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## **City of Fort St. John and Peace River Regional District Announce Agreement for Festival Plaza Lands**

The City of Fort St. John and the Peace River Regional District have been working in partnership towards an adjustment of property lines for the Festival Plaza Development.

The Festival Plaza, which will be located on the southeast corner of 100 Street and 96 Avenue, was identified in the Downtown Action Plan as one of 10 Big Moves to Energize the Downtown. The development will consist of a covered shelter, food truck stalls, performance space and washrooms. It will be a year-round home for the farmers market, community events, food vendors, buskers, social gatherings and public art.

In order to include all the features identified through the extensive public engagement process, the design of the Festival Plaza spans both City owned lands and lands owned by the Peace River Regional District.

“The City of Fort St. John is thankful that the Peace River Regional District agreed to adjust the property line to accommodate the entire development on a single parcel. We are all excited for construction to begin and to see this wonderful community facility being well used for generations to come,” said Mayor Lori Ackerman, City of Fort St. John.

“The PRRD Board is pleased to work with its neighbours and member municipalities to support community development that all residents can enjoy, and looks forward to enjoying all the benefits of the Festival Plaza for years to come,” said Chair Brad Sperling, Peace River Regional District.

The Peace River Regional District will be placing public notices as per the requirements of the Local Government Act regarding the disposition of this property.

Construction on this project is slated to begin in Summer 2020, stay up-to-date with all City of Fort St. John Capital Projects at [www.fortstjohn.ca/capital-projects](http://www.fortstjohn.ca/capital-projects).

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