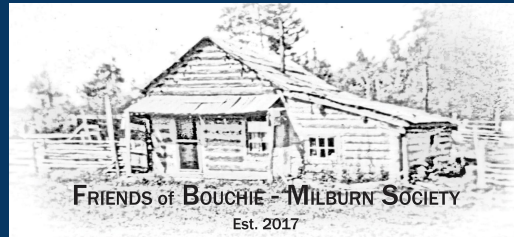
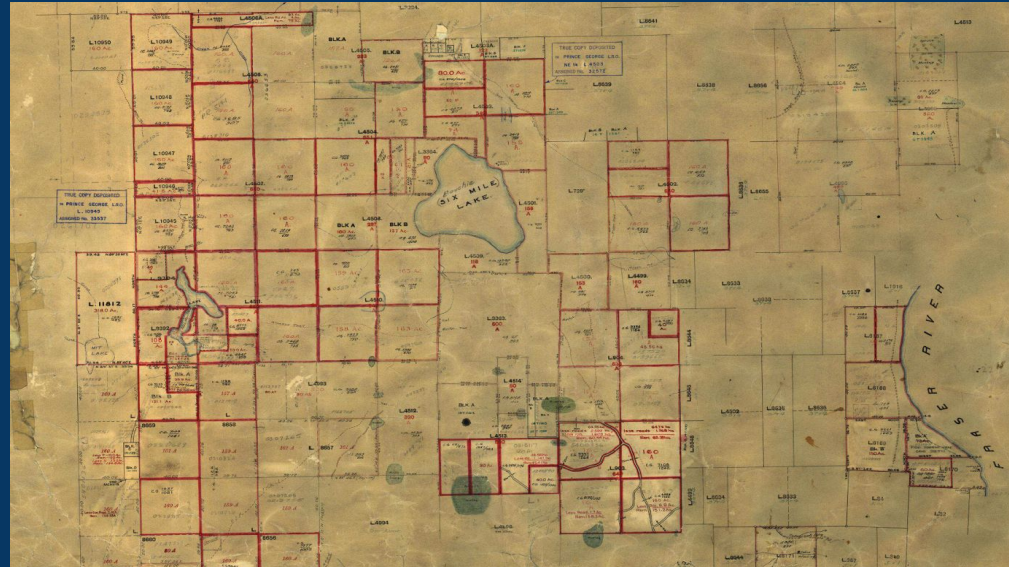

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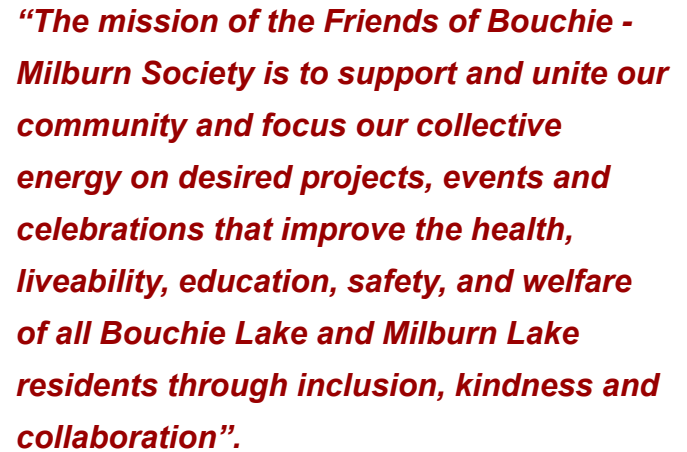
Presentation Overview

- Introduction to FoBM (Friends of Bouchie - Milburn Society)
- Overview of Bouchie Lake Century Family Recognition Project
- Project Components
- Project Benefits
- Next Steps



Who are the Friends of Bouchie-Milburn?

- Established November, 2017
- Registered Non-Profit Society
- Local Volunteers in our Community
- Grant Writing / Fundraising
- Project Focused
- Collaborative



“The mission of the Friends of Bouchie - Milburn Society is to support and unite our community and focus our collective energy on desired projects, events and celebrations that improve the health, liveability, education, safety, and welfare of all Bouchie Lake and Milburn Lake residents through inclusion, kindness and collaboration”.

Who are the Friends of Bouchie-Milburn?

