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Lac La Hache Residents Encouraged to Participate in OCP Survey

Lac La Hache, B.C. - Community support is critical to the success of an Official Community Plan (OCP) and the Cariboo Regional District (CRD) wants to hear from you if you are a resident of the Lac La Hache area. The CRD is undertaking a review of the Lac La Hache Area OCP and a number of opportunities for the community to help develop and contribute to the OCP have been identified.

A community survey is now available and can be completed online or on paper. Please visit cariboord.ca and select the Lac La Hache OCP link on the home page to take the survey or visit the CRD offices located in 100 Mile House or Williams Lake to pick up a paper copy. The survey is open until April 15, 2016.

Earlier this year, the CRD launched the process to update the Official Community Plan (OCP) for the Lac La Hache Area. The existing Plan was adopted in 1997 and many site specific changes have taken place since then.

"I strongly encourage all residents within the Lac La Hache OCP Area to have your say and complete a survey," states Electoral Area G Director and CRD Chair Al Richmond. "This is an important process for the community and we want to ensure we develop an updated plan that will meet the needs and wishes of its residents now and for the future."

Once the update is completed, the document will align community values, aspirations and perspectives for growth within the Lac La Hache Area governed by the OCP. The OCP will identify or include economic development opportunities, an agriculture policy, shoreland management standards, environmental protection and climate change.

The OCP update is expected to be completed this fall and will be presented to the CRD's Board of Directors for endorsement. Once adopted, the updated OCP will help ensure that decisions from all CRD departments are aligned and working towards a common direction and within the parameters of the OCP.

The OCP Review is being led by Planning and Environmental Consultants working with the CRD Development Services Department and residents from Lac La Hache. For more information, please contact the CRD's Development Services Department at 250-392-3351 or 1-800-665-1636. Regular project updates will be provided on the CRD's website, on Facebook at [facebook.com/CaribooRegion](https://www.facebook.com/CaribooRegion) or on twitter at @CaribooRD.

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