

# Lac La Hache Area

## OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

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*The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) recently launched a project to update the Official Community Plan (OCP) for the Lac La Hache Area.*



### Community Survey is up until March 31st!

Visit [www.cariboord.ca](http://www.cariboord.ca) and click the **Lac La Hache Area OCP** button in the sidebar to get to the survey. Or pick up a copy at the Cariboo Regional District office in 100 Mile House or Williams Lake.

### What's an Official Community Plan (OCP)?

An OCP is a document that provides policies on a broad range of topics including housing, economic development, the environment, parks, transportation and other infrastructure. OCPs designate land for specific purposes, like commercial, retail, residential, park, resource and industrial uses.

Local governments use OCPs to help guide and support decision-making on a number of important community matters including economic development, transportation, recreation, environmental protection, and more.

Originally adopted in 1997, the Lac La Hache Area OCP needs updating to better reflect current community issues and priorities. It is one of the **most important planning documents** for the area. It establishes **policies around development and land use** including direction for the Zoning Bylaw. The OCP is a great opportunity for reflection, **to confirm or revise objectives** and **work towards meeting them**.

### What's the process?

The CRD will be taking a strategic approach to updating the Lac La Hache Area OCP. The revised plan needs to maintain the pieces of the old OCP that have worked well, but also will address the changes the area has experienced over the last 20 years.

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The OCP update will be a community-driven process. The CRD has been working hard to engage broadly with residents, business owners, property owners and other stakeholders. Some of the main engagement activities so far have been:

- ▶ **Open Houses:** An Open House was hosted at the Lac La Hache Community Hall in late February and was attended by over twenty residents. Thanks to everyone who came out. Participants provided a lot of very helpful feedback and information. The Open House Summary Report will be available soon – keep an eye out for project updates!
- ▶ **Community Survey:** The first community survey is **now open!** The survey can be completed online or on paper. Please visit [www.cariboord.ca](http://www.cariboord.ca), click the OCP link in the sidebar to take survey, visit a CRD office to pick up a paper copy. The survey is open until **March 31st**.
- ▶ **Advisory Committee:** A Lac La Hache Area OCP Update Advisory Committee will be set up soon consisting of area residents, business owners

and the Electoral Area Director. Committee members will provide valuable local knowledge, review materials, provide advice as the draft OCP progresses, and help keep their neighbours, friends, and colleagues up-to-date on the project. If you are interested in serving on this Committee or would like more information, please contact Karen Moores, Manager of Development Services at [kmoores@cariboord.ca](mailto:kmoores@cariboord.ca), 250-392-3351 or 1-800-665-1636.

- ▶ **Project Website:** You can participate in project surveys, get the latest news and download all project materials at [www.cariboord.ca](http://www.cariboord.ca).

The Lac La Hache Area OCP update is expected to be completed by the fall of 2016. The timeline outlines major project components and expected timing.



### Who's working on it?

The CRD is working with a consulting team made up of community planners and technical staff led by planning and environmental consultants the Arlington Group Planning + Architecture and supported by EcoPlan International and Associated Environmental Consultants.

### Next Steps

Water quality of the Lac La Hache Area is a concern. Environmental and water quality protection is an important part of the OCP Update. The consultants are working on an updated lake study for Lac La Hache. The updated Lac La Hache Lake Study is anticipated to be available on the website for review in April.

### Want more information?

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