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To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

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From: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

Date of Meeting: Cariboo Regional District Board_Oct02_2020

File: Bouchie Lake Community Planning/Recreation

Short Summary:

Bouchie Lake Community Issues

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

Bouchie/Milburn Lake is a vibrant community west of Quesnel. The community receives a number of Regional District services, including a community hall and recreation services that fall under the umbrella of North Cariboo Recreation. The Bouchie Lake Hall and recreation facilities are managed by the Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission, a Commission appointed by the Board and governed under a CRD Bylaw. The Board may also recall that we are in the process of developing a Bouchie-Milburn Neighbourhood Plan. This Board-approved activity is a pilot project designed to build community development policies more geared towards distinct communities.

Attached is correspondence from the Bouchie Milburn Community Planning Team (BMCPT). This organization is a community-based group that has no formal ties to the Cariboo Regional District. They received funding from the Rural Dividend and have conducted some community consultation and planning activities. A representative of the group does have a seat on the Bouchie-Milburn Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee.

The BCMPT has been corresponding with the Electoral Area Director (Director Bachmeier), Chair Wagner and myself. We generally chose not to engage and communicated that to the group. They did send in one letter that we intended to respond to but have not done so as of yet.

For some time now there has been a general level of disharmony in Bouchie Lake, mostly around the administration and operation of the recreation facilities. There have been several meetings, initiatives, conversations and considerable resources, both political and staff, engaged in trying to find a way to bring the community together over the years. They have not been successful.

The Board has already committed to the Bouchie-Milburn Community Plan, in which Director Bachmeier and staff have been fully engaged. Further engagement in the internal community workings of Bouchie-Milburn is not contemplated in the Board's Strategic or Tactical Plans. Further, we are far from convinced that such efforts would result in a suitable resolution.

Attachments:

Various Items of Correspondence from the BCMPT

Financial Implications:

None

Policy Implications:

The current system of recreation management is enshrined in the Recreation Commission Bylaw, under the umbrella of North Cariboo Recreation. Staff feels that the Recreation Commission is doing an admirable job, and that there is no reason for change at this time.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- Communication:** Facilitate communication strategies throughout the entire Cariboo Regional District that meet the needs of residents, community stakeholders, and other levels of government.
- Planning:** Intentionally plan services and activities of the CRD to prepare for future needs of residents and community stakeholders.
- Economic Sustainability:** Foster an environment to ensure the economic sustainability of CRD communities and the region.
- Governance:** Ensure that CRD governance policy and practices are intentional, transparent, and respectful.

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CAO Comments:

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Options:

Endorse recommendation;
Receipt and other action.

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from John M. MacLean, CAO, dated September 25, 2020, regarding correspondence received from the Bouchie Milburn Community Planning Team, be received. Further, that the Board confirm the current model of management of the recreation and cultural assets in Bouchie-Milburn and take no further action.