

**BOUCHIE LAKE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN  
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING #3 MINUTES**

File No: 6481-02

Meeting Date: October 7, 2019

Location: Bouchie Lake Community Hall, 1975 Centennial Road, Quesnel

Present: Area B Director Barb Bachmeier; Nigel Whitehead, CRD Senior Planner; Nicole Pressey, Regional Agrolgist, Ministry of Agriculture; Stephanie Hanes, Peggy Smith, Robert Ross.

Sybille Muschik and Elizabeth Montgomery arrived approximately 3PM.

Regrets: Stan Hall, Tony McHale, Neil MacDougall.

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

N. Whitehead reviewed upcoming project tasks.

Committee discussed agricultural practices and existing studies of Bouchie Lake water quality.

Committee reviewed August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.

Committee discussed major topics and questions to be resolved at upcoming stakeholder workshops.

- **Lake Water Quality**
  - Issues/Questions
    - Agricultural runoff control
    - Biological lake treatment options
    - Aeration (BLSS has a study recommending)
    - Land use controls (i.e. strengthen CRD Development Permit requirements)
    - Incentive programs (Septic replacement)
  - Stakeholders
    - Ministry of Environment
    - Ministry of Agriculture
    - FLNRORD Water Stewardship
    - Ministry of Forests Resource Management Staff
    - Bouchie Lake Stewardship Society
    - Northern Health Authority
  
- **Telecommunications**
  - Issues/Questions
    - How can BMNP/CRD encourage/incentivize service improvements?
    - What are the barriers to expansion of service in Bouchie-Milburn area?
    - Confirm existence of fibre optic line to Nazko and if connection is possible?

- How do the federal funding programs work?
    - What are potential costs to landowners under various incentive programs?
  - Stakeholders
    - Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (formerly Industry Canada)
    - ABC Communications
    - Telus
  
- **Diversified Community Housing**
  - Issues/Questions
    - Housing ownership forms (i.e. strata vs. freehold title developments)
    - Identify Potential Locations
    - Servicing considerations (i.e. water & sewer limitations)
    - ALR (how could development occur in ALR if necessary)
    - What is intention of West Fraser Mills property
  - Stakeholders
    - BC Housing
    - West Fraser Mills
    - Quesnel Lions Housing Society
  
- **Transportation Corridors**
  - Issues/Questions
    - Pedestrian crossing at Blackwater/Nazko intersection
    - Rest stop potential
    - Opportunity to develop/formalize side of hwy quad trails
    - Speed control/speed limit options
  - Stakeholders
    - Rec, Sites & Trails BC
    - MOTI
      - Engineering
      - Subdivision Approving Officer
    - Bouchie Lake Elementary PAC
    - Quesnel Gymkhana Club
  
- **Supporting Recreation Opportunities**
  - Issues/Questions
    - How to facilitate lake access improvements?
      - Who maintains/how?
    - Hangman's Springs site
      - How is it managed?
      - Maintain integrity of forest
      - What are site boundaries?
    - How can FireSmart activities align with recreation improvements (Community Wildfire Protection Plan)?

- Stakeholders
  - MOTI
  - FLNRORD Rec Sites and Trails
  - Bouchie Lake Stewardship Society (David Law)
  - Ministry of Forests
  - FLNRORD Fish Biologist (Hwy's docks)
  
- **Maintaining/Supporting Agriculture**
  - Issues/Questions
    - How to utilize agricultural land use inventory?
    - Livestock at large issues?
    - Consistency in ALR applications?
    - Water quality protection
      - Provincial Programs
  - Stakeholders
    - Ministry of Agriculture
    - Ministry of Environment
    - Quesnel Cattlemen's Association
    - Kersley Farmer's Institute
    - Ministry of Forests, Water Stewardship
    - FARMED (agricultural marketing group)

Committee agreed on November 19 & 20, 2019 stakeholder workshops at Bouchie Lake Hall. N. Whitehead will contact and schedule stakeholders.

Meeting adjourned **4:00 pm.**