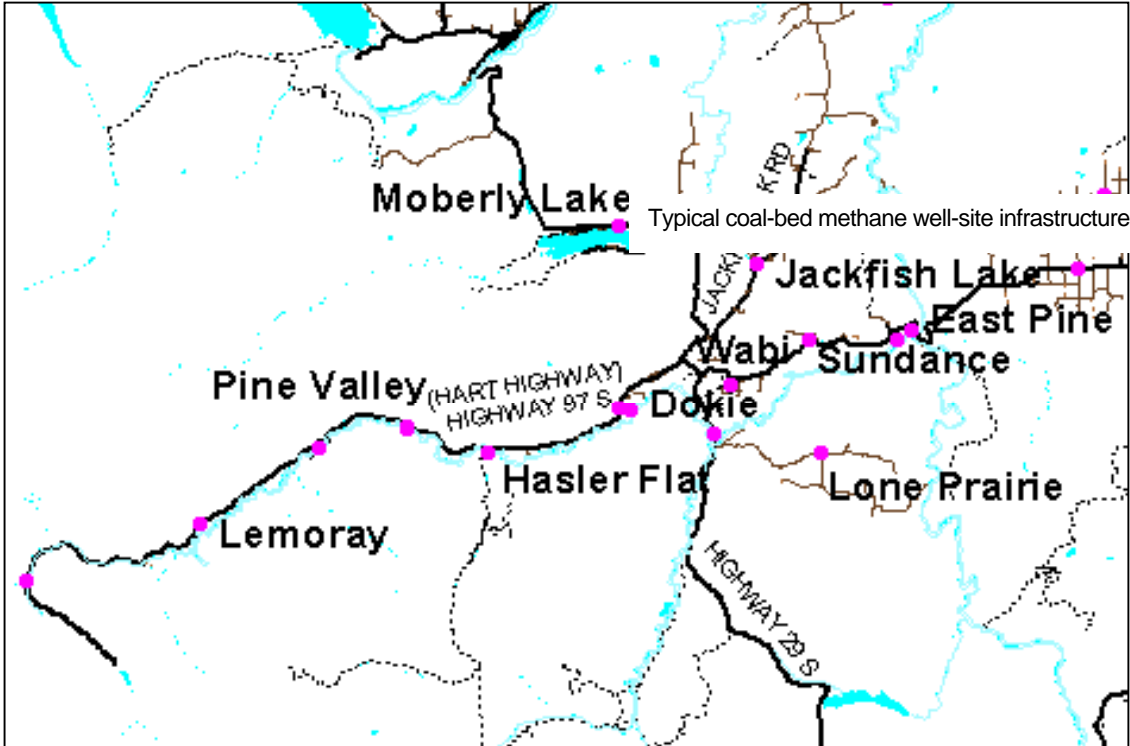


(C) Chetwynd Workshop



Communities Represented

## Workshop Outputs

Date: May 13, 2003

Location: Chetwynd Recreation Centre

### Participants

Yvonne L. Elden, Hasler  
Debra Dee Porter, Hasler  
Barry Porter, Hasler  
Sarah Davies, Lone Prairie  
Steve Rainey, Lone Prairie

Rob Verkerk, Lone Prairie  
Cathy Fowler, Lone Prairie  
Pat Houde, Hasler  
Tim – Director, Area 'E'

The meeting began with welcome comments by Area Director Caton. Bruce Simard then made a presentation of the Rural Plan initiative, which was then followed by a presentation by Reg Whiten about the rural dialogue process, and an overview of the Workshop Agenda. An opportunity was then provided for the group to ask questions for clarification and introduce themselves with comments about what they considered as community strengths. Remaining as a single group, they were asked to participate in a facilitated dialogue on issues to be addressed and needs/opportunities to be considered in their community. Community plans and other information was also available for participants to review, and have specific questions asked regarding land-use or other related matters. Given the small group size, it was possible to record comments in two formats. In part A, we present a dialogue on community strengths and issues (part A), and continued discussions about the community are summarized in point form (part B):

### (A) Rural Community Dialogue

In this open discussion, participants were invited to introduce themselves, and offer comments about aspects about their communities they'd like to preserve or issues they'd like to see addressed. Following the introductions, we record comments only by communities represented (Lone Prairie – LP, and Hasler – HR); we note that there were no public who attended from the Jackfish or Boucher Lake areas:

*Tim Caton: I was told by my predecessor that the people of Lone Prairie wanted nothing smaller than quarter acre sections; they wanted nothing subdivided.*

Ron (LP): "I'd like to leave the place just the way it is now. Leave things as they are. I like the scenery; peace and quiet...I don't want to share it! There's a lot of stray animals. We are still spread out enough we don't really have that problem; what I'm worried about is the people that bring (the animals) with them, there's an increased population."

