



Grants

The Regional Board authorized a grant in the amount of \$3,000, to the BC Peace Predators Female Hockey Society in support of hosting the Midget Female Hockey Provincials in Fort St. John from March 21-24, 2019.

A 3-year grant commitment in the amount of \$10,000 per year was authorized to the Peace Liard Regional Arts Council to assist with their ongoing regional arts programs.

A 3-year grant commitment in the amount of \$10,000 per year was authorized to School District No. 60 to assist with the transportation costs of the Rural Learn to Swim program.

The Regional Board approved the following Recreational Trails Grants in Aid

1. \$13,000 to the Whiskey Jack Nordic Ski Club to construct a day lodge and an accessible pit toilet within Beatton Provincial Park.
2. \$38,561.25 to the Prespatou Planning Committee Society to develop and construct a gravel walking path in Ministry of Transportation Right-of-Way that runs through the Prespatou community pending receipt of permit from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.
3. \$23,414.95 to the Bear Mountain Nordic Ski Association to complete a geotechnical study for the proposed ski playground, and to improve drainage on the Wolf and Lynx trails.

Guidelines for Delegations to the Regional Board

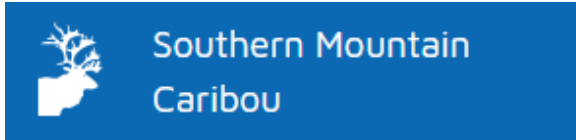
Persons or parties wishing to address the Regional District Board as a scheduled delegation are required to observe the following guidelines:

1. Your request must be made at least ten (10) days before the meeting.
2. Complete a 'Request to Appear as a Delegation' form. https://prrd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/page/meeting-information/Delegation_Form_Fillable-1.pdf or send a letter requesting a date for your presentation. Include the subject matter, name(s) and title(s) of presenters(s), preferred Board meeting date, and your request of the Board (ie. letter of support, advocacy, funding).
- Printed forms can be emailed to prrd.dc@prrd.bc.ca; or mailed to PRRD, Box 810, Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4H8; or dropped off at 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.
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 (10) days before the meeting. This gives the Board Directors time to review your information before the meeting.
5. You will be given a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes for your presentation, including a question and answer period.

Temporary Use Permits

The Regional Board authorized the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit to Dale Benke for a period of three years for the purpose of operating a 700 worker camp, contractor yard, field offices, and temporary warehouse structures for stockpiling equipment and materials for the Coastal Gas Link Pipeline Project in Electoral Area 'E'. A letter of credit to secure the obligations for site reclamation as stated in the permit, in the amount of \$300,000 must be received before the TUP is issued.

The Regional Board approve issuance of a Temporary Use to Wildfire Land & Cattle Co. Ltd for a period of three years, subject to receipt of financial security to secure reclamation of the property in an amount to be determined by a third party assessment of the estimated cost to remediate the property, for the purpose of operating a 500 person work camp and fuel card-lock 13 km west of Wonowon.



The PRRD Continues to Advocate for Caribou Recovery Plan Community Consultations

The Peace River Regional District continues to advocate for an open conversation between the public and the Province regarding the status of the discussions about caribou recovery. Since the meeting in Prince George with the Province, Chair Sperling has continued to be in contact with the province as they work with the Federal government to roll out the consultations to the region. Chair Sperling has requested that a minimum of three public consultations be held in the region.

ALR Applications

The Regional Board supported the following ALR applications to proceed to the ALC:

The Stadler application for subdivision within the ALR, to establish a new dwelling on the northern lot with access from Wolsey Subdivision and sell the southern lot.

The Crantz application for subdivision within the ALR, to subdivide the subject property into 2 parcels for in-laws.

The Bassett application for subdivision within the ALR, to subdivide the subject property into 3 parcels for family members.

The Toews application for subdivision within the ALR, to operate a 24 bed worker camp.

