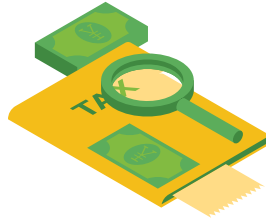




### Rural Taxes: Frequently Asked Questions

#### What is parcel tax?

Depending on the area you live, you may need to pay parcel taxes. For more information about parcel tax, please contact the PRRD Chief Financial Officer, Roxanne Shepherd, by email at: [cfo@prrd.bc.ca](mailto:cfo@prrd.bc.ca) or call 250-784-3219.



#### Where do I pay my rural taxes?

Rural taxes are paid at the Service BC Government Office nearest you. **They are not able to be paid at PRRD offices.**

**Fort St John Service Office:** 10600-100 Street  
250-787-3350

**Dawson Creek Service Office:** 1201 103 Avenue  
250-784-2224

#### How much are the taxes for my property?

To find out how much your property taxes will be for 2022, contact the Ministry of Finance, Property Taxation Branch/Surveyor of Taxes by calling 1-888-355-2700 or 250-387-0555

You can also reach them by email at [ruraltax@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ruraltax@gov.bc.ca).

#### How do I find out if the taxes have been paid for my property?

To find out if property taxes have been paid for your property, contact the Ministry of Finance, Property Taxation Branch/Surveyor of Taxes by calling 1-888-355-2700 or 250-387-0555.

You can also reach them by email at [ruraltax@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ruraltax@gov.bc.ca).



#### Why are my taxes this amount?

Property taxes are determined by property value, which is set by BC Assessment each year. To learn more about your property assessment, contact BC Assessment Authority by calling 1-866-825-8322. You can also visit their website at [bcassessment.ca](http://bcassessment.ca).

#### Why was my property appraised this way?

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### Have you signed up for a Have Your Say Account?

As your local government, the Peace River Regional District looks to the public for engagement and feedback on active projects and consultations happening in the Peace region; things like designs for libraries, boundaries for the North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan, options for community improvements in Wonowon and so much more.

To join in on these conversations, the PRRD encourages every resident to register for a Have Your Say (HYS) account. HYS is an interactive community engagement platform that allows residents to provide feedback through surveys, forums, idea uploads and much more! Register for an account at: [haveyoursay.prrd.bc.ca](http://haveyoursay.prrd.bc.ca).

### Important Dates

#### May 31

Rural property tax notice is mailed.

#### Mid-June

Contact the PRRD or your local Service BC Centre if you have not received your property tax notice.

#### July 4

- Deadline to pay your rural property taxes;
- Deadline to apply for the home owner grant without late payment penalties;
- Deadline to apply to defer your property taxes without late payment penalties;
- Deadline to apply for the Farm Extension Program.

#### July 5

5% penalty is applied to your unpaid account balance, including any unclaimed home owner grant (unless you are in the Farm Extension Program).

#### August 23

Statement of Account is mailed out to you if you have an unpaid account balance from a previous year.

You will continue to receive monthly statements until your account balance has been paid.

#### November 1

Deadline to pay your property taxes if you are in the Farm Extension Program.

#### November 2

- Additional 5% penalty is applied to your unpaid account balance, including any unclaimed home owner grant;
- 10% penalty is applied to your unpaid account balance if you are in the Farm Extension Program.

#### December 31

- Deadline to apply for the current year home owner grant (penalties apply);
- Deadline to apply for last year's home owner grant retroactively;
- Deadline to apply to defer your property taxes (penalties apply).



## REGIONAL DISTRICT INFORMATION

### 2022 Board Meeting Schedule

April 21, 2022

10:00 am | Dawson Creek

May 12, 2022

10:00 am | Dawson Creek

May 26, 2022

10:00 am | Fort St. John

June 9, 2022

10:00 am | Dawson Creek

July 14, 2022

10:00 am | Dawson Creek

August 11, 2022

10:00 am | Fort St. John

September 8, 2022

10:00 am | Dawson Creek

October 13, 2022

10:00 am | Dawson Creek

October 27, 2022

10:00 am | Fort St. John

November 10, 2022

10:00 am | Dawson Creek

November 24, 2022

10:00 am | Dawson Creek

December 9, 2022 (Friday)

10:00 am | Dawson Creek



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meetings live!

Follow the Peace River  
Regional District on Facebook  
@OfficialPRRD to view a  
livestream of the Regional  
Board meetings, starting at  
10:00 am local time at the dates  
noted above.

Missed a meeting? View minutes  
and video recordings at:  
[prrd.bc.ca/agendas-minutes/](https://prrd.bc.ca/agendas-minutes/)

### PRRD establishes three new service functions



The Peace River Regional District (PRRD) Regional Board established three new service functions in 2021, Gotta Go Roadside Facilities, Health Related Services, and Seniors Aging in Place. This will be the first year that residents will be taxed for these functions.

The Gotta Go Roadside Facilities Service function will develop and manage roadside facilities along remote areas of the Alaska Highway. Residents within the District of Taylor, District of Hudson's Hope, District of Chetwynd, District of Tumbler Ridge and Electoral Area B will be taxed for this service at an estimated 2022 tax rate of \$0.0193/\$1,000.

Through the Health Related Services function, the PRRD will provide grants and scholarships to enhance the quality and availability of various health-related services in the region. Grants in Aid may be provided to not for profit societies to operate services for air ambulance, search and rescue, accommodation or health related services, and to not for profit societies with mandates to recruit and retain health care professionals to work and remain working in the Peace River region.

-- Scholarships may be awarded to students pursuing post-secondary training certification in a health care or medical field. --

The entire Peace River Regional District will be taxed for this service at an estimated 2022 tax rate of \$0.0189/\$1,000.

The Seniors Aging in Place function will provide additional support services to seniors living in rural areas to enable them to remain in their homes for longer. Support services offered to seniors may include meals, housekeeping, and snowplow services. Residents of Electoral Area D and a portion of Electoral Area E will be taxed for this service at an estimated 2022 tax rate of \$0.1154/\$1,000.

### Farmers: It's time to recycle your grain bags and baler twine!



Bring your used grain bags and plastic baler twine for recycling, at no cost, to participating PRRD sites. **Place used twine loose and free of debris in Cleanfarms ag-collection bags** (available for free at participating collection sites). **Machine roll & tie grain bags securely.** A grain bag roller is available for rent through the PRRD.

For more information, visit: [cleanfarms.ca/materials/grain-bags](https://cleanfarms.ca/materials/grain-bags), call 877 622 4460 ext.2240, or ask a site attendant.

Participating collection sites: Bessborough, Chetwynd & North Peace landfills. Cecil Lake, Prespatou, Tomslake, Rolla & Buick Creek transfer stations.

**Are you prepared for an emergency in the Peace?**  
Sign up for North East BC (NEBC) alerts today!

**If we can reach you, we can  
notify you of emergencies.**



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