Sarah (LP): "I'm a full-time rancher; the fact that it's an agricultural valley, and is very important to us. It's a beautiful valley and our scenery is very pristine; we need to be sure we don't have subdividing. The low population is a strength."

Steve (LP): "I work in oil and gas industry, as well. A strength is that our land values haven't skyrocketed due to subdivision. The other strength is that we have like-minded neighbors;

when our animals get out on the road we have cooperation; people don't throw stones since we all the same problems, etc. , and shared type of livelihood."

Cathy (LP): "Keep it an agricultural community; we don't need "city people" there."

Debbie (HR): "I work in the school system in Special Ed Support. Where we live, it's a combination of residential and agriculture; that's why we moved out there and we'd like to see it stay that way. If you're not infringing on the neighbors, you can have it the way you want. We've had elk, deer, moose and bear; it's nice to see; I'd hate to lose that; I have concerns with air pollution, dust, traffic, noise...if coal developments happen."

Barry (HR): "I am woodworker. We've enjoyed a rural lifestyle; freedom to do your own thing; we are not all perhaps like-minded, but we generally respect each other. There's not a lot of restriction on what you can do. We have some rural garbage dumpsters which have been a big benefit which we'd like to keep. We have rural TV; it is pristine but reasonably clean. There are shallow wells. We believe the oil spill has been reasonably cleaned up."

Pat (HR): "I'm a Hasler Flats resident. I'm a trucker. My business evolved from an owner-operator of one truck from 15 yrs. ago to where I am now; 15 trucks. How restrictive will it get being in a rural area? (Potential land use restrictions.) We also have a hobby farm. We enjoy the animals; it's peace of mind, solitude and relaxation. We had to get land rezoned; we had to go to application to get that done. I had a concern; I'd built a big building; I got hold of Regional District, I needed to put lot lines together, because the Hasler lots are quite small. I was told it wouldn't be a problem, but when I got the tax notices I was told there was going to be a problem. Had to go to a hearing."

Yvonne (HR): "I live about 12 km west of Chetwynd. Land was surveyed into three or four blocks; pipeline ran through it; rail went through it. We used to ranch there, as did a lot of people. It's now rural/residential. I have concerns; will they keep on taxing; will the taxes go up. We can't subdivide it. I worry about things like spraying, weed killing. We have our own water. We burn wood; cut our own wood on our own place...many of us do that. I have concerns more about the future stuff and the taxes going up. We have an imperfect water system, so at times we make use of the town water system. We don't want water restrictions." We have heard something about putting a cost on the well water we use. We would not want forced licensing."

*Tim: "A license can protect your water. Other people may want to help themselves to your water. It could result in fouling of ground water sources...NAFTA is a bigger concern. Once you start exporting (water), it's hard to stop. There's a lack of information regarding drilling; in BC we don't have this info. What do we have for aquifers in this area? Every gas and oil well is drilled through an aquifer. Water is a big issue. MTBE (additive in gas) can also impact water quality, severely."*

LP: "There are some possible threats to lifestyle in Lone Prairie like people selling off small parcels of land. Should be sold to the guy that borders it (the property). There's a lot of Crown land; it's all forestry reserve. People need more access to Crown land."

LP: "One threat I see to agricultural land reserve is it's not flexible enough. You have to be able to pursue agriculture in many aspects...if you are in the business you should be able to run a small business to make it viable. Without reducing the size of the land, you are able to pursue agricultural businesses."

LP: We need to protect existing (agricultural) activity; but we want to look at cottage industries.

LP: "Roads have potholes, we need to upgrade."

*Tim: "It's a case of suffering from success!"*

LP: "I don't think land size is the way to do it; it's percentage income. Could run a home here changes to the ALR in fall? Like allowing bed and breakfast, nature trails?"

