

Due to Covid 19, taking control over groups of people meeting anywhere inside, we came to the best solution – outdoor, parking lot meetings, at our local Community Hall on YOUR tailgate, within the social distancing protocols. All of our Community Meetings have been under this guideline and when inclemental weather arose, we moved under the portico. One exception, was the Town Hall Meeting. As a dedicated group of volunteers came together, they identified the Top 3 Priorities that the Community Plan would move forward to offer a future lens of 1, 3, and 5 years. Call to Actions started and Committee Meetings were set in motion.

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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**

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Tailgate Meetings started with distributing an information package for each attendee; including our Tier Structure for accountability and how we can build our Team from Community Members / user groups / government AND a comparison chart of both surveys done in the Community to show similar results.

We spent some time flushing out 3 – 4 Priorities based on existing knowledge from 2 completed surveys, to ensure accurate understanding of the Community’s needs and each Committee took on these priorities. Each Committee had assigned a Liaison to support the Coordinator with agendas, suggestions and progress.

Committee #1—Community Safety

Committee #2—Recreation

Committee #3—Public Land Assets / Land Uses

The Team decided to manage this project with three Tiers. Tier 1 was the Management Team, Tier 2 was the Community User Groups / nonprofits that were engaged, Tier 3 was the Community distribution list (folks would request to be added to this email list).

**Some Successes to share:**

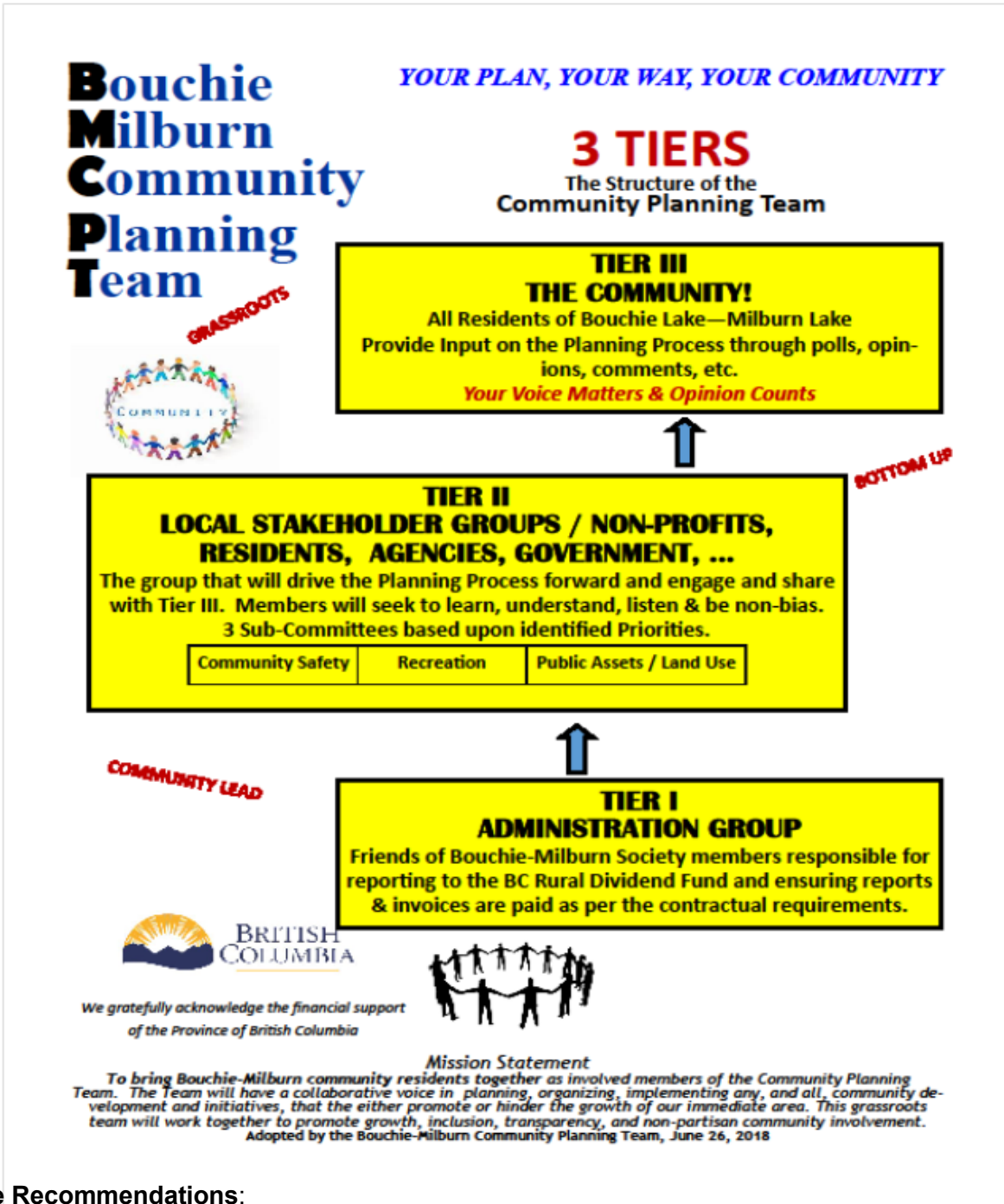
Community Safety Day—July 25, 2020. First event of it’s kind held at the Bouchie Lake School Grounds with many in attendance and lots of GOOD information shared. The success was built from 8 information booths, 2 live demonstrations and kids bike rally.

