



REGIONAL DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

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Public engagement ramping up for Chetwynd Public Library project

The Chetwynd Public Library is a hub of the community, providing services and programs to residents since 1959. Over the years the library has grown in order to meet the public's needs, but the building has reached the point for replacement.

The District of Chetwynd, Chetwynd Public Library Board and staff, and the PRRD have been working together on this project since 2016 and are pleased to present it to the community. An open house highlighting the features of the new library will be hosted on November 3rd, 2021 at the Chetwynd Public Library from 3pm to 7pm.

Feedback needed on Official Community Plan

The draft of the proposed new North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan (OCP) is now available for public review. An OCP sets out the future vision for an area and sets a framework to guide decision making on land use planning matters including where new growth and development will be directed to, what uses are permitted and how areas will be protected for things like agriculture, recreation and the environment. The current OCP was approved in 2009 and the draft document will look to replace that existing plan with a forward looking document. To review and leave your feedback visit haveyoursay.prrd.bc.ca/np-ocp.

North Peace Leisure Pool offering exciting public incentives to mark anniversary milestone

The North Peace Leisure Pool will celebrate 25 years of service to the residents of the Peace region this Tuesday, October 26. To commemorate the event, the North Peace Leisure Pool Commission voted in favor to host a free swim, 25% off monthly passes and 25% off all merchandise offered at the facility on this day.

The North Peace Leisure Pool opened in 1996 and is proudly owned by the Peace River Regional District and operated by the City of Fort St John. The facility offers many aquatic programs such as fitness, community first aid, advance aquatic leadership programs, swimming and water safety instruction.

The facility is also home to the Inconnu Swim Club.

No pre-registration is required to participate in the celebration; residents simply need to visit the pool from 6am to 10pm on Tuesday, October 26 to take advantage of the special offerings.

Province launches engagement for Taylor bridge options

The Province of B.C. is hosting two virtual open houses on Oct. 13 and Oct. 21 to discuss the future of the Taylor bridge alongside an online form to collect feedback from the public. Residents of the PRRD are strongly encouraged to make sure their voices are heard by taking part in these engagement opportunities before the close date of **November 15**. Visit engage.gov.bc.ca/taylorbridge to register and complete the form.

Peace region residents show they care about being FireSmart

The first regional FireSmart program for the Peace has wrapped for the 2021 season, aiming to build resiliency through public education and community engagement. The PRRD Board of Directors approved the campaign in April of this year, with the consultant contract awarded to local wildfire experts, Craig and Mitch Wilson from Mammoth Forestry.

Over the spring and summer months the FireSmart team conducted 122 property assessments for rural residents, delivered educational materials to 592 homes in high-risk areas and 750 gardening guides, created a strong community presence at 10 public events throughout the region including the Dawson Creek Rodeo and applied to have One Island Lake certified as a FireSmart neighbourhood. While the peak period for wildfires is over, residents are encouraged to continue their fire safety learning journey by visiting firesmartbc.ca during the winter months.



Ember at the DC Rodeo



October 21, 2021
10:00am | Facebook Live, Dawson Creek
November 4, 2021
10:00am | Facebook Live, Dawson Creek

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