



## Cannabis Zoning Bylaw Approved

At its December 2020 meeting, the Peace River Regional District board of directors approved Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2377 (Cannabis) 2020. This outlines clear and definitive requirements for the regulation of cannabis retail establishments in the PRRD.

With approval of this bylaw, where cannabis retail stores are permitted, the bylaw states that they may not be located on properties within:

- 200 metres from a parcel containing a school or day care; and
- 100 metres from any parcel containing a park, place of worship, medical clinic, rehabilitation centre, or other cannabis-related business.



Until approval of this bylaw, cannabis-related businesses were prohibited throughout all zones in PRRD zoning bylaws. Any location that was proposed for the distribution and/or sale of cannabis was required to apply for and obtain a zoning bylaw amendment. Although the PRRD Cannabis-Related Business Policy directs that zoning amendments for the purpose of cannabis-related business will only be considered within commercial and industrial zones, it did not provide guidance for where cannabis-related businesses should be located, as it pertains to the protection of public health and safety, and proximity to schools, parks and churches.

## Solid Waste Management Plan Update

Dealing with solid waste effectively is extremely challenging in northern British Columbia due to the cost of transportation, the lack of markets for recycled items and waste products, and illegal dumping.

The Peace River Regional District's Regional Solid Waste Management Plan helps us manage solid waste in the safest and most cost-effective way possible.

Last updated in 2016, the PRRD's plan sets out specific waste reduction goals, along with guiding principles to support these goals; however, the region's solid waste management needs have changed and PRRD staff have been working to review and update the regional plan to better reflect and address emerging local issues.

Staff and consultants presented a draft updated plan to the PRRD board at its December meeting. This spring, staff will bring the draft plan to the general community for feedback. The PRRD wants your input as we finish updating the plan in 2021.

The Ministry of Environment requires all regional districts in British Columbia to have a plan for how solid waste will be managed and reduced. Effective management of solid waste is a positive for people, businesses and industries in the PRRD. Solid waste includes everything that residents, businesses and industries put in their recycling boxes and trash cans, and everything they take to waste transfer stations. It also includes various kinds of waste that are dumped illegally around the PRRD, some of which is hazardous and is a risk to human health and the environment.

Watch for opportunities to contribute to the PRRD's updated plan throughout spring 2021, including a series of surveys and webinars. With your help and input, we can create a strong solid waste management plan that addresses emerging local issues and sets out waste reduction goals for the next 15 years.



**January 14, 2021**  
10:00am | Dawson Creek

**January 28, 2021**  
10:00am | Dawson Creek

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