

Lac La Hache Area

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

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The second meeting of the Advisory Committee was held at the Lac La Hache Community Hall. The meeting took place from 7:00 to 9:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016.

In Attendance

- **Lac La Hache Residents**
Brent Rutherford
Diane Wood
Paul Cowley
Laurel Murray
Geoff Garland
Laurel Murray
Pam Theodore (Canim Lake Band)
Ian
- **Cariboo Regional District**
Al Richmond – Area G Director
Karen Moores – Manager of Development Services, CRD
- **Consultants**
Graham Farstad – Project Leader and Principal, Arlington Group
Amanda Grochowich – Assistant Planner, Arlington Group

Absent With Regrets

- *Lorraine Gillespie*
- *Doreen Belisle*
- *Dave Bedford*
- *Dustin Leduc*

Karen Moores welcomed all present and thanked them for agreeing to assist in the updating of the Lac La Hache OCP. The role of the Advisory Committee was addressed as well as that of the consultant team, staff, other stakeholder groups and the general public. The OCP work program, geographical area it comprises and the time frame for the overall process were also reviewed. Graham Farstad then went through a PowerPoint presentation which provided an overview of the OCP update, the results from the Garlic Festival and second community survey and several key land use issues.

Lac La Hache Lake Study

- Since the last meeting, the Lake Study was updated. The updated version was circulated to Advisory Committee members.
- It was noted that it is difficult to effectively identify trends when the data is so far out of date. The group would like to see updated water testing data.

Community Consultation

- Survey Results
 - Survey results were presented and are available in the Public Consultation Summary Report #2 document.
- Vision Statement
 - The community would like to see renewable or sustainable incorporated into the vision statement.

Key Land Use Issues

Following the Community Consultation discussion, Graham led the Advisory Committee through select topic areas of the OCP. Material was provided on the PowerPoint slide for reference and discussion purposes. The following comments were provided:

- Residential
 - The group was informed that the topic of secondary suites is going in front of the Board sometime in the next several months. The Board is considering allowing secondary suites throughout all of the Cariboo. The general consensus of the Advisory Committee is to permit secondary suites in the OCP.
 - Explanation was provided to the differences of secondary suites versus coach houses, vacation rentals and traditional B&Bs. Vacation Rentals will continue to be disallowed within the Lac La Hache OCP area.
 - Vacation Rental infractions need to be reported to the CRD for Bylaw Enforcement.
 - CRD will clarify with local real estate agents that Vacation Rentals are not permitted within the Lac La Hache area.
- Commercial
 - The passage of time has had an impact on the Townsite. Should investigate a communal “tidying-up” event to help restore the appearance of the Townsite.
 - Would like to know brownfield development status of former gas stations within the Townsite.
 - Need to remember to celebrate the successes that Lac La Hache as already achieved.
- Agricultural
 - Discussion about non-farm use versus exclusion of land from the ALR.
 - Would like to see targeted consultation with the four largest ranches in the area.
- Environment
 - General agreement to the concept and general framework for the new Aquatic Health Development Permit Area.
- Transportation
 - Comments were covered earlier in the meeting and included:
 - Concern over the lack of transparency and advanced planning by the Ministry of Transportation, particularly with the development of the Cariboo Connector.
 - Identifying Forbes Corner as unsafe.
 - Road maintenance is also an issue.
- Arts, Culture & Heritage
 - General consensus with policies provided.
 - Need to recognize that Lac La Hache was a historic gathering place for the Canim Lake Band as well as for other local and traveling nations. Canim Lake Band continues to have ties to the community and is very interested in participating within Lac La Hache.

- Concern with potential impacts to local archeological contexts and the environment.
- Age-Friendly
 - Would like wording “within the financial capacity” to be revised. Perhaps to “within the tax base of the taxpayers” to avoid overcommitting the CRD to particular services or programs.

Next Steps

Some material was provided prior to the meeting. It was noted that future material should be made available in paper format prior to meeting for easier review. In addition, members would like upwards of 3 weeks’ notice prior to the next meeting so they can have sufficient time to review the Draft OCP. The next advisory committee meeting is currently anticipated to be in January 2017.

The Arts & Crafts Fair on Nov. 5-6, 2016 was identified as the next community event for Lac La Hache Residents. CRD Staff and the Consultant Team will investigate ways to use this event for educating and increasing awareness of the OCP Update project to Lac La Hache residents.

The meeting concluded at 9:15pm.