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HEADLINE: City plans sustainable neighbourhood

DAWSON CREEK – The results of a recent exercise in neighbourhood planning will be revealed at the upcoming Exhibition and Stampede in August.

The new development, on 94 hectares at the north end of the city, lies between 8th and 17th Streets and south of 210 Road. The land-use planning sessions began with a walk around the site. A group of citizens, city staff, land owners, developers and planning experts toured the site on June 11 before moving to the EnCana Events Centre to begin the four day planning charrette.

“It was a valuable way to start,” says Emanuel Machado, Director of Corporate Planning and Sustainable Community Development. “When you talk about storm-water drainage, viewscales and the surrounding community you have to see it for yourself.”

Drawing on the input of two previous consultations, about 25 people in two groups began the task of laying out a sustainable development. Issues like water drainage, transportation, building density and the retention of green space were considered in the two draft plans that were created.

The charrette process continued as planning experts took the vision and recast it into technical drawings that were used in the next step of planning. After three days of planning, consultation, revision and engineering the results were presented at a public forum on Saturday June 14.

The master design included single-family homes and multi-family dwellings, in pedestrian friendly neighbourhoods centered around an artificial lake. The lots were sited to take advantage of the potential for passive solar energy, improve storm-water drainage and snow removal, and maximize viewscales.

HB Lanarc of Vancouver will now create a development plan based on the outcomes from the three stages of consultation held in Dawson Creek in April, May and June of this year. The final working plan will be unveiled at the Dawson Creek Exhibition and Stampede, August 6 to 10.

More information is available on the Planning for People Dawson Creek website at www.planningforpeople.ca.

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PHOTO CAPTION:

Anne-Marie Whittaker from HP Lanarc, a Vancouver planning and design firm, fills in the details at the public forum on land use planning held in the EnCana Events Centre on Saturday June 14.

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