

AREA B APC MEETING NOTES
RE: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING IN AREA B

File No: 6481-02

Date: January 4, 2019

Location: CRD North Cariboo Office Meeting Room, #102 - 410 Kinchant Street, Quesnel

Present: Area B Director Barb Bachmeier; Nigel Whitehead, CRD Senior Planner; Elizabeth Montgomery; Sybille Muschik, Jim Muschik, Neil MacDougall, Stan Hall, Shane Stobbe, Desiree Stobbe, Stephanie Hanes (public)

Regrets: Magnus Vinje, Tony McHale, Lowan Giesbrecht

Re: Discussion and staff presentation on potential neighbourhood planning in Area B.

The meeting was called to order at **1:05 pm**

Nigel Whitehead outlined intent of presentation regarding neighbourhood planning in the Bouchie Lake / Area B.

Group discussion regarding previous discussions and APC's understanding of the Area B "pilot project" as envisioned by previous Area B Director Jerry Bruce:

- A need for more comprehensive planning and policy direction when considering planning applications.
- A broader focus and less case-by-case decision making.
- Focus on environmental protection, housing needs considering growth and needs regarding demographic change (i.e. aging residents).
- Consideration of future infrastructure.
- Protection and encouragement of farming and agricultural lands. Challenges with respect to high land and property values for agricultural land amalgamation.

Group discussion regarding Board decision making, staff and APC processes, and improving communication flow between Area director and APC. **APC will cc area director when submitting meeting minutes to CRD staff. APC will look into developing a second sheet of more detailed considerations to be submitted with their minutes when considering applications.**

N. Whitehead outlined Official Community Plans (OCPs) and Neighbourhood Planning processes, differences, and similarities.

Discussed rural neighbourhood planning examples.

Discussed infrastructure funding and potential challenges.

Group discussion regarding neighbourhood planning process and plan area boundaries. Group generally agreed to focus on Bouchie Lake area.

Discussion regarding next meeting tentatively scheduled for 4:00 PM on May 14, 2019.

Staff will develop project plan for review at the next meeting. Will confirm meeting time and date near end of March.

Meeting adjourned **3:45 pm.**