*Tim: "Outright usage, yes; but local government can put perimeters around it. They have opened it up in those terms. Campgrounds, etc. Why make people make applications for it?"*

LP: Suggested improvements: More permitted uses within ALR.

*Tim: "Is Oil and Gas coming to Lone Prairie?"*

LP: "They drilled, but didn't find enough to justify drilling. There are seismic lines, but nothing active. They haven't been back.... definitely, Oil and Gas is a risk. We don't need any drilling out there."

HR: "That is also a concern out at Hasler. We don't know what is coming in the future. We have health concerns about drilling and exploration. Coal is also coming into Hasler...Sukunka coal expansion."

"What control does Regional District have over BC Rail activities on district land?"

*Tim: BC Rail is a Crown corp. They had to go to hearings when Enersol was built. BC Rail can do what they want if the loading facility is theirs.*

*Bruce: Soon as they rent it out, it's subject to the zoning (the company it's rented to).*

*Tim: "Concern is they will bring coal in via trucks; they will load it to the west where Enersol loads sulphur; the concern is there will be coal dust sifting onto sulphur."*

HR: "And onto us people! Could be a real health risk; esthetics, traffic, noise."

*Tim: "I was out where they loaded coal onto a crusher, etc. The dust monitors and walking around the site...250 yds. From the site I couldn't find any dust...downwind."*

HR: "There would be a problem with trucking and the trains. Has this development had a full public environmental assessment? I think if it had been pursued more through the ALR it would have been done more through public meetings."

*Bruce: What about other community services?*

LP: "Snow removal is brutal. The whole road issue is brutal. When it was a Crown corporation, the road was okay. Now the school bus punches trail! I don't have a problem with the rest of the road maintenance, but come winter, they don't deal with us till there's a complaint. The plow will only come halfway down the valley."

“The garbage dumpsters are awesome, but sometimes we have to drive back with garbage, because the dumpsters are full; it’s town people doing that.”

*Tim: “The opposite happens!”*

LP: “We have a hard time with BC Hydro and the phone companies. We have been out of power for 10-20 hours at a time; it took six months to get them to hook up a phone line. We have issues with weed control; we get in trouble with Forestry having it in our ditches.” The thistle problem is getting worse; to try and maintain it on our land where it’s regulated. It’s on highway right of way where we have problems.”

*Tim: “We got a letter from Hydro; we can no longer supply to rural residents; if you have problems with long-term outages, you should look at personal energy supply.”*

LP: “Yes, we should have a secondary power source; we have standing trees, but each time there is a windstorm we have a power outage. Some were trimmed, but even the ones by our place, no one seems to care to come cut down the trees. We also have problem with wildlife...on the highway/roads. Too many deer. Also, the garbage dumpsters, they could have recycling bins for other things. It shouldn’t be a special trip to recycle; primary sorting would really help.”

*Tim: “Each set of bins is \$30,000.”*

*Bruce: “The bins are intended for large community standards; maybe we could look at other things for community participation...something smaller, maybe independent solid waste collection or rotating recycling services around rural communities.”*

HR: “There’s safety issue with ATVs and dirt bikes; also regarding noise control; also we don’t have any fire protection because we are 15 miles out (of Chetwynd).”

LP: “We are a little bit further out, and we don’t also don’t have any fire services”

*Tim: “There are places where people got together as a community group and got adequate equipment; any one could hook onto it with a pickup. In Arras, they have a completely self-sufficient (fire protection) system.”*

LP: “There is terrible cell coverage in L. Prairie; there is a tower for TV; we can’t even get Chetwynd Radio...it’s full of static. High speed wireless would be pretty amazing.”

*Tim: “Biggest detriment to that is; you don’t want your population to expand. It’s \$250,000 to put the service in – that’s what Telus would charge. We have a wireless committee with the Regional District; Lone Prairie is on our list. Through the Pine Pass is without service. We are working on it.”*

HR: “Hasler at one time had an active community club; seems there isn’t the interest anymore to keep that sort of thing going. Seems we don’t really intermingle with our neighbors anymore; it used to be a close community. It’s changed. There is no community hall. Just a park.”

*Bruce: “Do you see young families moving in, seeking property in your area, or are they leaving?”*

HR: "A lot of us, the kids have just grown up; it's getting to be an older population. For instance, we never get trick or treaters at Hallowe'en. We would like to see young families, while protecting the amount of development. There is a concern that Dokie School will be closing; we pulled a lot of kids from there. We were pulling from families that we shouldn't have been pulling from...the areas we shouldn't have pulled from."