Events / Activities

Billie Bouchie Days & Encampment (2018, 2019, 2024)

“Up Six Mile, Down Nine Mile” (short film) (2018)

Bouchie - Milburn Scholarship (2019, 2020)

Oral History Project (2019)

Casino Night (2020)

Bouchie-Milburn Community Plan (2020)

Community Cook Share (2023)

Historical Tours (2024)

Community Christmas Tree Decorating (2024)

Remembrance Day Plaque (Six Mile Corner / Bouchie-Milburn Park) (2024)

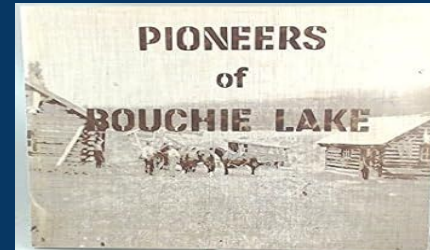


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Preamble:

Bouchie Lake community has a long history - both from an Indigenous and non-Indigenous perspective - e.g. Kluskus Trail, Archaeological Sites, Telegraph Trail(s), Veteran Land Act, Land Preemptions, Crown Grants, Roadhouses, Farmer and Women's Institutes, Schools, Halls, Stores, etc.;

Families settled in area and built the community as we know it; some have family members residing here 100+ years later



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Objectives:

- i) Building awareness of the history of Bouchie Lake - Milburn Lake;*
- ii) Providing recognition to the Indigenous peoples that have lived here and used this land since time immemorial;*
- iii) Providing recognition to the families that settled and contributed to the community that still have family members residing in the community today;*
- iv) Providing a site and space for our community to gather on Remembrance Day (began 2020);*

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Objective:

- v) Creating an identity for our community that supports community pride, empowerment, and engagement;*
- vi) Economic development in terms of information sharing and promoting our community and its unique history; and*
- vii) Completing a Project that was initiated in 2007 with the creation of "Pioneer Park" (aka Bouchie - Milburn Community Park)*

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Components:

- i) Cenotaph (Cairn) - addition of Remembrance Day Plaque (completed Nov. 2024), Cenotaph upgrades (raising of cairn and the addition of flags)*
- ii) Century Family Plaque(s): installation of plaque(s) acknowledging the “Century Families” on the back of the concrete “Bouchie-Milburn Community Park” sign at Six Mile Corner;*
- iii) Incorporation of a Traditional Acknowledgement recognising the First Nation peoples that used this land since time immemorial;*

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Components:

- iv) Creation of short videos using fictional and non-fictional characters that will share stories about the early days of our community and the families that settled here; and*
- v) Car Rally / Historic Map- fundraiser to be held summer, 2025 and will focus on historic features and sites, road names, facts, etc.*
- vi) Historical Encampment*
- vii) Sponsorship Recognition*



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Status:

i) Cenotaph / Cairn

Plaque installed November, 2024 (\$3300.00)

5th Annual Remembrance Day Ceremony held “in circle”
at Six Mile Corner; ~70 people in attendance;

Sponsorship Package developed with 5 Levels:

Stopping House, Homesteader, Wagon Road, Telegraph Line, Trapper

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 94 (Funding Partner) -

unveiling of the plaque

Over \$7200.00 raised



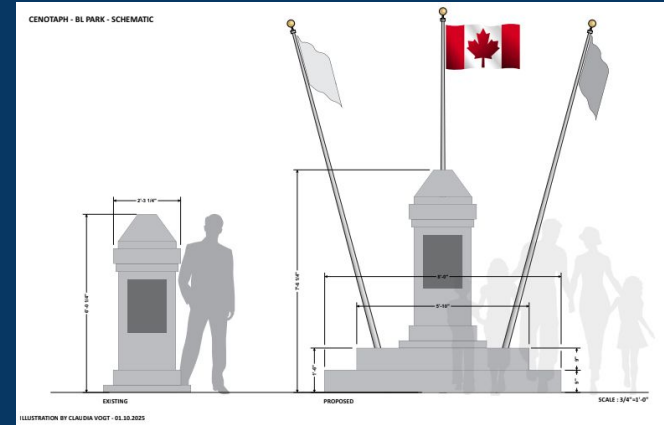
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Status:

i) Cenotaph / Cairn

Next Steps:

Raising the Cairn (platform)
Incorporating Flags, and
Adding Sponsorship Plaque



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PROPOSED

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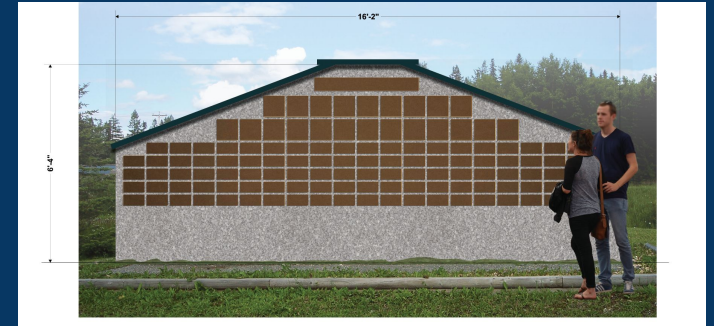
ii) Century Family Plaques

Project under development

Century Families identified - e.g. Boucher, Armstrong, Rawling, Merz, Staebler, Miller, Wilkinson

Budget being developed, funders / partners identified, grant opportunities

Sponsorship Package Updated

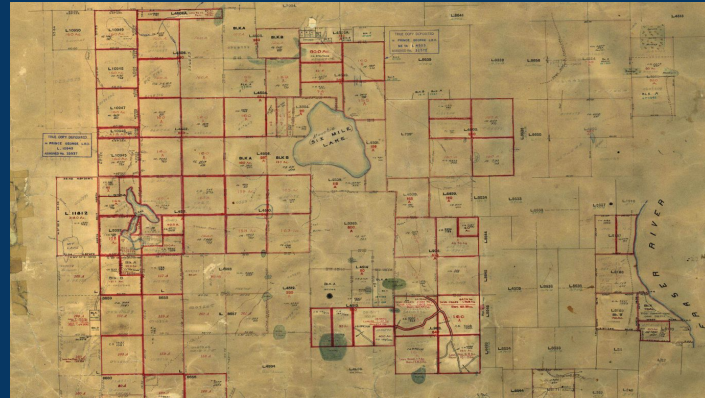


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Status:

iii) Territorial Acknowledgement

Connecting with both Lhtako Dene Nation and Nazko First Nation for input on the land acknowledgement;



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Status:

iv) Videos

Studio set up in Bouchie Lake

Project Introduction Video to be launched first

Production crew (volunteers) working with Dry Rock Studios, a local musician and others;

Films will be posted to U-Tube and linked to www.bouchielakefriends.ca

Will raise awareness of the communities of Bouchie Lake - Milburn Lake, their history and early settlement

1st film now on U-Tube: [Century Families of Bouchie & Milburn Lakes](#)



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Status:

v) Car Rally Scavenger Hunt (Fundraiser) / Historical Map

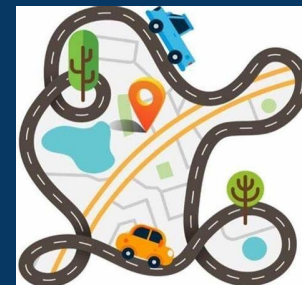
Definition: *a scavenger hunt using cars whereby teams drive around following clues, complete tasks and challenges, and try to be the first team to the finish line.*

Local businesses, non-profits, artisans, farms, etc. invited to participate;

Will promote our community in terms of the assets, resources, and features (natural, historic, recreational, and economic);

Fundraiser to support the overall project

Map will be created that incorporates some of the historic sites and features



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Status:

vi) Historical Encampment

- 2nd Annual

- during Culture Days 2025

vii) Sponsorship Recognition

A plaque will be created and installed on-site that acknowledges our sponsors and partners.





Next Steps

Presentations to potential partners / sponsors

Raise awareness in the community;
Submit Grant Applications

Request Letters of Support from local businesses, non-profits, community members, etc.

Letters of Support received thus far:

Bouchie Lake Elementary School PAC / Parent Advisory Council

Sheldon Clare, MLA

Quesnel Museum and Archives (City of Quesnel)

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 94

Nazko First Nation

Ken Falloon

Heloise Dixon-Warren / Ted Traer

Shane Rawling

Joan and Bryan Bourke



For additional Information and /or to get involved

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