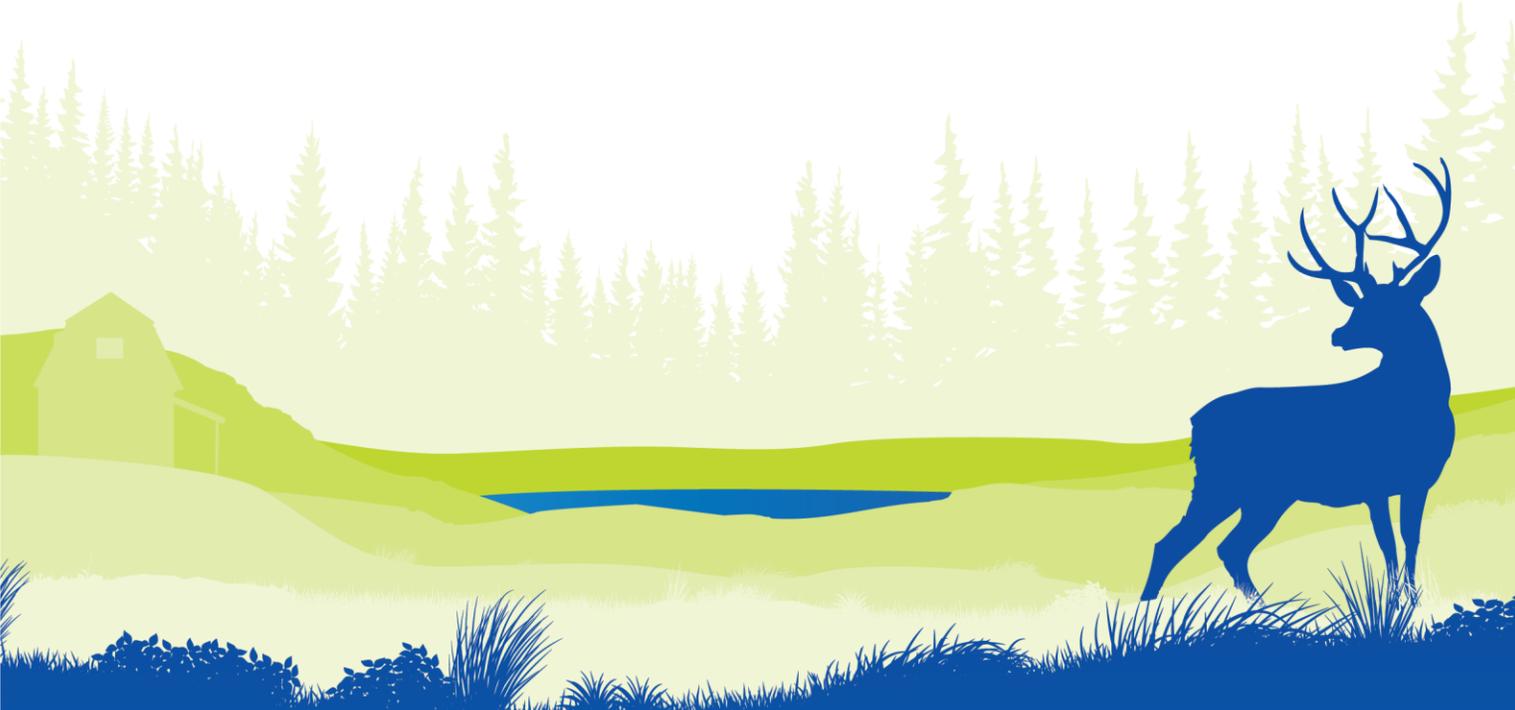


South Cariboo Area

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE



Advisory Committee Meeting #3 & 4

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September & October 2016 Meeting Summaries

The third and fourth meetings of the Advisory Committee were held in the Lions Den Meeting Room at the South Cariboo Recreation Centre in 100 Mile House. The third meeting took place from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm on Thursday, September 8th 2016 and the fourth meeting took place from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm on Wednesday October 12th.

Member	September 8 th	October 12 th
Area G Ron Soeder Nicola Maughn Marilyn Niemiec Sonja Ramsey Al Richmond	In attendance Absent with regrets Absent with regrets Absent with regrets Absent with regrets	Absent with regrets Absent with regrets Absent with regrets Absent with regrets In attendance
Area H Peter Sanders Doug Smith Margo Wagner	In attendance Absent with regrets In attendance	In attendance Absent with regrets In attendance
Area L Peter Crawshay Harold Mobbs Val Severin Brian Coakley	Absent with regrets Absent with regrets Absent with regrets In attendance	In attendance Absent with regrets Absent with regrets In attendance
Other Leon Chretien Pam Theodore Elizabeth Pete	In attendance Absent with regrets In attendance	Absent with regrets In attendance N/A
CRD Karen Moores Todd Conway	In attendance N/A	Absent with regrets In attendance
Consultants Graham Farstad John Ingram Amanda Grochowich	In attendance In attendance N/A	In attendance N/A In attendance

September 8

Karen Moores welcomed all present and thanked them for attending. She turned the meeting over to project consultant Graham Farstad who provided a brief background to the OCP process for the benefit of Elizabeth Pete. This was followed by a round of introductions as not all members had not previously met. Elizabeth Pete – representative of the Northern Shuswap Tribal Council (NsTQ) Treaty Group – then provided an overview of the NsTQ Treaty process. Following her presentation, Graham briefly

provided a PowerPoint presentation on the OCP project including an update on the Horse Lake Water Review, preliminary survey results, community vision and select land use issues.