HR: "Hasler was originally subdivided; we are listed in the ALR, but it's not really agricultural. Since I work in town, I don't know who all the neighbors are anymore".  
 "I don't know why we don't have more young families; if people want to be closer to town, or what it is." "Industry is down, so we don't have the population we used to have."

LP: "Young people don't have the down payment necessary, too (to buy property). Maybe there needs to be flexibility...good farm land should be kept as farm land. It shouldn't be cut and dried. Flexibility of ALR. Wouldn't want to see our property divided into four or five pieces, but..."

HR: "One other thing...might have to come from some private enterprise; at some point in our lives, it would be nice if there were a scheduled minibus or van that could go to the rural areas, Hasler, Jackfish, Lone Prairie."

LP: "Hydro is telling us to get our own power source; natural gas is a dream, I know, but it is a good idea. Lone Prairie may never get these services; because there are so few of us...and we value our privacy. That's some of the stuff you have to give up."

HR: "There was a problem a couple of years ago with flooding; the culvert backed up and let loose and caused a lot of destruction. If we had let the gravel in the Pine River stay where it was, it would have caused a lot more destruction. The culverts need to be kept clean. Also, as far as people having junk on their property and allowing it to be close to the creeks/streams; old cars down in the gully...unsightly premises."

*Tim: "Yes, the issue is there; we hear what you're saying; if enough people say enough is enough, that does it."*

LP: "Out in Lone Prairie are people's cows allowed to wander on the roads freely and regularly? It becomes an issue; if you don't slow down and watch; it's dangerous...I nearly got the side of my truck taken out by a bull last summer."

*Tim: "It's an open range, there; if it's animals at large...if they are on the road once in a blue moon and someone hit them, the person that owns the livestock isn't responsible; if they are on the road on a continual basis; then the owner is responsible for all damages. If you have grazing tenure, and your animals come off that, you are liable. That is just touching the surface; there are many different circumstances. Your area is a secondary road; if it's the main highway, that's different."*

LP: "I was told from the end of the pasture closure, it's the animal owner's fault. Apparently, even if the cows run onto my place, I have to keep them off. There needs to be public information on liability/accountability".

LP: "About the gravel pits; who dictates who takes gravel out of those pits? There are two pits, and we can't get any gravel out of them. We have to get gravel from out of town. Is there any allocation for those who need some...?"

*Bruce: "No. I think at one time you could."*

LP: "I heard you could if you are a new resident."

*Bruce: "I don't know if there are private pits out there. PRRD can help access government gravel pits."*

LP: "There has to be some control...there is one piece next to us designated as a gravel pit; it's next to a creek bed. If it were dug out, the creek could come onto our property further."

*Bruce: "Development has to be considered: how it is develop".*

LP: "Seems forestry can do what they want; if they want gravel that's along the road, they just take it."

HR: "There was a forestry practices code in effect; it's been cut drastically. If companies were following rules, it usually wasn't enough of a distance; due to the slope of the land there was no protection. If the water came down, there was nothing to hold it back. I have concerns about road erosion, from timber harvesting. There needs to be further dialogue with Ministry of Transportation, and rules about water protection".

LP: "You mentioned waste site, etc.; that may be a classic factor of what we can keep in mind. At the Regional District, each municipality had their own dump many years ago; provincial government came along and said the Regional District does the garbage thing now. If we had had a 20-year plan, that may have changed things. There was no opportunity to argue."

*Tim: "What I hear here is, these people have the same concerns we've discussed numerous times. The ability to have viable land and peace and quiet; the concerns expressed are that there is probably land inside the ALR that should be outside it; land outside that should be in it. If you have to compete to enlarge your farm; no disrespect, but the guy who's making big money, and the agriculture guy can't afford to buy it...we have small community subdivisions sprouting up willy-nilly, I call it. Not too bad now, but down the road, they are requesting a variety of services. What we are doing here tonight is, we're not looking at today, but what is going to happen with your kids and grandkids; what is going to be available. It's hard to do. Hindsight is 20-20. You've got to look towards the curve. That's the prediction; the country will empty and the cities will get bigger."*

*Bruce: We will look at what the change in migration pattern is; how many people are moving out. Some people believe there is real movement into the rural areas.*

LP: "There's no gas line to Lone Prairie; no train to Lone Prairie... It's little things; if you visit White Rock, there are little fish and chips shops you can go to; the train runs right through it; you don't ever hear it. Why can they do it, and we in a rural community can't do it...could we have that?"

