



Bouchie-Milburn Neighbourhood Plan Engagement Event #2 Summary

Event: Bouchie Lake Community Halloween Party 2019

Date & Time: Thursday, October 31, 2019 – 5:30 PM to 7 PM

Location: Bouchie Lake Community Hall

CRD Representatives: Nigel Whitehead, Senior Planner;

Personal Interactions: approximately 75

CRD staff ran a table at the Bouchie Lake Community Halloween Party. The event is highly attended each year by neighbourhood families (estimated 200 attendees). At the event area residents park their vehicles around the edge of the community hall parking lot and neighbourhood children trick or treat at the tailgates of the vehicles. It is an inventive solution to the otherwise challenging situation of trick or treating in a neighbourhood of large acreages. Inside the hall there are arts and crafts stations, a concession, and music. The event culminates with a fireworks display. The event is hosted and run by community volunteers, including the Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission and Bouchie Lake Volunteer Fire Department.

At the CRD table, BMNP Newsletter #2 and Survey #2 were available for distribution. The event was very busy, and the party atmosphere was not conducive to completing surveys on site. Many residents committed to complete the survey online, and many took paper copies. The interactive map of the project study area from Engagement Event #1 was posted to spur discussion. Residents were asked to identify their house and their favorite location within the area. This was an excellent opportunity to introduce children to basic land use planning activities. The large area map was a good attraction and discussion point for many of the children and parents attending the event.

Fifty-six additional responses were posted on the map. Top favorite locations identified included: Bouchie Lake, individual's homes, Milburn Lake, Hangman's Spring Recreation Site, and Pinnacles Park. Staff discussed the objectives of the BMNP project, subjects in Survey #2 (such as lake access development, increased residential density) and encouraged residents to participate and keep themselves informed as the project progresses.



(Photos courtesy of Bouchie Lake Rec Commission)