



# Bouchie-Milburn Neighbourhood Plan Newsletter #2 October 2019

## What is the BMNP?

The Bouchie-Milburn Neighbourhood Plan (BMNP) will identify a strategic approach to future development, environmental issues and other land use related priorities that may be identified by the community.

## Community Engagement

**Community Stakeholders:** A list of local community groups has been established and will be contacted directly with project information. Individual groups may be consulted in their area of expertise as neighbourhood priorities are established.

**Project Website:** You can participate in project surveys, get the latest news and download all project materials at [cariboord.ca/bmnp](http://cariboord.ca/bmnp).

**BMNP Survey #2: The second community survey is now open!** The survey can be completed online or on paper. Please visit [www.surveymonkey.com/r/bmnpsurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/bmnpsurvey) to find the survey. Local businesses, the community hall and CRD offices have paper copies. The survey is open until November 15, 2019.



## Project Timeline

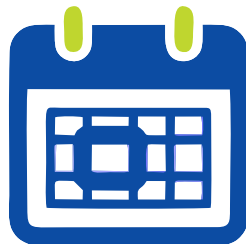


## Upcoming engagement opportunities include:

**Oct 31** – CRD at Bouchie Lake Halloween Tailgate @ Bouchie Lake Hall from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Nov 15** – Closing date for Bouchie-Milburn Survey #2

**Winter 2019/2020** – Community Open House TBD



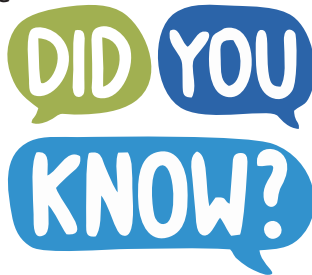
## Where can I get more information?

Project information will be available on community bulletin boards at the Bouchie Lake Community Hall, Bouchie Lake Country Store, Rocky's General Store and on the CRD's website at [cariboord.ca/bmnp](http://cariboord.ca/bmnp).



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Did you know that the average household population in the BMNP area is 2.3 people? This is equal to the Cariboo Regional District average of 2.3 and very close to the provincial average of 2.4.



The estimated population of the BMNP area is 1,916 people, based on the average household population of 2.3 people.

The BMNP area population is generally stable. Statistics Canada says the area population is slowly shrinking, BC Stats says the population is slowly growing, and CRD data shows an average increase of one house (or 2.3 people) per year. Population estimates vary; but, they all point to a generally stable population.

Although the population is not growing much, older houses are being replaced by newer houses. Between 2011 and 2018, 14 homes were demolished and 22 new homes were built!

These facts and more can be found in the BMNP Technical Background Report, available on the project website at [cariboord.ca/bmnp](http://cariboord.ca/bmnp).

## BMNP Survey #1 Results

The first community survey was very successful with over 140 responses! Thank you to all who participated, and we hope even more people participate in survey #2.

*Thank you!*



Overwhelmingly, the most-liked aspect of the Bouchie-Milburn area is the peaceful, rural lifestyle and friendly community.

The top five favourite aspects of the community are: Rural Lifestyle, Friendly and Welcoming Community, Access to Recreation Opportunities, Affordable Housing, and Agricultural and Ranching Opportunities.

The top five priorities that respondents would like addressed in the plan are: high speed internet and cell service, water quality protection of Bouchie and Milburn Lakes, supporting community facilities and events, improving recreation opportunities, and maintaining and protecting agricultural lands.

Community members also submitted many good ideas to improve pedestrian safety in the neighbourhood. The most common proposal was to install a crosswalk at the Nazko Hwy / Blackwater Rd junction. Road improvements fall under the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the BMNP Steering Committee will engage with MOTI to discuss setting it into the neighbourhood plan.

A complete summary of Survey #1 results is available on the BMNP project website at [cariboord.ca/bmnp](http://cariboord.ca/bmnp)



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