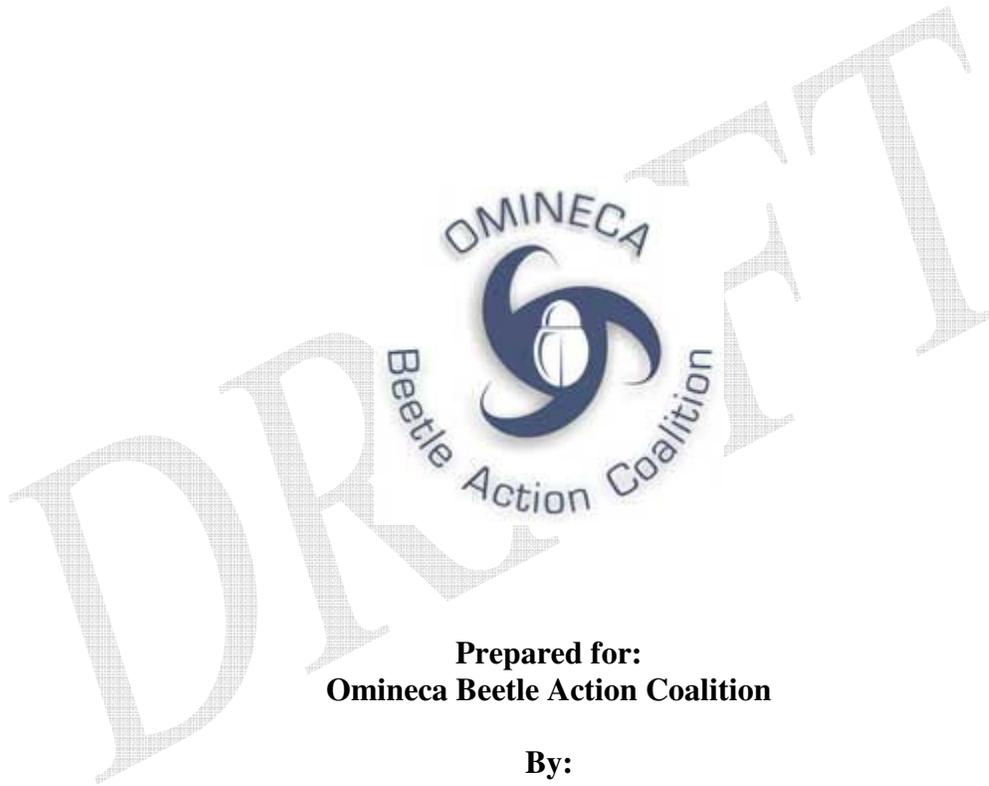


# Government Document Summary for Mackenzie



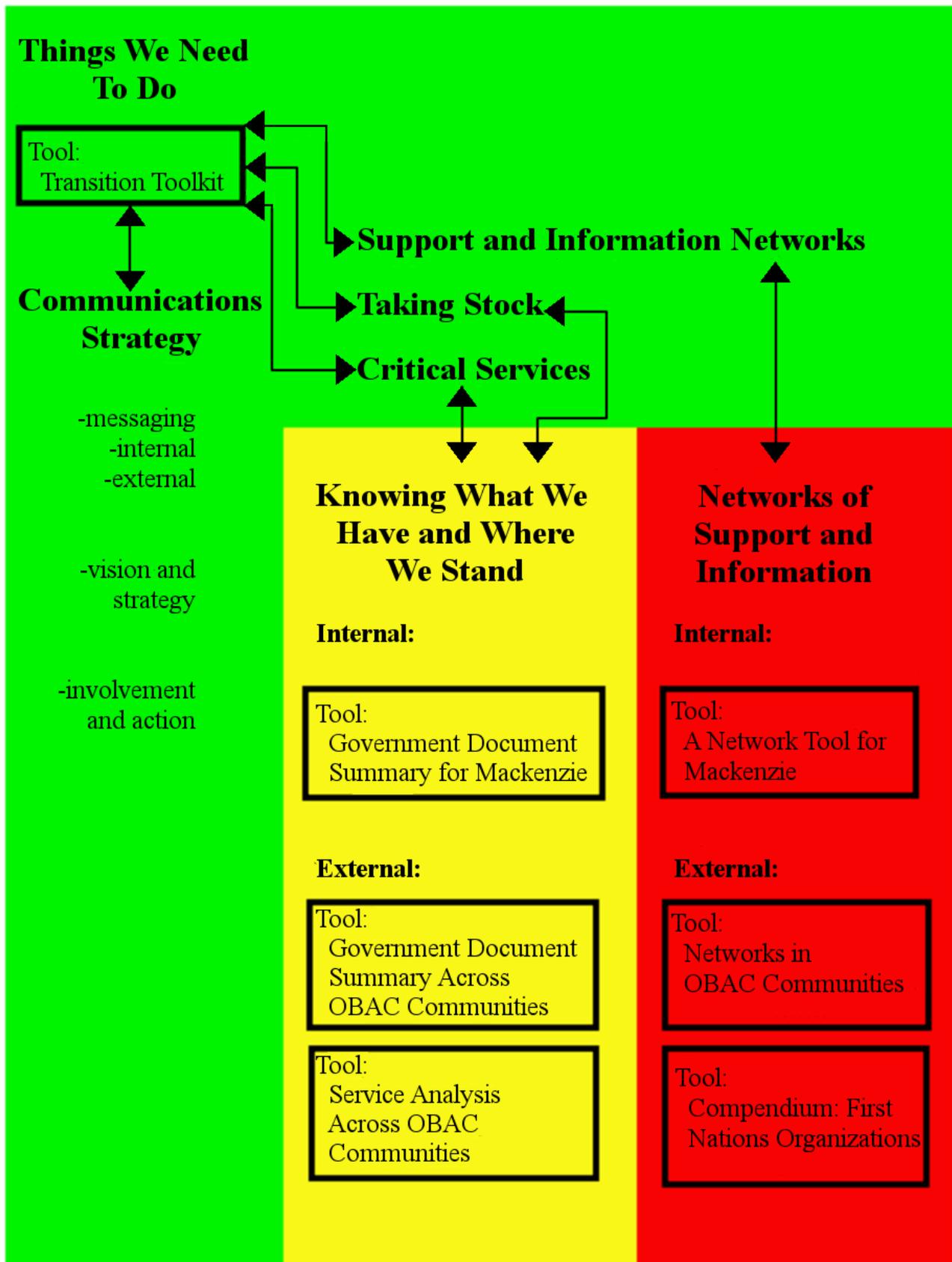
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# More Resilient Communities



**"Three threads that work together to support local economic transition."**

## **More Resilient Communities**

Part of **Knowing What We Have and Where We Stand** includes an inventory of government documents and plans within a community. It is critical that communities develop such plans and strategies to support local efforts to mobilize resources and assets. These tools also outline priorities to ensure that development proceeds in a strategic fashion that fits the local vision.

The *Government Document Summary for Mackenzie* helps leaders to assess their ‘preparedness’ for transition, as well as to determine needed plans or strategies that can position a community to be ‘ready’ to pursue new opportunities.

The *Government Document Summary for Mackenzie* is one piece of **Knowing What We Have and Where We Stand**. In turn, **Knowing What We Have and Where We Stand** is one of three important threads that work together to support local economic transition.

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## **Availability**

Copies of all reports associated with the project are accessible through the Geoffrey R. Weller Library and the Community Development Institute website (<http://www.unbc.ca/cdi>).

## **Project Reports**

- A Network Tool for OBAC Communities
- Networks in OBAC Communities
- Government Documents Summary Across OBAC Communities
- Service Analysis Across OBAC Communities

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## About this Report

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With provincial funding, the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition (OBAC) was established in 2005 to respond to challenges and opportunities associated with the Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) epidemic. The goal was to establish a series of strategies and provide direction to diversify economies, enhance resiliency, and ensure the long-term viability of communities within the OBAC region.

