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## Lac La Hache and South Cariboo OCP Consultation at Garlic Festival

*Lac La Hache, B.C.* – The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) encourages everyone to visit the Lac La Hache Area and South Cariboo Area Official Community Plans (OCPs) Update booth at the Garlic Festival on August 27 and 28. CRD elected officials, staff and consultants will be available to provide information, answer questions and obtain feedback from residents.

“Engaging with residents, business owners, and vacationers is an important part of the OCP review process,” states CRD Chair and Electoral Area G Director Al Richmond. “We want to create updated OCPs that are useful tools for the Lac La Hache and South Cariboo communities now and into the future and that represent the interests and wishes of our residents as a whole.”

Earlier this year, the CRD launched the process to update the OCPs for the Lac La Hache Area and South Cariboo Area. Late winter and early spring saw a series of engagement activities encouraging community member participation. Open Houses were hosted in Lac La Hache and the South Cariboo area in late February and community surveys were available from February until mid-April. Over 160 people completed the surveys and provided feedback and local information. Work has been rapidly moving forward and the CRD anticipates completion of both OCP reviews by the end of the year.

Preliminary OCPs for Lac La Hache and the South Cariboo are being drafted and they will be reviewed by members of the respective Advisory Committees, CRD Staff and other stakeholders in the fall. The draft OCP policies will then be posted on the CRD website for community input, including a survey. The completed draft OCPs will be presented during Open House sessions anticipated in the late fall.

Public Consultation Summary Reports and Technical Background Reports for the Lac La Hache area and the South Cariboo have been posted on the CRD website [cariboord.ca](http://cariboord.ca).

Regular project updates will be provided on the CRD’s website, on Facebook at [facebook.com/CaribooRegion](https://facebook.com/CaribooRegion) and on Twitter at [@CaribooRD](https://twitter.com/CaribooRD). For further information, call the CRD’s Development Services Department at 250-392-3351 or 1-800-665-1636.

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