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Dear SAMPLE

**RE: Bouchie Lake Sewer System Pre-Feasibility Engagement**

The Cariboo Regional District is seeking your input on the health of Bouchie Lake watershed and the future of a proposed sewer system for the surrounding community. We are considering whether to study the feasibility of such a system, and first want to understand the desires of the community.

Bouchie Lake suffers from seasonal algae blooms, which present health, safety and environmental hazards for humans and animals. A study completed in 2009 by the B.C. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy indicated that these algae blooms were the result of excessive levels of phosphorus and nitrogen entering the watershed. A significant amount comes from septic systems along the lake which are in various stages of repair.

This proposal is being considered as one workable option to reduce the amount of nutrient inflow into Bouchie Lake. We first need to complete a feasibility study to understand the capital costs involved, the type of systems that would be appropriate, and the taxation implications. Other actions would also need to be taken, including:

- Official Community Plan amendments to add a sewer system plan and land use policies;
- Engineering designs and drawings for a collection and treatment system;
- Consultation with First Nations and relevant provincial agencies;
- Confirm financing, including any local area taxation, borrowing, and grant funds; and
- Hold a referendum to seek approval for the service being established.

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We are asking you, and other residents of Bouchie Lake, to tell us whether to proceed with a feasibility study by taking our input survey. We are asking for you to complete your survey by **May 15, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.** in order to make your opinion heard. You can access this survey by visiting the Regional District's website, [www.cariboord.ca/BouchieLakeSewer](http://www.cariboord.ca/BouchieLakeSewer).

We will also be hosting a public information meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Bouchie Lake Community Hall. If you have further questions, concerns, or ideas about the proposed feasibility study, we encourage you to attend this event.

Sincerely,

Barb Bachmeier  
Director, Electoral Area "B"

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