



Bouchie-Milburn Neighbourhood Plan Engagement Event #1 Summary

Event: Bouchie Lake Community Market & Garage Sale

Date & Time: Sunday, June 30, 2019 – 10 AM to 3 PM

Location: Bouchie Lake Community Hall

CRD Representatives: Nigel Whitehead, Senior Planner; Elizabeth Montgomery, Area B Alternate Director

Personal Interactions: 30

CRD staff ran a table at the Bouchie Lake Community Market & Garage Sale. The event was during a sunny, warm day on the July long weekend and was lightly attended, both by sellers and attendees. Staff had 30 one-on-one conversations with area residents about the project. BMNP Newsletter #1 and Survey #1 were available for distribution. Many residents committed to complete the survey online and five paper surveys were completed.

An interactive map of the project study area was posted to spur discussion. Residents were asked to identify their house and their favorite location within the area. Twenty-seven responses were posted on the map. Top favorite locations identified included: Bouchie Lake, individual's homes, Milburn Lake, Hangman's Spring Recreation Site, and the Claymine trails.

Discussions with residents revealed several consistent themes around positive attributes in the area including: peaceful natural setting for country living, direct access to varied recreation opportunities, environmental values, and a close-knit community social network.

Suggested areas of focus and neighbourhood concerns centred on safe pedestrian and recreational access along road corridors, continued and increased support for formal recreation sites including lake access, poor cellphone reception and limited internet speeds, and maintaining and/or enhancing water quality of Bouchie and Milburn Lakes.

Overall, both new and long-standing residents demonstrated a strong sense of community identity and pride of place. Discussions primarily focused on unique community attributes related to rural lifestyle in the area such as equestrian community, agriculture, OHV recreation, lake recreation, and environmental values (i.e. pelicans on the lakes).



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)



Bouchie-Milburn Neighbourhood Plan Engagement Event #3 Summary

Event: Bouchie-Milburn Neighbourhood Plan Open House

Date & Time: April 30, 2022; 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Location: Bouchie Lake Community Hall

CRD Representatives: Nigel Whitehead, Manager of Planning Services; Barbera Bachmeier, Electoral Area B Director; Jonathan Reitsma, Planning Officer I; Stella Xiao, Associate Planner.

Attendance: 34 people

CRD staff and Electoral Area Director Barb Bachmeier hosted an open house to present the plan and solicit neighbourhood feedback on the draft Bouchie-Milburn Neighbourhood Plan. The open house was advertised via unaddressed mailer to all plan area residences; posters located in prominent neighbourhood gathering places; online via CRD social media pages and on the CRD project webpage.

Multiple tables and displays were available outlining summaries of each Chapter of the plan. All maps for the plan were provided, including proposed land use designation changes and assignments. Participants were invited to review their property for proposed changes. Staff were available to discuss policy statements related to various subjects in the plan. BMNP Survey #3 was available to complete at the hall, or online. Copies of the draft plan were available for review.



Open House Photo