October 12

Graham Farstad welcomed all present, thanked everyone for attending and then provided a PowerPoint presentation that provided an update of the OCP project, including results from the Garlic Festival and second community survey. The bulk of the presentation was focused on reviewing and analyzing key revisions to policies for the new OCP.

The areas of discussion from both meetings are documented as follows:

NsTQ Presentation

- Presently, 'best case scenario' would be a Treaty for 2024.
- After a Treaty is signed, typically a two-to-three year period before fully effective.
- Concern noted by Adversity Committee regarding ranching and access to grazing lands post-Treaty as well as the selection of lands.
- It was also noted that local Ranchers feel as if they have not been consulted in the Treaty negotiations.

Horse Lake Water Quality Review

- Graham presented the results of the Horse Lake Water Quality Review undertaken by Associated Environmental.
- Advisory Committee comments included the following:
 - More aquatic weeds in Horse Lake and outflow creek
 - Lake extent appears to be shrinking, while there are more areas of stagnant water which might be supporting weed growth
 - Stagnant water could potentially be related, in part, to weir at outlet, which is locally controlled
 - Lots of water in lake, however, and lake levels are good
 - Flushing rate likely slower than it was 20 years ago
- It was noted that additional mapping of lake dynamics would be preferred.
- General consensus that development near the lakeshore is related to where stagnant water occurs.

Community Survey

- In September, concern over statistical relevancy of survey was noted. By the time the survey closed in October, the numbers had increased to over 250.
- Committee identified significant crossover between economic development and parks and recreation.
- Complete survey results were presented at the October meeting and are available in the Public Consultation Summary Report #2 document.
- No specific comments about the survey results were noted.

Community Vision

- At the September meeting, members discussed replacing ranching and agriculture with forestry and recreation as ranching was noted as not being a main economic driver.
- Reinforced that people are coming to the area for the rural lifestyle and that should be recognized as the attractor and economic advantage of the region. Advisory Committee members feel strongly about economic development for the area.
- Taking into account the comments from the Advisory Committee members and Community Survey feedback, a revised Community Vision statement to be presented to the Advisory Committee was considered appropriate.
- A revised Vision statement that highlighted the importance of Tourism to the local economy was strongly supported.

Key Land Use Issues

- At the September meeting, there was limited time for discussion but the group was overall supportive of the general directions. Members indicated they wanted detailed information to be circulated in advance of the next meeting.
- Additional details discussed at the October meeting:
 - Vacation Rentals
 - Noted that vacation rentals are undermining the Tourism industry. The CRD does have existing policy and regulation covering vacation rentals; however offences are still being committed.
 - General agreement on permitting vacation rentals, provided necessary fees are captured (e.g. permitting or change in taxes) and effectively regulated.
 - Commercial & Industrial
 - General consensus with direction. No specific comments recorded.
 - Aquatic Development Permit Area (DPA)
 - Would like an exemption for archaeological sites noted within the DPA.
 - Would like a reference and/or link to the *Water Act*.
 - Clarification required for water line versus top of bank.
 - Additional Environmental DPAs
 - No specific comments were recorded. General group consensus noted.
 - Wildfire Risk
 - General preference to continue with policy direction as opposed to implementing a Wildfire DPA.
 - Policy details need to be expanded, however would be focused on general education and awareness.
 - The CRD does not have authority to remove dangerous trees from private property.
 - Parks Trails & Recreation
 - General discussion on frustration with existing lake shore access and signage, including concerns with access by fire protective services. While recognizing the specific issues are outside of the scope of the OCP review, the Committee settled on noting that a take-away should be for the CRD to explore how to improve the overall situation.
 - Connectivity
 - General agreement that improved connectivity is required.

- Potential progress was noted given a recent conversation with Telus – certain areas of Area L (and potentially Area H) may see improved access in roughly 2 years.
 - Arts, Culture & Heritage
 - Recognition of archaeological significance will be included in this section. Explicit ‘mapping’ will not be included.
 - First Nations culture will be integrated into an appropriate section within the OCP. The section is currently under development and may be sent to Canim Lake for review.
 - Age-friendly
 - General agreement with direction.
 - Noted that the recent Federal revisions to mortgage risk levels may have an impact on perception of legal secondary suites within the region.
 - Indicators & Monitoring
 - General concept of how OCP goals and objectives can be monitored through the use of identified indicators. General conversation about potential indicators ensued.

Additional Areas of Discussion

The following areas were discussed during the meeting:

- Sections of policy were available for Committee members. General agreement was to take the sections home for review. Sections included:
 - Agriculture
 - Commercial
 - Industrial
 - Environment
 - Servicing
- Additional comments (general):
 - Would like to see the Ridgeview area become a park. Could be a comparable to the Ice caves in the Interlakes area.
 - Would like trails and parks identified.
 - Would like the Community Forest to be mentioned within OCP policy.
 - Was noted that the CRD Board has stayed away from a Regional Park function.
- Next Steps
 - Other events for targeted engagement activities were not identified.
 - Anticipated timeline for next round of Open Houses would be end of November.
 - Next step is to identify dates that work well for each Area Director as well as their respective communities.
 - Would like material to be as simple and clear as possible for residents. Ideally, a side-by-side comparison to capture changes as well as a glossary of terms. Each area should have tailored presentation materials in order to effectively explain how the communities will be impacted.