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Time's Running Out to Have Your Say on Regional Parks Plan

Residents in the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George have until this Saturday to share their thoughts and ideas about Regional Parks. Residents are invited to give their feedback as part of the review of the Regional Parks Plan.

"We have provided a number of avenues for residents to participate," says Petra Wildauer, General Manager of Environmental Services with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. "It's important that we hear from as many people as possible so we can be sure that we are managing our parks in a way that's responsive to what the public wants."

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is hosting a number of open houses this week, where people are encouraged to come out and learn more about the parks and meet with Regional District staff and consultants who are working on renewing the Regional Parks Plan.

Open houses are scheduled throughout the region this week, including:

Valemount - Wednesday, November 18, 11:30 pm to 1:30 pm at the Caribou Grill

McBride – Wednesday, November 18, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Evangelical Free Church Hall

Prince George – Thursday, November 19, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the Prince George Civic Centre

Mackenzie – Friday, November 20, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at the Mackenzie Recreation Centre Conference Room

In addition to the open houses, a survey has been posted on the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George website at www.rdffg.bc.ca. Hard copies of the survey are also available at Libraries and municipal offices in the region. The survey is available online until November 21.

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George operates the following parks:

- **Berman Lake** - 45km west of Prince George
- **Cedarside** - 3 km south of Valemount on Little Cranberry Lake
- **George Hicks** - located at Valemount, BC along Swift Creek
- **Giscome Portage (Huble Homestead Historic Site)** - 40 km north of Prince George
- **Harold Mann** - located 50 km northeast of Prince George via Highway 16 East and Upper Fraser Road
- **John Dahl** – located in the District of Mackenzie
- **Koeneman** – located in McBride
- **Kristian Winther** - on the south shore of the Salmon River, 30 km north of Prince George, via the Hart Highway 97
- **McMillan Creek** - accessed via the Hart Highway 97 North off Hoferkamp Road
- **Ness Lake** - 35 km northwest of Prince George via Highway 97 and Chief Lake Road
- **Wilkins** - 15 km west of Prince George via Otway Road.

The Regional Parks provides recreational, educational, heritage and conservation opportunities for all to enjoy. Parks are designed for day use only and offer a variety of amenities which can include picnic areas, fire pits, beaches, restroom facilities, interpretive services, heritage buildings, trail systems and boat launches.

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