**What do you consider to be your community's strengths and values that you want to protect?**

- **"Leave agriculture resources as is, for ranching"**
- **"Scenery pristine"**
- **"Peace and quiet"**
- "Protect agriculture land, reserve for ranching"
- **"Marginal land in ALR for rural residents"**
- **"Low population density"**
- **"Economics good for ranching – land prices low"**
- **"Like-minded nature of people – loose animals and people (shared livelihood)"**
- **"Rural resident and agriculture mix is good and stable"**
- **"Freedom for choice of livelihood"**
- **"Solitude for hobby farming"**
- **"Clean environment; water wells are good"**
- **"Lifestyles respected"**



**Aquifer awareness signage for Chetwynd's groundwater supply**



**Scenic views of the Pine River**

- "Rural waste disposal"
- "Zoning permitted additional economic use"
- "Self-reliance lifestyle (wood cutting)"
- "Hasler recreation site use – Park"
- "Water is good"
- "Voluntary water licensing protects water use"
- "Forestry land for grazing"
- "ALR protects agriculture business to keep it viable"

**What are some of the challenges or issues currently facing your community? What are some suggested actions for dealing with them?**

Agriculture

- Stray animals within subdivision and increase population
- Weed problems (thistle) lack of control in road right of way; weed killing – spraying;
- Selling off small parcels for new residential – fragmentation of agricultural land
- Need for more access to forest Crown land (no land available)

- Viability of agricultural operations; need to economic, but also enable agriculture business diversification (flexibility) – e.g. additional economic activities like cottage enterprise); what scale of land activity to limit? – e.g. min. 50 % of income from agricultural activities
- More residential subdivisions can lead to problems for agricultural communities
- Problem wildlife on roads (deer) feed in yards; wondering cattle on roads/traffic hazard (open range animals at large) occurs at high frequency
- Information on liability to rural land-owners (with properties adjacent to major vs. secondary roads) owners liable for getting stock off pasture (Crown) – season

### Rural Economic Development

- Hasler Trucking operations – potential problem due to incompatible land-use
- Potential loss of BC Rail jobs

### Environment

- Fouling of water ground sources from adjacent land use; lack of ground water information from drilling wells
- MTBE additive in gasoline can impact water quality
- setbacks to water sources not adequate to control erosion during timber harvest
- Oil and gas development (Lone Prairie and Hasler) during exploration, have concern about expansion (wells, and infrastructure), and health impacts

### Social and Recreation

- Rural amenities with land use restrictions

### Community Facilities and Services

- Youth/rural schools in decline (Dokkie, and Lone Prairie)
- Lack of fire protection
- Forced licensing of water and costs; water restrictions in future?; other water protection issues; cost on use of well-water metering (e.g. Alberta)
- Lack of cell phone coverage and weak radio coverage in Lone Prairie area
- High cost of recycling containers - \$30K
- Dumpster unloading not frequent enough – town people dumping
- Hydro service no longer guaranteed to rural areas

### Roads & Infrastructure

- Poor winter road conditions (need 4x4 to get out) – declining snow maintenance, not dealt with until complaint – only access to dumpster
- Access to gravel (DOT) pits allocation for local use/domestic – application process

### Quality of Life, Safety & Governance

- Light industrial zoning competes with rural residential; e.g. air pollution, dust, traffic, noise
- Coal development; proposed plant in Hasler now on hold affects land values; Hasler and Sukunka coal expansion loading to coal cars can lead to environmental impacts dust, sulphur, noise

- Question about further increase in taxes
- Financing for rural properties purchase – youth population
- Safety from ATV's/dirt bikes (Hasler)
- Derelict vehicles near creek – unsightly properties

<b>What are the present needs and opportunities in your community?</b>
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### Agriculture

- ✓ Flexibility of ALR (quality and use)

### Rural Economic Diversification

- ✓ More permitted uses without ALR (e.g. kennels, etc.)

