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## CRD seeks final input on Official Community Plans

*South Cariboo, B.C.* – The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) is hosting four open houses from March 6-9, 2017, regarding the South Cariboo Area and Lac La Hache Area Official Community Plan (OCP) updates. The open houses are the final events for community members to provide comments and feedback on the draft OCPs.

OCP updates are community-driven processes. Since early 2016, the CRD has been engaging with residents, business owners and other stakeholders regarding the South Cariboo and Lac La Hache OCPs. CRD planning staff and consultants reviewed the preliminary draft OCPs with volunteer advisory groups in the fall and will present the revised drafts at the upcoming open houses for final review.

At the open houses, community members can learn about the OCP process, explore the issues the OCP addresses and get an overview of what is included in the draft OCPs. Most importantly, they can provide their feedback and let the CRD know if the draft documents accurately reflect their values and concerns.

“We really hope community members will attend an open house near them and let us know if we have got it right on their Official Community Plan,” states CRD Chair Al Richmond. “OCPs are one of the most important planning documents for a community. These plans help the CRD Board make decisions on a number of important community matters including land use decisions, environmental protection, and the look and feel of an area.”

### South Cariboo Area OCP Open Houses

**Monday, March 6, 6 – 8 p.m.**

108 Mile Community Hall

**Tuesday, March 7, 6 – 8 p.m.**

Lone Butte Community Hall

**Wednesday, March 8, 6 – 8 p.m.**

Forest Grove Community Hall

### Lac La Hache Area OCP Open House

**Thursday, March 9, 6-8 p.m.**

Lac La Hache Community Hall

The CRD will incorporate feedback received at the open houses into the draft OCPs. After a formal referral process, public hearings will take place and the OCPs will go to the CRD Board for adoption.

For more information about the South Cariboo Area or Lac La Hache Area Official Community Plans visit [cariboord.ca](http://cariboord.ca) and click the corresponding OCP icon on the right-hand side of the page.