The “Community Transition Preparedness Project” is being undertaken through a partnership involving OBAC, the Community Development Institute (CDI) at UNBC, and the Community Transition Branch of the BC Ministry of Community Services. The ‘location’ of the project includes the areas and communities covered by OBAC within the Fraser-Fort George Regional District and the Bulkley-Nechako Regional Districts. In terms of population, the 2006 census recorded a population of 101,881 for the Fraser-Fort George Regional District, and 44,147 for the Bulkley-Nechako Regional District. This area is the most significantly impacted by the MPB epidemic.

There are three pieces to the OBAC “Community Transition Preparedness Project”. First, an inventory of services and networks in communities was completed to assess their ‘readiness’ to emerge with transition processes. The second involves reviewing this gap analysis with OBAC communities. The final piece entails refining the “economic transition toolkit” that the CDI designed to help rural and small town places prepare for challenges and change.

The purpose of this report is to list the plans and documents that may exist in Mackenzie. In turn, these plans and documents can serve as valuable tools in a community’s efforts to mobilize resources / assets and take advantage of opportunities during economic transition processes. Similar reports have been generated for McBride, Valemount, Smithers, Telkwa, Houston, Granisle, Burns Lake, Fraser Lake, Fort St. James, and Vanderhoof.

**Appendix A: Government / Governance Documentation for Mackenzie**

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## 1.0 Financial Documents

<b>Document Type</b>	<b>Have plan? (Yes / No)</b>	<b>Document Name</b>	<b>Last Updated:</b>	<b>Next scheduled update:</b>	<b>Available on web? (provide web address)</b>
Financial Plan	Yes	Five Year Financial Plan 2007-2011	2007	2011	<a href="http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/launch.asp">http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/launch.asp</a>
Annual Financial Report	Yes	District of Mackenzie 2008 (operating report, capital report)	2008	2009	No, the 2007 report is uploaded.

## 2.0 Land Use Planning Documents

<b>Document Type</b>	<b>Have plan? (Yes / No)</b>	<b>Document Name</b>	<b>Last Updated:</b>	<b>Next scheduled update:</b>	<b>Available on web? (provide web address)</b>
Official Community Plan	Yes	District of Mackenzie Official Community Plan	1996		<a href="http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/launch.asp?ID=512">http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/launch.asp?ID=512</a>
Downtown Revitalization Plan	No				
Neighbourhood Plan(s)	Yes	Report to Council: Residential Expansion Opportunities – report by L & M Engineering	August 2007		No

### 3.0 Environment Documents

<b>Document Type</b>	<b>Have plan? (Yes / No)</b>	<b>Document Name</b>	<b>Last Updated:</b>	<b>Next scheduled update:</b>	<b>Available on web? (provide web address)</b>
Air Quality Plan(s)	No				
Open Burning Bylaw	Yes	Open Burning Control (Bylaw No. 1188)	July 2006		<a href="http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/launch.asp">http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/launch.asp</a>
Energy Plan(s)	No				Mackenzie Green Energy is a private company that will use waste wood to produce electricity.
Pest Management Plan	No				Spraying for bugs (black flies / mosquitos) is contracted out.
Community Forest Management Plan	No				In final stages of completing working arrangement with Macleod Lake FN Band– not incorporated yet.

### 3.0 Environment Documents Continued

<b>Document Type</b>	<b>Have plan? (Yes / No)</b>	<b>Document Name</b>	<b>Last Updated:</b>	<b>Next scheduled update:</b>	<b>Available on web? (provide web address)</b>
Forest Stewardship Plan	No				In final stages of completing working arrangement with Macleod Lake FN Band– not incorporated yet.
Beautification Plan e.g. Communities in Bloom	No				
Mountain Pine Beetle Management Plan / Program	Yes (Tree removal)	District of Mackenzie Operational Fuel Treatment Project Summary	November 2007		<a href="http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/documentframe.asp?ID=163">http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/documentframe.asp?ID=163</a>
Water Conservation Plan / Program	No				
Water Quality Plan	No				Water saving tips posted on website.

