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Bamberton study seeks public input

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The Bamberton saga continues at an upcoming public meeting that could determine the fate of the ambitious development proposal.

A planned open house and presentation is a data gathering exercise conducted by Trillium, a company that was commissioned in May to do a study on the proposed Three Point Properties development, which would see as many as 3,200 homes — as well as commercial and industrial buildings — on the old Bamberton cement site.

The Trillium study is focused on development issues and existing facilities in south Cowichan, specifically Mill Bay, Shawnigan Lake and Cobble Hill.

When the final report is ready, it should determine the impact of such a large community on things like regional recreation, fire protection services, traffic, and other issues.

The open house will mark the fifth public meeting about the development.

“There were some questions that came out of the (prior) meetings that resounded,” said the Cowichan Valley Regional Director for Mill Bay.

“Some of the questions that came out of the meeting were: ‘What’s the social impact? What’s the economic impact? What’s the parks and recreation impact?’” said Mike Walker.

“Trillium has been working on the project and it’s now their opportunity to talk to concerned citizens about the proposal.”

While many of the concerns were addressed at prior meetings, this is different, said Walker.

“All we’ve seen so far is Three Point’s information, now we’ll have the results of an independent third-party study.”

The meeting takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 at Frances Kelsey Secondary

School, 953 Shawnigan/Mill Bay Rd.

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