### Environment

- ✓ Need to study impacts of coal dust and sulphur mixing
- ✓ Season on does – cull program

### Social & Recreation

- ✓ Recreational areas for ATV's/off-road

### Community Facilities & Services

- ✓ Need to consider number of recycling containers
- ✓ Phone and power service (poor response)
- ✓ Long delays in installation
- ✓ Outages (secondary service)
- ✓ Culvert maintenance to control flooding
- ✓ Recycling containers at dumpsters (primary sorting)
- ✓ Need independent solid waste collection (long term plan)
- ✓ Public bus service to rural areas (seniors call-in)
- ✓ Need for future natural gas service in Lone Prairie? – not viable in BC
- ✓ Water hauling container for fire control
- ✓ Duke Energy satellite communities – private providers information on water haulers
- ✓ High speed wireless Internet – cost? Lone Prairie, Hudson's Hope – Pine Pass

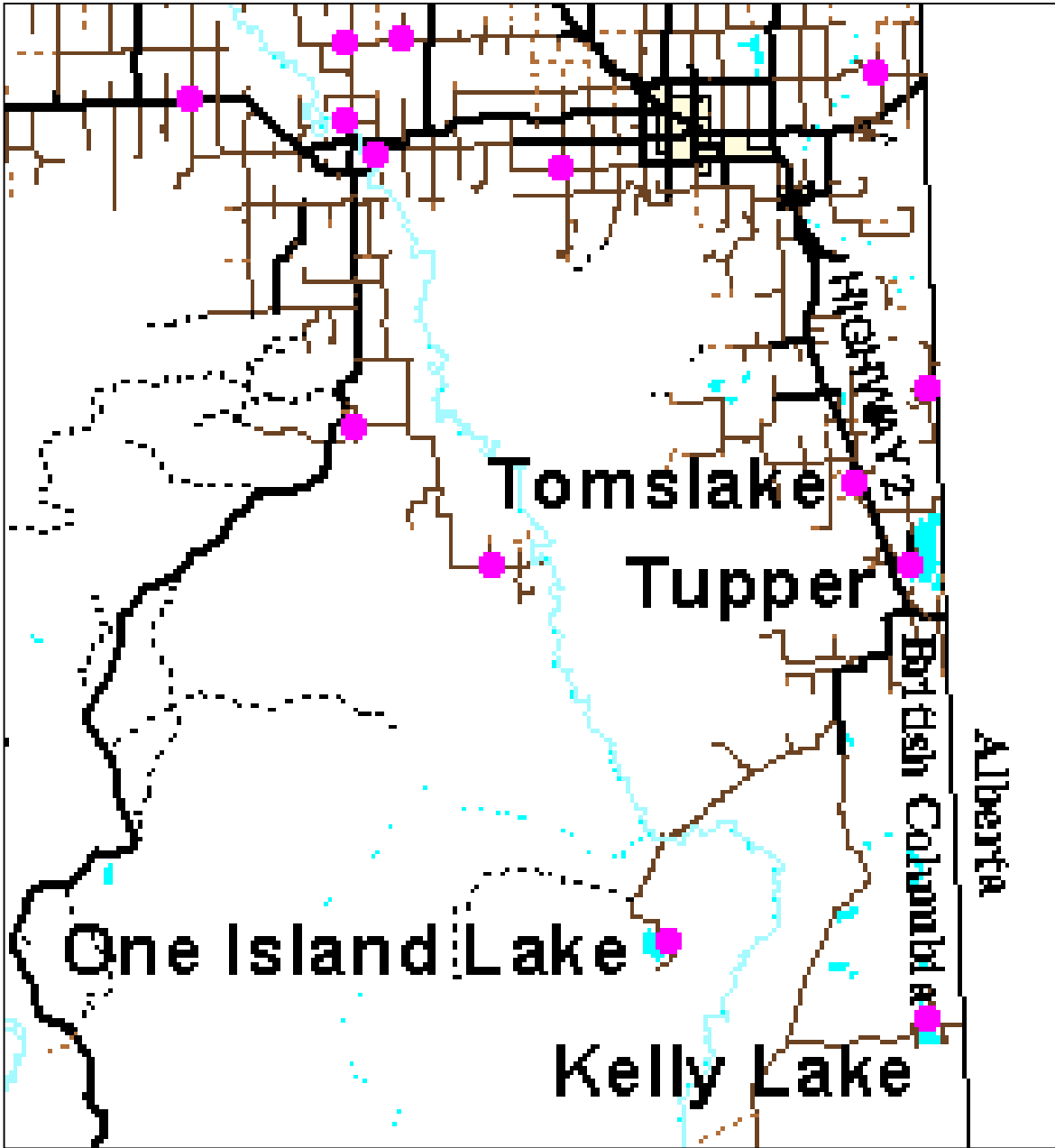
### Roads & Infrastructure

- ✓ Assess development of gravel (Hasler) or other sources
- ✓ PRRD help to access government gravel
- ✓ Train crossing (Hasler)
- ✓ Right-of-way program (snag removal and growth)

### Quality of Life, Safety & Governance

- ✓ Consider impacts of rail traffic (noise)
- ✓ Baffling street motors – dirt bikes
- ✓ Unsightly premises bylaw?

(D) Tupper Workshop



Communities Represented

## Workshop Outputs

Date: May 14, 2003

Location: Tupper Community Hall

### Registered Participants:

Douglas Taylor – Dawson Ck.

William Dennis – Toms Lake

Harry Fister – Toms Lake

E. Kreuzinger – Toms Lake

Bill Lawrence – Dawson Ck.

John Wenhauser – Toms Lake

Cora Pohl – Toms Lake

Edie Miller - Tupper

Franz Miller – Tupper

Albert Erbe – PRRD Area “E” Director

Alvin Stedel – PRRD Dawson Ck. Director

The meeting began with welcome comments by Area Director Erbe. Bruce Simard then made a presentation of the Rural Plan initiative, which was then followed by a presentation by Reg Whiten about the rural dialogue process, and an overview of the Workshop Agenda. An opportunity was then provided for the group to ask questions for clarification and introduce themselves. The participants were then formed into small groups and asked for input on community strengths/values to be protected, issues to be addressed and needs/opportunities to be considered. Community plans and other information was also available for participants to review, and have specific questions asked regarding land-use or other related matters.

### **Opening Questions and Comments:**

“I think because this is important there should be flyers distributed to every household.”

“Is this meeting going to represent the feelings of the people in the whole green area?”

Bruce: “No, there will be more meetings.”

