



South Peace Fringe Area - Official Community Plan

Open House - Dawson Creek PRRD Office

Notes

Date: Nov. 18, 2008
Time: 5:30 pm
Place: PRRD, Dawson Creek, B.C.

Present: Staff: Debbie Kunz, Assistant Manager of Development Services
Jodi McLean, Planner
Wayne Hiebert, Director of Electoral Area 'D'
Ray Bohn Mr. Carlson Mary Miller
Albert Erbe Fred Banham Brenda Banham
Ian Marchuk Rick Pavlis Kerrie Martin

1. CALL TO ORDER 5:40 pm

2. Meeting Notes

- Smart Growth Principals presented
- Guiding Principals – form Goals – which form Policies – implemented by Zoning
- Work to date on SPFA-OCP
 - Tom met staff
 - Interviews on the Ground
 - Issues Paper being drafted
 - CAC being established
 - Open Houses
 - Newsletter and Survey
 - Website established and invite all to visit!
- Why is this OCP being developed?
- Will this plan follow the recommendations of the CDP ?
- What was the budget for the CDP / SPFA-OCP
- Frustration expressed of Regional District's low authority – ALC supersedes so why do they not write the OCP? There is too much provincial influence.
- Suggestion that the public's input of 2006 into the CDP be brought back for discussion.
- CDP recommendations to be considered in this process, changes / options maybe considered.
- Should preserve productive land for agriculture and develop marginal ALR lands
- Rural tax payers are frustrated with process and tired of not being heard by government!

Break out group comments on Guiding principals

- Subdivision be allowed surrounding existing rural communities ie. Arras and Tomslake
- Check into the Rural Matters process in Alberta
- McQueen Slough / Swan Lake / Radar Lake important to protect environmental sensitive areas.
- Rural Residential development needed for family and community growth
- Cluster (compact) development to support services and infrastructure
- Local Government to aggressively speak for the public in provincial and federal matters

3. TERMINATION

6:40 pm

Deb and Claire, Recorders