee, to give report

➤ #1 - Community Safety, Peggy Smith:

No Update

➤ #2 - Recreation, Heloise Dixon-Warren:

- review of CRD decision made at October 2, 2020 CRD meeting; open discussion by group:

- question was posed as to why our electoral area Director Barbara Bachmeier is refusing to meet with the BMCPT?;

*- Bouchie Lake residents agreed to join sub-regional recreation in the early 80's so the residents would pay recreation taxes so the mortgage on the hall would be paid off, the utilities covered, and the hall maintained so the community could continue to use the hall for its intended purpose like the community had to the past 50-60 years¹; **today the CRD is NOT meeting this intent;***

- a request was made to Richard to write down what his understanding was when the referendum to form Sub-regional recreation was held and Bouchie Lake agreed to join; this letter can be included in the Final Report;

- \$235,000 collected in taxes by CRD from Bouchie Lake (BL fire Protection boundary) for "sub-regional recreation" and perhaps 1 third now comes back to the community; Taxes have gone up but Bouchie Lake does not receive back proportionally to what we pay

¹First hall ("West Quesnel Farmer's Institute Hall") was constructed in Bouchie Lake in 1929 through a co-operative effort of both men and women of the community. Another hall was constructed in 1947 beside the other hall. The old hall(s) burnt in 1972 and the "new" hall as we know it today was constructed by the community in 1974.

- what formula is used to determine subregional recreation tax contribution to Bouchie Lake Rec.?; there is none, it is politically decided;
- response received from the Chair of the CRD, Margo Wagner; Peggy read out the letter:

As per your request, the information and correspondence you have sent us was presented to the Board of Directors at its October 2, 2020 meeting.

At that meeting, the Board members had a frank and comprehensive discussion. They concluded by resolving to continue with the current management structure, namely working with the Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission and our current bylaw.

We urge the community to work through established channels in a respectful and community-minded spirit.

- the CRD has not yet responded with our request to meet with the CRD Director Barbara Bachmeier

➤ **#3 - Land Assets / Uses, Leslie Holland:**

Heritage Park Memorial Plaques -the BMCPT has not been successful with support from the CRD Director Barb Bachmeier or the BL Recreation Commission meeting with us; a proposal on the project was presented to the BLRC at their last meeting but the BLRC “tabled” the proposal with no discussion and no date as to when it was tabled too; at present, this project will not go forward for the BMCPT; There are many barriers to the success of this important Heritage Project.

*Bouchie Lake Watershed Stewardship Society / BMCPT Meeting
Members of the BLWSS and BMCPT met via video conferencing to discuss “Lake Healthy and Lakeshore Improvement Project” focused on:*

- Aeration system for Bouchie Lake*
- Upgrades to Lakeshore Accesses*
- Land Acquisition on Bouchie Lake for a community owned park; park could include a hut for the aeration equipment, boat launch (Fresh Water Fisheries), historic cabin (Norwood Bros. Cabin) as a museum*

*Project will be funded through fundraising (online auction), grant writing and the establishment of a possible local service taxation function
2 lots on Norwood Road, Bouchie Lake were available - one has sold, the other one is off the market; Susan McNeill is in contact with the realtors for more information
1 remaining is assessed at \$71,000; land is low; not suitable for house building;*

Other land - between junction of Norwood Rd. / Blackwater Road and the R/W; see ortho. photos following

*Claudia has offered to assist with the creation of an “artist’s rendition” of the site
Heloise has offered to work with David Law on the written proposal*