“One way to get more people involved; have something come out with your tax form that is very specific.”

### **What do you consider to be your community’s strengths and values that you want to protect?**

- “Affordable transportation/health standards for seniors in rural areas”
- “Ability for seniors to have local and rural affordable housing”
- “Our community spirit”
- “Dependability on neighbours”
- “Subdivision for family member(s) ”
- “Landowners’ right to choose and determine the best use of their land”

- “Expansion of residential development”
- “Effective utilization of land parcels bisected by railroad and waterways”
- “Swan Lake – for recreation, environmental purposes”
- “The lake shoreline”
- “Our **privacy**”
- “The **wildlife, and birds**”
- “Keeping **Peace River Haven** for Seniors (Pouce Coupe) ”
- “**Independence for seniors**”



Signage for Swan Lake stewardship awareness

**What are some of the challenges or issues currently facing your community? What are some suggested actions for dealing with them?**

### Agriculture

- Use of ALR for residential use (subdivision) what is location of the ALR? Who benefits? Protecting good lands (Class 1) is important
- Protecting supply management system in agriculture (Free Trade; NAFTA is a threat)
- Co-ops viability; they are in trouble (vertical integration – Dawson Creek-Grande Prairie-Edmonton-National)
- Food quality and security; Preservation of fresh food is difficult due to time it takes for shipping; food quality is an issue because its processed outside the area; need more local food production; need more promotion, and preparation (meat, vegetables)

### Rural Economic Development

- Cost of service for industry development is expensive; reduce PST (to approximately 4%) to encourage businesses expansion, airport; shipping cost inefficiencies; e.g. waste of empty vehicles/trucks (need central cooperative warehouse – return haul;
- Railroad access between Hythe to Dawson for shipping solid commodities; need different freight rates (Agricore vs. other freight)
- Rural economic development support; need for working closer with Alberta government Agricultural/Rural development – consistency

### Environment

- Water quality impacts (high concentration of boaters on weekends, etc.); lack of control on boating practices, carrying weeds; Fish kill from low water
- Problem wildlife (deer and elk) in feeding areas – fence damage; Alberta government is introducing Jasper Elk to the border area (25 km); there is no consultation with BC gov't or residents: favour hunting lobby; need to transfer game to other areas; each farmer (1 Elk tag or sell, get money back, draw should be local priority first
- Control over natural resources; need a local price

