

On March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 an “Open House” was held at the Blueberry Community Hall.

The purpose of the open house was to outline the process that will be followed in the preparation of the ‘Lake Eden Area Structure Plan’. In addition, the open house was intended to provide a forum to discuss with the community the objectives of the plan, and to identify issues that the community felt were important and need be included and addressed within the plan.

We would like to sincerely thank the 72 people who braved the snow and blistery winter evening to attend the open house.

The comments received to date range from appreciation for the opportunity to have input and to influence the makeup of the plan at the outset, to those who felt the evening was a complete waste of time because there were no plans that people could respond to.

Again, we sincerely thank each and every one for taking the time from their busy schedule to attend and for the comments received. We value everyones’ opinion.

During the course of the evening and in the responses that followed we have gathered some invaluable information with respect to identifying issues which are of critical or of significant importance to the community. As we move forward we will ensure that our background investigation and technical reviews are broadened in scope to include those issues.

Some of those issues range from impassioned pleas to examine the re-introduction of the Ski Hill into the Lake Eden landscape to the inclusion of feasibility studies into whether a ‘Conference Centre and Boutique Hotel’ as well as other commercial uses are needed, and in fact economically viable.

Others were surprised to learn that the Lake Eden property is fenced and gated as it is private property and at the present time there is no public access to the lake itself. Through the development of the Area Structure Plan, the issue of public access to the lake will be addressed but of particular interest was the concern that people raised about establishing a process to measure and monitor the impact of development on the lake on an ongoing basis.

Comments were received regarding the linking of open space, pathways and walkways to adjacent areas to the north, south and west but others stressed the benefits of establishing pathway linkage to areas east of Range Road 20. That in itself can be problematic due to the volume of traffic (particularly heavy trucks) that use Range Road 20.

Over the next couple of weeks we will summarize all the comments received and post the information on this website.

For those who haven’t responded to date we would encourage you to do so. Please complete the ‘Open House Survey Form’ within this site or simply email your comments to: [info@LakeEdenProperties.ca](mailto:info@LakeEdenProperties.ca)



**Important Next Steps:**

For those of you who felt that the evening was a waste of time because there were no plans to respond to we beg your patience. Parkland County, in authorizing the preparation of the Area Structure Plan emphasized the importance of a transparent and inclusive area structure plan process and we share those values. We felt it important to include the community in the preparation of the plan objectives and in identifying issues that were critical to the community at the outset rather than well into the process.

With our broadened project scope, which will include those issues expressed by the community last evening, and over the next few weeks we will commence our background work and proceed with preparation of the relevant technical studies.

Please be advised that we will be posting the activities and studies on this site as they become available.

As indicated in the 'Process Panel' presented during the open house, preliminary design options will be prepared after all of the background work and the technical studies and reports have been completed. At that point we will again be asking the community to participate in viewing and responding to those preliminary design options. Our target is to have preliminary design options completed in the Fall of 2013.

Again, for those who took the time from your busy schedules to attend the open house we thank you and it is greatly appreciated.

