

Lake Country Catchment Review - Focus Group June 2, 2015

Lake Country Future Growth

The population for Lake Country from the 2014 BC Stats was 13,015. Since incorporation in 1995, Lake Country's population has grown at an average of 1.3% per year. Lake Country's population growth was 5.6 % between the years 2013-2014 that made the community the fastest growing municipality in BC. The growth has been primarily due to in-migration to Lake Country.

The historic settlement patterns in Lake Country have been largely rural in nature, with most growth being primarily located in the historic communities of Winfield, Carr's Landing, Oyama and Okanagan Centre. The District's growth management goals emphasize infill and the intensification of land use in appropriate locations as acknowledged in the OCP as the "Identified Growth Areas". Focusing growth to specified areas will also make the best use of existing infrastructure and reduce environmental and financial costs of growth. Identified growth area acknowledges these areas could be suitable for future urban development and that any applications for development of properties in the areas should comply with the policy direction of the District of Lake Country's Official Community Plan.

Currently, most of the new growth is located in neighbourhood developments such as The Lakes and Lakestone. The Lakes area is approximately 90% complete as defined in its neighbourhood plan. The Lakestone area is currently in its second phase of development out of its nine phase master plan. The southwest Winfield/ McCoubrey/ Lakestone area is where the majority of new growth will occur over the next 10 years. The Lakestone development is to accommodate 1,365 units over its nine phases. The developer is targeting the creation of 100 units per year for development. The balance of the southwest area defined for development is the McCoubrey Plateau for approximately 2,800 units. A conservative estimate for student yield in this area is approximately 1,000 students.