- Industry environmental impacts; industry utilizing services and not returning to maintain it back to original state i.e. logging and oil and gas users
- Responsibility for animals; people need to better care for pets and livestock
- Wildlife road kill; there is slow response or lack of highway clean up

### Social and Recreation

- Out-migration of young people moving out
- Hospital access; patients transported to Grande Prairie and Prince George reduced from 100 to 30 beds – impacts of closure not considered for small rural communities due to extra cost
- Ambulance expense cost – part of Medical Service Plan
- Recreational services being cut: e.g. Parks

### Community Facilities & Services

- Senior's services cutback; need to keep Peace River Haven open; lack of home-care support for seniors in rural areas
- Waste management Tomslake and Tupper garbage pickup overfilled due to visitors and seasonal users; transient population dump waste on area roads, no control
- Lack of some services e.g. natural gas; propane; water hauling expense; septic disposal (hauling required – lowers property value); high cost to develop
- Privatization of BC Hydro; should not be done!
- 911 service is not satisfactory (always on long hold, delays in getting response to emergencies); and is confusing system for house address and road names and numbers
- Fragmentation of government services

### Roads and Infrastructure

- Road quality; many secondary roads in poor condition; traffic impacts road
- Right-of-way maintenance is lacking to the Lake (there's no control, it's a "free-for-all")
- Oil and gas expansion, development and logging trucks impact roads (not paying for use – not getting share of Fair Share – secondary, non-graveled roads)

### Quality of Life, Safety & Governance

- Lack of policing in Swan Lake area; e.g. speeding, noise, bush parties
- Bathing health hazard on Swan Lake
- Bear encroachment – hazard from garbage

**What would you like to see in your community? What are its present needs and opportunities?**

Agriculture

- ✓ Need to preserve small farm to maintain population
- ✓ Farmland shouldn't be subdivided
- ✓ Have to be able to make a living off the land
- ✓ Ability to produce food
- ✓ Family farms vs. large corporate holdings
- ✓ Right to farm



**Promoting riparian protection at Ducks Unlimited property on Swan Lake**

Rural Economic Diversification

- ✓ Buying power
- ✓ Wiser spending of tax dollars
- ✓ Clear communication between public and government

Environment

- ✓ Monitor water quality
- ✓ Control H<sub>2</sub>S flaring emissions to protect people's health Tomslake & One Island Lake
- ✓ Extraction of water by oil and gas risk for supplies not licensed
- ✓ Water pumping out of lake problem at low levels – leave it controlled by community assoc.
- ✓ Water supply; we shouldn't export fresh water; protecting our water purity; accessibility to potable water
- ✓ Water rights should stay with title of the land; licensing of water rights

Social & Recreation

- ✓ Recreation areas maintained
- ✓ Schools staying open
- ✓ Post Office
- ✓ Convenience Store
- ✓ Community Hall (social gatherings)
- ✓ Recreation activities; more social events (card playing, floor curling, dances, suppers bingo, soccer games)
- ✓ Historical book – being worked on to preserve history of Tupper, Gundy, Peace Valley, Independence Valley, Tomslake

### Community Facilities & Services

- ✓ One Island Lake – 1.8 acre to 1 resident; need to negotiate to more control on residential permits to avoid too much subdivision – density rule – 1-4 residents to 2 ac
- ✓ Community water supply in Tupper; drilling funds available, and treatment
- ✓ Community waste disposal
- ✓ Need gas service
- ✓ Dumpsters in Swan Lake (near park with signage)
- ✓ Burning permits restrictive; conflict with Forestry and MWLAP (air quality) more common sense approach needed
- ✓ More advertising, newsletter, flyer (news, radio, TV); tax form mail out

### Roads & Infrastructure

- ✓ Road enhancement (need advisory for area wide approach)
- ✓ Road improvements maintained as they use to be
- ✓ Ditch clearing of debris (brush clearing)- messing up culverts

### Quality of Life, Safety & Governance

- ✓ Posting littering laws
- ✓ Fire control permits
- ✓ Control of unbuilt access with liability signage e.g. Neighbourhood Watch
- ✓ Dust control on highways