

The Party Line

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Bouchie-Milburn Community Planning Team!

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The BMCPT is excited to announce that the Bouchie-Milburn Community Plan is almost completed and ready to be launched to the community. This plan has been almost 2 years in the making; it was in the summer of 2018 the funds were applied for through the Province of BC – Rural Dividend Fund and it was in January, 2019 the grant was awarded. It was about that time that the Cariboo Regional District also announced that they would also be undertaking a Planning Project in our community through 2019; the Bouchie-Milburn Neighbourhood Plan (<https://www.cariboo.ca/bmnp>). So as to not confuse and /or duplicate the efforts of the CRD, the BMCPT waited until the spring of 2020 to proceed with hiring a facilitator for the BMCP.



The BMCP process has been community led and transparent. Many groups and individuals have supported and /or participated in the project and this is evident in the final results. The plan is a Bouchie Lake – Milburn Lake plan built by the community for the community. The priorities that were focused on were based upon the top 3 priorities identified by the BMNP Survey #1 completed by the CRD and poll that was on facebook from April, 2017 for about 2 years. The results of both surveys were surprisingly similar.

The Plan focuses on the project, challenges and opportunities, and includes recommendations on the following 3 priorities: (continued page 4)



Road House

Thank you Heloise and Elizabeth

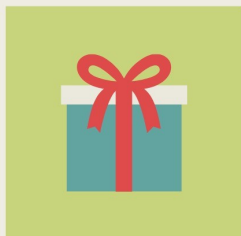


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Come on everyone, join our mailing list. Keep informed and up to date on our community and local events.

Carrot and Beet Cake

Thank you Elaine

2 cups flour 1/4 cup wheat bran 1/4 cup wheat germ 2 cups brown sugar 2 tsp cinnamon 1 tsp salt 5 beaten eggs 1 1/2 cups vegetable oil 1 1/2 cups grated carrots 1 1/2 cups grated beets 1 1/2 cups chopped walnuts 1 1/2 cups raisins 1 c coconut 2 tsp baking soda

Line loaf pans with greased brown paper or parchment paper.

Mix flour, bran, wheat germ, brown sugar, baking soda, cinnamon and salt together. In another bowl mix eggs, oil, grated vegetables, nuts, raisins and coconut. Add to the dry ingredients and blend well. Lastly add the baking soda.

Bake for 1 hour at 350 degrees F and then at 300 degrees F for 1/2 hour. Cool on rack and when cool wrap in foil to keep in fridge or freeze. This is really good with candied cherries, like you use in Christmas cakes, mixed in.



BOUCHIE LAKE WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY

Newsletter Bulletin #2
November 2020

First and foremost in this newsletter is the fact that, due to current Covid 19 restrictions, the directors have decided to postpone the AGM until sometime next year. The Societies Act requires all societies to hold an AGM once each calendar year but this requirement has been relaxed in view of the pandemic, and we now have until November of 2021 to hold the 2020 AGM. We will notify you of the re-scheduled date. Our membership count is

currently at 63 so if you know of anyone else who would like to support us, please give them our contact information blwatershedss@gmail.com . \$10 secures a 5 year membership.

This year the society has been active in organizing and hosting two major events. The Casino Night organized in conjunction with the Friends of Bouchie Milburn Society and held in February was an unqualified success. A good time was had by all and the proceeds of a little over \$4400 were split

evenly between the two societies. In August we organized "The Dam Beaver Poker Paddle" on Milburn Lake, which was also highly successful attracting 25 participants and earning close to \$600 towards improvements at the access. Next year the Casino Night will most likely not be repeated due to Covid 19, but the Poker Paddle can probably still run. It has been suggested we organize an ice fishing derby in the New Year: the proposal will be discussed at the next directors' meeting.



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Flooding at Milburn Lake was at an all time high this spring and there are unprecedented high water levels this fall (the access is fully flooded in November and the outflow culvert is flowing). We believe it is very likely that there will be serious flooding again in the Spring of 2021. We have been lobbying MoTI to combat these problems by enlarging the outflow culvert and raising the level of the public access, and while no action has yet been taken, they have initiated a hydrotechnical analysis of the issue. The report on the data collected and the recommendations coming out of that will not be presented until mid December, at which time we hope to be informed of what action will be undertaken by MoTI.

Your directors continue to meet via video link once every two months. They are Richard Armstrong, Daniel Aussant, Heloise Dixon-Warren, David Law, Robert Ross, Blair Sundby and Paul Wild.

We hope you find this information useful. Please let us know if there are other issues you feel we should be working on. Contact us at blwatershedss@gmail.com

Our Mission Statement:

"Bouchie Lake Watershed Stewardship Society is committed to enhance and maintain the health of the waters of Bouchie Lake, Milburn Lake and their watershed area to the benefit of all lake shore residents and all lake users."

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- i) Community Safety – crime watch, wildfire mitigation, and flooding
- ii) Recreation – increase community access and support more community events and activities
- iii) Public Land / Assets – lake quality and health, lakeshore access, parks and green spaces

The Plan that will be available in digital format via email and it will be posted on <https://bouchielakefriends.ca/our-accomplishments/community-planning-team/>

If you wish to receive a copy of the plan via email, please contact the BMCPT at BMCommunityPlan@gmail.com