

**BOUCHIE LAKE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING #1 NOTES**

File No: 6481-02

Date: May 6, 2019

Location: CRD Quesnel Library, Resource Room, 410 Kinchant Street, Quesnel

Present: Area B Director Barb Bachmeier; Nigel Whitehead, CRD Senior Planner; Elizabeth Montgomery; Neil MacDougall, Stephanie Hanes, Magnus Vinje, Peggy Smith.

Regrets: Stan Hall, Shane Stobbe, Desiree Stobbe, Tony McHale, Lowan Giesbrecht

The meeting was called to order at **6:05 pm**

Committee Members reintroduced themselves.

N. Whitehead reviewed schedule for the evening.

Committee reviewed meeting notes of Jan 4, 2019.

N. Whitehead discussed the committee's terms of reference document.

N. Whitehead presented study area options. Committee members discussed boundaries. General consensus that Milburn Lake area should be included in the plan area. N. Whitehead cautioned that increasing plan area too large will exceed intent of neighbourhood plan. Committee members generally agreed that considering community culture and use of community facilities by those in the Milburn area should therefore be included in the project area. Committee discussed that although distances may be relatively large across the area, that it is a function of the large, rural lot sizes and character of the area.

Committee briefly discussed the following neighbourhood topics and concerns:

- Interconnectivity, especially of non-motorized transport (horse, ATV, bicycle, pedestrian) between key neighbourhood areas and points of interest. Community recreation is very important (equestrian, ball fields, community hall, lake access, claymine trails).
- Concerns with safety of non-motorized users of road system. No shoulders, industrial traffic on Blackwater Rd. Speed on Blackwater & Nazko Hwy.
- Concerns with parking around lake accesses. High user volumes in summer, very limited parking, undeveloped & semi-developed lake accesses.
- Discussion regarding undeveloped lots on Vernon Rd. S. Understanding is they are too small for septic systems. Other undeveloped lots in the area.
- Discussion around non-conforming historical lakefront development. Other lots along lakefront likely undevelopable and constructed of poor fill material.

M Vinge concerned with his membership on the committee. He is passionate about his neighbourhood of Ten Mile Lake, is supportive of the Bouchie Lake project, but does not want to participate on the Bouchie Lake committee.

Dir. Bachmeier reviewed the history on why Area B APC was selected to sit as the BLNP Steering Committee. This was due in part to the history of Area B APC's involvement and high level of engagement, as part of previous Director Gerry Bruce's desire for the "APC Pilot Project." APC members not living in the Bouchie area can take the knowledge gained from this process and apply it in the future to their respective neighbourhoods.

Committee members thanked Magnus for his time and candour.

M. Vinje left the meeting at **7:30 pm**.

N. Whitehead reconfirmed committee's desire to include Milburn Lake area within the project scope. Group discussion around various access roads and connections between Milburn and Bouchie areas.

N. Whitehead to email a revised plan area boundary to committee members for comment in 1-2 weeks.

Committee reviewed in detail the proposed project workplan (spreadsheet).

Group discussed future public engagement events. Identified the Community Market & Garage Sale at the community hall on June 30th. Also identified the annual Halloween event which is very well attended.

Group identified Rocky's Store, Bouchie Lake Store, Quesnel Observer, Bouchie Lake Stewardship Society as key locations/groups that can assist with distributing project information.

P. Smith provided an update on Friends of Bouchie Milburn Society's rural dividend grant project. They are looking at completing a grassroots community survey, likely completed by a local (Quesnel) consultant. Their deadline for completion is 2020.

Next Steering Committee Meeting set for Tuesday, August 27, 6:00 PM, same location (Quesnel Library Resource Room). Additional meeting may be called via email if necessary. Documents may be emailed for review (such as adjusted study area boundaries).

Meeting adjourned **8:00 pm**.