#### 4.0 Economic Planning Documents

Document Type	Have plan? (Yes / No)	Document Name	Last Updated:	Next scheduled update:	Available on web? (provide web address)
Economic Plan / Vision / Strategy	Yes	District of Mackenzie, BC Economic Development Strategic Plan	January 2008		<a href="http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/documentframe.asp?ID=478">http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/documentframe.asp?ID=478</a>
	Yes	District of Mackenzie Strategic Priorities	2007		<a href="http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/launch.asp?ID=11">http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/launch.asp?ID=11</a>
Economic Studies (incl. those by external consultants)	Yes	The Connected North: Moving from northern strength to northern strength	August 2004		<a href="http://web.unbc.ca/geography/faculty/greg/research/eds/projectReports.html">http://web.unbc.ca/geography/faculty/greg/research/eds/projectReports.html</a>
Economic Diversification Plan	No				
Community Marketing Plan	No				
Tourism Strategy	Yes	Tourism Development in Mackenzie, Report of the Rapid Rural Appraisal	May 2007		No
Economic Leakage Study	No				
Industrial Adjustment Study	No				

## 5.0 Service Planning Documents

Document Type	Have plan? (Yes / No)	Document Name	Last Updated:	Next scheduled update:	Available on web? (provide web address)
Local Recreation / Leisure Guide	Yes	Visitors' Guide			<a href="http://www.district.mackenzie.bc.ca/visitors.php">http://www.district.mackenzie.bc.ca/visitors.php</a>
	Yes	Snowmobile Guide			<a href="http://www.district.mackenzie.bc.ca/visitors.php">http://www.district.mackenzie.bc.ca/visitors.php</a>
Youth Initiative	No				
Senior Citizen Plan	No				
Health Service Plan	No				
Solid Waste Management Plan	Yes	Regional Solid Waste Management Plan – Regional District of Fraser -Fort George	1997		<a href="http://www.rdffg.bc.ca/Report_Library/RSWMP97.pdf">http://www.rdffg.bc.ca/Report_Library/RSWMP97.pdf</a>
Recycling Plan	In progress (as part of Regional District of Fraser-Fort George)			June 2008	<a href="http://rdffg.bc.ca/Services/Environment/Solid_waste/Review/">http://rdffg.bc.ca/Services/Environment/Solid_waste/Review/</a>
Trail Plan e.g. for walking, cycling, etc...	No				Trail maps are available.
Snow Removal Plan	Yes	District of Mackenzie – Mackenzie Arterial Winter Maintenance	2008		<a href="http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/launch.asp?ID=11">http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/launch.asp?ID=11</a>

## 6.0 Infrastructure Documents

Document Type	Have plan? (Yes / No)	Document Name	Last Updated:	Next scheduled update:	Available on web? (provide web address)
Zoning Bylaw	Yes	Zoning Bylaw No. 1114, 2006	December 2006		<a href="http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/documentframe.asp?ID=160">http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/documentframe.asp?ID=160</a>
Infrastructure Plans	Yes	Water distribution system	10 years		<a href="http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/launch.asp?ID=512">http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/launch.asp?ID=512</a>
Infrastructure Maintenance Schedules	No				Maintenance is dealt with on a needs basis.
Physical Asset Map / Inventory	In progress				Linda Chuddy is conducting an inventory of assets to assist in business planning
Transportation Planning	Yes				
Airport Plan	In progress				We are trying to upgrade the airport.
Social Plan(s)	No				
Social Asset Map / Inventory	No				

