

3.0 Planning Strategy

3.1 Vision Statement

The Community's vision for the South Cariboo Area reflects its aspiration for the future. The vision involves principles for sustainable development, managed growth, respect for the environment and strong communities. The community sees the future vision for the South Cariboo Area as:

Amidst a spectacular natural setting, the South Cariboo Area is home to healthy and prosperous communities of all ages. It models how sustainable agriculture, forestry and tourism can drive a strong, connected economy.

3.2 Community Goals

The policies presented in the South Cariboo Area Official Community Plan are structured to address the following goals:

1. Maintain a rural character within the South Cariboo plan area.
2. Protect watercourse health by planning for the development of environmentally safe land uses in order to minimize pollution in the South Cariboo plan area.
3. Work with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to ensure a road system that is safe for both vehicular and non-vehicular traffic.
4. Ensure the level of commercial and industrial activities within the plan area meets the needs of the rural communities and is compatible with the scale and rural character of each one.
5. Protect and encourage agricultural activities on land with agricultural potential, in particular within the Agricultural Land Reserve.
6. Minimize land use conflict by planning for compatible adjacent uses which respect the scale of their surroundings and are compatible with its visual character.
7. Promote an active and healthy community by providing sufficient recreational opportunities to meet the needs of the residents and communities within the plan area.
8. Encourage the recognition and protection of the South Cariboo's historical character.
9. Maintain an ongoing dialogue with the various provincial agencies on issues which have the potential to adversely affect people, habitats and the land within the plan area.