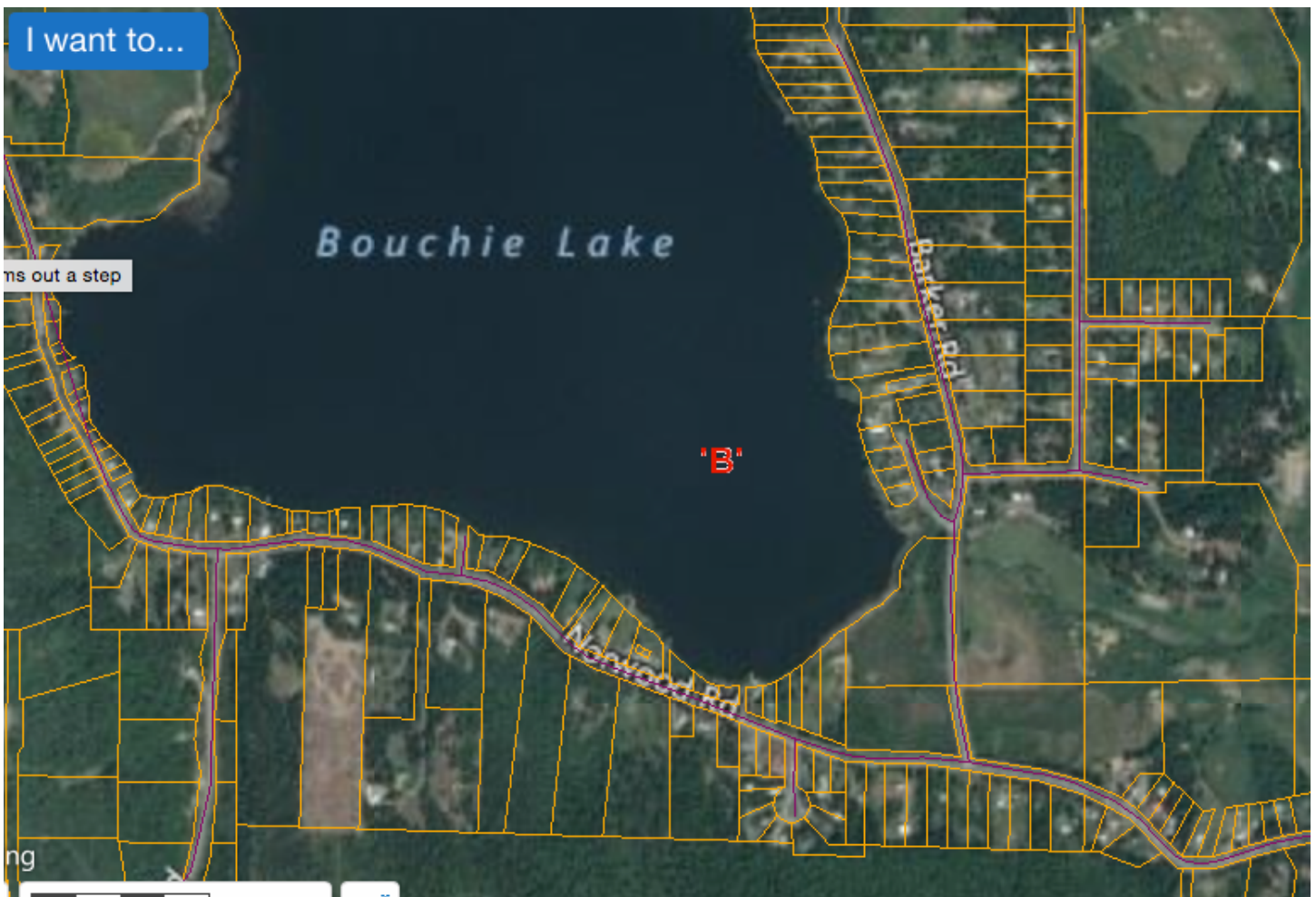
3. *CRD Letter - we did receive a short reply from CAO John McLean and some members of the BMCPT were able to call in to listen to the CRD Meeting on Oct 2, 2020. While they unanimously received the correspondence, they did not action it at all. Very disappointing that the CRD will not meet with local community members / groups.*
4. *September Event was successful on the 30th co-sharing with the Bouchie Lake Farmer's Market. in the parking lot of the BL Country Store; a light supper of pulled pork was served at no charge; 48 people were served*
5. *Final Round Up Event - any thoughts??*

Set up at the Bouchie Lake Market on November 22nd, 10 - 4 pm outside and at the entrance of the hall; set up tents and tables; propane fireplace; serve hot cocoa and have Christmas Music; be jolly!

Hand out info. on the project and encourage residents to review the final "Bouchie -Milburn Community Plan" on line; some hard copies on-site

Volunteers will be needed for set up, take down and sit / stand at the table to chat to residents and market attendees

6. *We thank all of you for coming out to share your thoughts and ideas AND look forward to sending out our Final Report.*



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