



# SPOTLIGHT 2018

## Property Tax Questions

### Does the Regional District issue tax notices?

The Province (*Surveyor of Taxes*) includes the Regional District and Regional Hospital District on the Provincial Tax Notice. If you have questions contact Service BC (1-800-663-7867).

### Where do I pay my property taxes?

Taxes are to be paid at the Service BC office in Dawson Creek, 250-784-2224 or in Fort St. John, 250-787-3350

### Where can I get a copy of my tax assessment?

A copy of your assessment can be obtained from BC Assessment or contact the BC Assessment Authority 1-866-825-8322 or 250-782-8515.

### Is there a tax rate of the Regional District?

There is no specific "tax rate" for the Regional District. Regional Districts are made up of "functions/service areas" and each of these 54 functions has its own budget with an applicable tax rate. Some services are applicable to the whole region, some to select areas (*municipalities and Electoral Areas*) and others just for specific areas within Electoral Areas. The services for a particular property are added together to get the Regional District tax rate for that parcel.

Go to: [prrd.bc.ca/services/finance/faqs-finance](http://prrd.bc.ca/services/finance/faqs-finance)

## Gallery Comments or Questions added to PRRD Agendas!

Once recognized by the Chair during the "Gallery Comments or Questions" section of the agenda, a citizen may come forward to ask a question about an item on the agenda. The time limit for each query is two minutes. Ask away!

## Guidelines for Delegations to the Regional Board

Persons or parties wishing to address the Regional District Board as a scheduled delegation are required to observe the following guidelines:

1. Your request must be made at least ten days before the meeting.
2. Complete a 'Request to Appear as a Delegation' form and send to the PRRD.
3. You will be contacted to confirm a date and time to appear before the Board.
4. The deadline to send in your presentation materials is ten days before the meeting. This gives the Board Directors time to review your information before the meeting.

Go to: [prrd.bc.ca/who-we-are/board/meeting-information](http://prrd.bc.ca/who-we-are/board/meeting-information)

## Board Meeting Schedule

The Peace River Regional District generally holds Board meetings on the second and fourth Thursday of each month beginning at 10 a.m. unless otherwise noted. The December meeting is scheduled for the second Friday.

Go to: [prrd.bc.ca/who-we-are/board/meeting-information](http://prrd.bc.ca/who-we-are/board/meeting-information)

## 911 Civic Addressing

### Why is it important that you apply for a 911 house number?

People should apply for a 911 address if they have just built a new home or business in a rural area of the Peace River Regional District or don't have an 911 address.

911 house numbering is an ongoing service that assigns and maintains a system of rural house numbering and mapping to support the regional 911 Emergency Call service. The data is held in a GIS system that identifies the house location, road network, and parcel information.

It is important to get your 911 address in the event of an emergency. All emergency response agencies (police, ambulance and fire) are provided with maps, which link the address data to provide emergency 911 services.

Go to: [prrd.bc.ca/services/emergency-services/911-services/](http://prrd.bc.ca/services/emergency-services/911-services/)



Check out the facebook page for:

Community Events, and Department Facts, plus weather and road updates!

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## 2018 is the year of the DAISY!



Did you know that there are over 50 invasive plant species that the PRRD monitors and takes measures to control?

In 2018 extra attention will be paid to the daisy. The PRRD will continue its efforts on the full list of plants, but extra attention will be given to the *daisy-like* invaders that are becoming widespread and out-of-control.

Scentless Chamomile and Oxeye Daisy are the two white petaled, yellow centered daisies that the public can assist in controlling.

### Why are these daisies such a high concern?

The challenge with these species is that they are everywhere and resources are limited.

**Scentless Chamomile** has multiple flowers per plant that produce up to 1,000,000 seeds per plant, not just once, but often, twice per year. As soon as the flowers are formed, seeds become viable and these seeds can rest in the soil for over 15 years before they grow into a plant. The seed size of scentless chamomile makes this seed difficult to clean out of grass seed mixes and canola seed and therefore agriculture producers often purchase these seeds without the knowledge of their presence. Most livestock will not eat this plant as it offers no nutritional value to the animals.

**Oxeye Daisy** has one flower per stem that produces up to 26,000 seeds per plant and can grow from both the seeds and underground stems. Livestock find this plant bitter which leaves this plant to spread easily within grazed grasslands, pastures, and rangelands.

The PRRD encourages everyone to participate in the Destroy Daisies campaign to keep the agriculture areas free and begin to control the spread of Scentless Chamomile and Oxeye Daisy. Download the free BC Report-A-Weed app and report anonymously any large infestations of invasive plants from the convenience of your phone.

## PULL-BAG-TOSS

**PULL:** Hand-pull plants to prevent seeds from reaching the ground.

**BAG:** the pulled plants into clear bags flowers first. Tie up the bag.

**TOSS:** the bags into one of the three PRRD landfills for FREE.

For more information contact the PRRD Invasive Plant Staff at 1-800-670-7773.

## pRRRdy Talks Trash Blog!

The new PRRD blog is called pRRRdy Talks Trash! In this blog pRRRdy will be posting all sorts of tips and tricks on recycling and more!

Feel free to share the posts and subscribe to the blog at: [prrd.bc.ca/prrrdy](http://prrd.bc.ca/prrrdy).



## Thinking of running for local office?

People considering running in local elections now have access to resources that provide information about the roles and responsibilities of elected local officials.

Visit: [www.gov.bc.ca/localgov-thinking-running-local-office](http://www.gov.bc.ca/localgov-thinking-running-local-office)



**Engage! is your source for information about public engagement initiatives at the Peace River Regional District.**

Go to: [prrd.bc.ca/engage](http://prrd.bc.ca/engage)

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