The Thorhald & Ruth Skaftes for subdivision within the ALR to subdivide the home site from the agricultural area to enable the landowners to remain in their home.

The Samuel Roberts for subdivision within the ALR, to subdivide the home site from the agricultural area to enable the landowners to remain in their home.

Solid Waste

The Regional Board authorized an increase of 24.63% to 2019 solid waste requisition.

This will increase the tax rate to \$0.2883/\$1,000 of Converted Residential Assessment on improvements from \$0.2399.

For example a household valued at \$250,000 will see an increase of approximately \$12.10.

The increase to the solid waste tax requisition will provide funding for necessary capital works on the Bessborough and Chetwynd Landfills while maintaining capital reserves.

Video Recording of Board Meetings Contract

The Regional Board renewed the contract with Russell Eggleston Creative Services (dba Sound in Town) for the video recording of bi-monthly Board meetings, effective April 1, 2019 for an additional one year term at a monthly cost of \$1700.

FAQ

How does a person apply for a 911 Civic Address?

The 911 Civic Address Application Form is available at the PRRD FSJ and Dawson Creek Offices and is available for download from the PRRD website.

Note: Information to complete the application is located on your BC Tax Assessment Notice.

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Invasive Plant Committee

The Regional Board authorized the publication of the Invasive Plant Program 2018 Annual Report and the 2019 Invasive Plant Program Strategic Plan and Profile to the Regional Districts website for stakeholders and agencies review and utilization for invasive plant program planning.



A temporary Invasive Plant Bylaw Enforcement Officer position was approved, for a three month period in the summer/fall season of 2019, to deal specifically with compliance and enforcement issues under the Invasive Plant Program.

Taylor Rural Fire Protection Agreement

The Regional Board supported entering into a 1-year agreement, effective January 1, 2019, with the District of Taylor for the provision of rural fire protection services. The PRRD pays 45% of the Taylor Fire Department Budget plus \$50,000 which will equate to \$228,127.10 in 2019.

Groundwater Licensing Update from the Province

Existing use groundwater applications can now be submitted until March 1, 2022.

The Government has extended the water license application transition period for those who were using groundwater on or before February 29, 2016 for any non-domestic use, including agricultural, industrial, commercial and institutional groundwater uses. Applicants now have until March 1, 2022 to apply for a licence.

Because of the importance of a groundwater licence in ensuring sustainable access to water, the government has decided to provide additional time to apply for a water licence by extending both the transition period and the application fee waiver period.

On February 29, 2016 the Water Sustainability Act (WSA) came into force, modernizing British Columbia's legislative framework governing the allocation and use of water and protection of aquatic ecosystems. The then new law brought in a requirement for agricultural, industrial, commercial and institutional groundwater users to obtain a water licence.

When the WSA came into force, an estimated 20,000 users who were using groundwater up to and on February 29, 2016 were anticipated to apply for a water licence. However, the application intake has been lower than expected and for many groundwater users, recognizing the value of a licence to secure their water rights represents a significant change.

It is important to note that groundwater users who apply under the transition provisions of the WSA are required to pay annual water rentals retroactive to February 29, 2016 to ensure equity for those who applied early. The longer one delays application, the larger the retroactive total rental payment owed.

Applicants who were using groundwater on and before February 29, 2016 who apply before March 1, 2022 will continue to enjoy the following benefits:

exemption from paying application fees, opportunity to receive a date of precedence on their water licence that reflects historic use, and the ability to continue using water until a decision on the licence application is made.

All existing well owners who were using groundwater on and before February 29, 2016 for non-household use (e.g. agricultural, industrial, commercial and institutional), are encouraged to apply for a water licence as soon as possible.

For more information <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/laws-rules/water-sustainability-act>

Next PRRD Board Meetings:

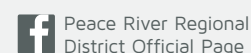
March 28, 2019
10:00 | Fort St John

April 11, 2019
10:00 | Dawson Creek

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