## 6.0 Infrastructure Documents Continued

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Heritage Plan / Inventory	No				
Cultural Plan	Yes (as part of Regional District of Fraser-Fort George)	A Cultural Plan for the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George	February 2006		<a href="http://www.rdffg.bc.ca/Report_Library/cultplan.pdf">http://www.rdffg.bc.ca/Report_Library/cultplan.pdf</a>
Housing Strategies / Plan(s)	Yes	Mackenzie and Area Seniors' Needs Project	2004		<a href="http://web.unbc.ca/geography/faculty/greg/publications/SeniorsNeeds/FinalReport.pdf">http://web.unbc.ca/geography/faculty/greg/publications/SeniorsNeeds/FinalReport.pdf</a>
Homeless Studies	No				
Shelter / Second Stage Housing	No				

## 7.0 Emergency Preparedness Plan Documents

Document Type	Have plan? (Yes / No)	Document Name	Last Updated:	Next scheduled update:	Available on web? (provide web address)
Emergency Preparedness Plan – General	Yes (as part of Regional District of Fraser-Fort George)	Emergency Response and Recovery Plan – Regional District of Fraser Fort George	2005		<a href="http://www.rdffg.bc.ca/Services/Public_safety/RDER_RP.pdf">http://www.rdffg.bc.ca/Services/Public_safety/RDER_RP.pdf</a>
Emergency Plan – Fire	Yes	Community Wildfire Protection Plan	2005		No, via a request from the District.
Emergency Plan – Flood	Yes (as part of Regional District of Fraser-Fort George)	Emergency Response and Recovery Plan – Regional District of Fraser Fort George	2005		<a href="http://www.rdffg.bc.ca/Services/Public_safety/RDER_RP.pdf">http://www.rdffg.bc.ca/Services/Public_safety/RDER_RP.pdf</a>
Emergency Plan – Earthquake	Yes (as part of Regional District of Fraser-Fort George)	Emergency Response and Recovery Plan – Regional District of Fraser Fort George	2005		<a href="http://www.rdffg.bc.ca/Services/Public_safety/RDER_RP.pdf">http://www.rdffg.bc.ca/Services/Public_safety/RDER_RP.pdf</a>
Emergency Plan – Power Loss	Yes (as part of Regional District of Fraser-Fort George)	Emergency Response and Recovery Plan – Regional District of Fraser Fort George	2005		<a href="http://www.rdffg.bc.ca/Services/Public_safety/RDER_RP.pdf">http://www.rdffg.bc.ca/Services/Public_safety/RDER_RP.pdf</a>
Emergency Plan – Dangerous Goods Route	No				There is only one primary route in and out of the community.

## 7.0 Emergency Preparedness Plan Documents Continued

Document Type	Have plan? (Yes / No)	Document Name	Last Updated:	Next scheduled update:	Available on web? <i>(provide web address)</i>
Emergency Plan – Other	Yes (as part of Regional District of Fraser-Fort George)	Emergency Response and Recovery Plan – Regional District of Fraser Fort George	2005		<a href="http://www.rdfg.bc.ca/Services/Public_safety/RDER_RP.pdf">http://www.rdfg.bc.ca/Services/Public_safety/RDER_RP.pdf</a> Covers forest fires, chemical spills, snow storm, water break, airplane crash, frost and freeze, structure fires.

## 8.0 Other Documents

<b>Document Type</b>	<b>Have plan? (Yes / No)</b>	<b>Document Name</b>	<b>Last Updated:</b>	<b>Next scheduled update:</b>	<b>Available on web? (provide web address)</b>
Community Update Reports	Yes	Strategic Priorities August 2007	August 2007		<a href="http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/documentframe.asp?ID=247">http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/documentframe.asp?ID=247</a>
Community Update Reports	Yes	District of Mackenzie Annual Report 2007	January 2008	January 2009	<a href="http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/documentframe.asp?ID=161">http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/documentframe.asp?ID=161</a>
Community Update Reports	Yes	Mackenzie Community Profile	2007		<a href="http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/launch.asp?ID=11">http://mackenzie.fileprosite.com/contentengine/launch.asp?ID=11</a>