



# SPOTLIGHT 2016

## The Peace River Regional District

**Working to support rural, community and regional interests.**

The Peace River Regional District (PRRD) was established in 1987 when the lands that made up the Peace River-Liard Regional District were divided into two regional districts. The PRRD encompasses approximately twelve million hectares (120,000 square kilometers), and serves a population of 58,264 people residing in seven incorporated municipalities and four rural electoral areas.

The Board of Directors for the Peace River Regional District and Hospital District consists of 12 directors.

**Four Electoral Area Directors** are elected for a four-year term to represent the following rural electoral areas:

**Electoral Area 'B'** – Director Karen Goodings, Alternate Director Arlene Boon

**Electoral Area 'C'** – Director Brad Sperling, Alternate Kimberly Wylie

**Electoral Area 'D'** – Director Leonard Hiebert, Alternate Joe Breti

**Electoral Area 'E'** – Director Dan Rose, Alternate Larry Houley

**Eight Municipal Directors** are appointed by the councils of the seven member municipalities of the Peace River Regional District:

**District of Chetwynd** – Director Merlin Nichols, Alternate Directors Alec Brownlee and Rochelle Galbraith

**City of Dawson Creek** – Director Dale Bumstead, Alternate Directors Cheryl Shuman and Shaely Wilbur

**City of Fort St. John** – Director Lori Ackerman, Alternate Gord Klassen

**City of Fort St. John** – Director Byron Stewart, Alternate Bruce Christensen

**District of Hudson's Hope** – Director Gwen Johansson, Alternate Dave Heiberg

**Village of Pouce Coupe** – Director Andre Lavoie, Alternate Raymond Johnston

**District of Taylor** – Director Rob Fraser, Alternate Betty Ponto

**District of Tumbler Ridge** – Director Don McPherson, Alternate Mike Caisley

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**Chair: Don McPherson**

**Vice Chair: Brad Sperling**

## Regional District Emergency Services

Who do I call if an emergency event happens?

- Dial 911 for Fire, Police, and Ambulance
- To report a wildfire contact 1-800-663-5555 or \*5555 on your cell phone
- To report flood, water storage breach, Oil & Gas, or hazardous material spills contact 1-800-663-3456

### How does the Regional District assist with emergencies?

During an emergency, the PRRD will assist and support responding agencies by coordination of activities through the activation of an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC).

### How can the PRRD help people who have been affected by an emergency or disaster?

Emergency Social Services (ESS) are available to individuals who have been evacuated from their homes for up to 72 hours after an emergency, and may include food, lodging, clothing, information about the crisis, and family reunification.

## "Got Weeds?" Be 'Plantwise'

Ways you can help

- Get involved with local efforts and know your high priority invasive plants.
- Be 'PlantWise' and know what you grow. Avoid purchasing, growing, or trading unknown invasive plants. Replace with non-invasive alternatives.
- Deadhead (clip off) flowers, seedpods, and berries of known invasive plants to prevent reproduction through seed spread by birds, wildlife, pets, and people.
- Use wildflower seed mixes with caution, as many contain invasive plant seeds. Read the label and check to be sure they are desirable for your location.
- Avoid picking plants along roadsides, gravel pits, or other disturbed areas. Many wildflowers are aggressive invasive plants.
- Clean recreation vehicles before and after entering a new area.
- Properly dispose of yard, garden, and hanging basket waste into a compost pile or facility. Do not compost invasive plants with seeds; instead, dispose at a local landfill or incineration facility.
- Prior to purchasing seed, ask for a seed analysis report to verify additional seeds that may be present.

## Contact:

### Head Office:

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Toll Free: 1-800-670-7773  
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## Property Tax Questions

### Does the Regional Districts 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 at 1201 – 103 Ave., in Dawson Creek, 250-784-2224 or 10600 – 100 Street, 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 at 1112 – 103 Ave., Dawson Creek, or Contact BC Assessment Authority 1-866-825-8322 or 250-782-8515

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

There is no “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.

## What are OCP’S?

An **Official Community Plan (OCP)** sets out a vision for the future and considers objectives and policies relating to: residential, commercial, and industrial land uses; agricultural lands; the natural environment; infrastructure; and community well-being.

### North Peace Fringe Area OCP Process

The Peace River Regional District is updating the North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan (NPFOCP), which will guide decisions about how the North Peace Fringe Area evolves over time. This comprehensive review and update of the OCP began in January 2015 and is expected to be complete in early 2017.

### The West Peace Fringe Area OCP

The Official Community Plan for the rural areas surrounding Chetwynd is being reviewed. This includes the areas of Moberly.

### Get involved in the OCP Process near you by:

1. Watching for updates and announcements on the PRRD website <http://prrd.bc.ca/engage/>
2. Engaging the PRRD Facebook page.
3. Contacting the Regional District directly: Claire Negrin, Assistant Manager of Development Services [claire.negrin@prd.bc.ca](mailto:claire.negrin@prd.bc.ca)  
Phone: 250-784-3231

## Stay connected to the PRRD

### Active Development applications can be viewed at:

[http://prrd.bc.ca/engage/active\\_applications/](http://prrd.bc.ca/engage/active_applications/)

### Board & Committee Agendas and Minutes can be viewed at:

<http://prrd.bc.ca/agendasminutes/minutes/>



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<http://prrd.bc.ca/engage/>

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



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