Dam Poker Paddle—August 23, 2020. BMCPT supported the Bouchie Milburn Watershed Stewardship Society in providing this wonderful event to raise awareness and educate. Over 65 participants enjoyed a day on the lake and refreshments at the end of their poker hand.

**SURVEYS - TOOLS IN THE TOOLBOX**

<p>Bouchie-Milburn Living Facebook Group Site (April 3, 2017 to present) <i>Let us know what you feel is important to you....</i></p>	<p>Cariboo Regional District Bouchie-Milburn Neighbourhood Survey Plan #1 May, 2019 <i>ID Top Priorities you feel the B-M Neighbourhood Plan should address</i></p>
<p>Safety - Road, General Community (119)</p>	<p>High Speed Internet &amp; Cell Service (110)</p>
<p>Communications - Cell Service / Wifi (114)</p>	<p>Water Quality Protection of Bouchie &amp; Milburn Lakes (108)</p>
<p>Lake Health (106)</p>	<p>Supporting community facilities and events (93)</p>
<p>Trails &amp; Green Spaces (82)</p>	<p>Improving recreation opportunities (e.g. trails, green spaces, boat launches, etc.) (73)</p>
<p>Fire Protection (Recruitment) / FireSmart (81)</p>	<p>Maintaining and protection agricultural lands (62)</p>
<p>Recreation Facility Access &amp; Usage (65)</p>	<p>Reducing natural hazards through land use (e.g. fire smart, landslide, flood protection regulations) (57)</p>
<p>Recycling Services (45)</p>	<p>Community Policing (55)</p>

Note: 2 surveys and polls were completed within Bouchie Lake - Milburn Lake communities within the last 2/1/2 years. The results for the top 7 are similar. "Cell Service / Wifi / Highspeed Internet" have been crossed out as Telus has announced that they will be installing a 45 metre wireless communication tower at 1439 Paley Road. For additional information on this, please go to Agenda item 4.1 of the Cariboo Regional District Meeting Agenda for March 27, 2020. For the Bouchie-Milburn Community Plan, the plan is to review and assess the top 3-5 priorities as identified by both surveys.



**Some Recommendations:**

Community Safety Days could be combined with Billy Bouchie Days or another event to incorporate a broader reach of Community members to the event.

Lakeshore Health could improve through partnerships with the BL Watershed Stewardship Society, as the Society navigates the jurisdictional portals.

A positive Community Outreach is necessary for goals to be achieved and if the CRD and BLRC had participated, we likely would have seen a broader scope of participation.

A future lens was hoped for, however, the lack of input due to COVID prevented it's success.