



## **Bouchie-Milburn Neighbourhood Plan Engagement Event #1 Summary**

**Event:** Bouchie Lake Community Market & Garage Sale

**Date & Time:** Sunday, June 30, 2019 – 10 AM to 3 PM

**Location:** Bouchie Lake Community Hall

**CRD Representatives:** Nigel Whitehead, Senior Planner; Elizabeth Montgomery, Area B Alternate Director

**Personal Interactions:** 30

CRD staff ran a table at the Bouchie Lake Community Market & Garage Sale. The event was during a sunny, warm day on the July long weekend and was lightly attended, both by sellers and attendees. Staff had 30 one-on-one conversations with area residents about the project. BMNP Newsletter #1 and Survey #1 were available for distribution. Many residents committed to complete the survey online and five paper surveys were completed.

An interactive map of the project study area was posted to spur discussion. Residents were asked to identify their house and their favorite location within the area. Twenty-seven responses were posted on the map. Top favorite locations identified included: Bouchie Lake, individual's homes, Milburn Lake, Hangman's Spring Recreation Site, and the Claymine trails.

Discussions with residents revealed several consistent themes around positive attributes in the area including: peaceful natural setting for country living, direct access to varied recreation opportunities, environmental values, and a close-knit community social network.

Suggested areas of focus and neighbourhood concerns centred on safe pedestrian and recreational access along road corridors, continued and increased support for formal recreation sites including lake access, poor cellphone reception and limited internet speeds, and maintaining and/or enhancing water quality of Bouchie and Milburn Lakes.

Overall, both new and long-standing residents demonstrated a strong sense of community identity and pride of place. Discussions primarily focused on unique community attributes related to rural lifestyle in the area such as equestrian community, agriculture, OHV recreation, lake recreation, and environmental values (i.e. pelicans on the lakes).