



# Peace River Regional District REPORT

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To: Chair and Directors  
From: Jodi MacLean, Land Use Planner  
Date: March 16, 2011  
Subject: **PRRD Rural Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1940, 2011**

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## RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board of the Peace River Regional District has considered the requirements of s.879 of the *Local Government Act*, and has provided opportunity for early and on-going consultation with those persons, organizations and authorities the Board considers will be affected, as summarized in this report dated March 16, 2011.

THAT the Board of the Peace River Regional District give first reading to the "PRRD Rural Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1940, 2011".

THAT the Board of the Peace River Regional District authorize Public Hearings to take place on the following dates and locations and be delegated to the following directors:

- May 25, 2011 at the Chetwynd and District Recreation Centre in Chetwynd, delegated to Director Tim Caton,
- May 26, 2011 at the PRRD offices in Dawson Creek, delegated to Director Wayne Hiebert,
- May 30, 2011 at the meeting room in the North Peace Leisure Pool in Fort St. John, delegated to Director Goodings.

## BACKGROUND:

An Official Community Plan (OCP) is a long term policy document that provides:

- the Regional Board with a guide for future land use development,
- an expression of community goals,
- a plan that offers a degree of certainty regarding future land uses.

The Rural Official Community Plan (OCP) is an update and consolidation of portions of three older OCPs:

- North Peace OCP Bylaw No. 820, 1993
- Dawson Creek Rural Area OCP Bylaw No. 477, 1986
- West Peace OCP Bylaw No. 1086, 1997.

Staff Initials:

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Dept. Head:

CAO:

March 24, 2011



	Description	Affected	Consultation		
			Type	Timing	Frequency
<b>Authorities</b>	Participant Municipalities	Y	TAC* Oct 2010 referral Mar 2011 referral	April & Oct 2010 Before 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading After 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 1 1
	Neighbouring BC Regional Districts & AB Counties	Y	Oct 2010 referral	Before 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	1
	Treaty 8 & First Nations**	Y	Consult. meetings Oct 2010 referral Mar 2011 referral	2003 Before 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading After 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	1 set 1 1
	Min. of Transportation & Infr.	Y	TAC Oct 2010 referral Mar 2011 referral	April & Oct 2010 Before 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading After 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	1 2 1
	Min. of Tourism, Culture, Arts	Y	“	“	“
	Min. of Environment	Y	“	“	“
	Min. of Agriculture	Y	“	“	“
	Min. of Energy, Mines & Pet	Y	“	“	“
	Northern Health Authority	Y	“	“	“
	OGC	Y	“	“	“
	ALC	Y	“	“	“
	School District #59	Y	“	“	“
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	Min. of Community Develop.	Y	Referral	After 1 <sup>st</sup> reading	1
	Federal government	N			

\*TAC = Technical Advisory Committee. Membership included representatives of municipalities, provincial ministries & agencies, school districts.

\*\*First Nation groups consulted include Treaty 8 Tribal Association, West Moberly First Nations, Saulteau First Nations, Halfway River First Nations, Blueberry River First Nations, Doig River First Nations, Fort Nelson First Nations, McLeod Lake Indian Band, Prophet River First Nations, Kwadacha First Nation, Tsay Keh Dene, Kelly Lake Cree Nation, Kelly Lake First Nations, and Kelly Lake Metis Society.

The following table outlines the remaining timeline, including statutory procedure and proposed target dates, for the Rural OCP:

Timeline 2011	Rural OCP milestone
March 24	Regional Board considers Rural OCP Bylaw No. 1940, 2011 for 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading
March 28	Referral to provincial agencies, ALC, municipalities, First Nations, organizations per s879 & s882 of <i>Local Government Act</i> .
April	Consider in conjunction with Financial Plan and Solid Waste Management Plan
April - May	Advertising of Public Hearings: newspapers, posters at post offices, radio
May	Public Hearings: Chetwynd (May 25), Dawson Creek (May 26), Fort St. John (May 30)
June - July	Regional Board considers Rural OCP Bylaw No. 1940, 2011 for 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and Final Readings.

**Proposed advertising for Public Hearings**

## Newspaper advertising

Newspaper	Publish Date
Chetwynd Echo	May 20
Dawson Creek Daily News	May 20
Alaska Highway News	May 27
Northeast News	May 19 & May 26
Northern Horizon	May 21

Radio coverage: 30 second ads on the day before and the day of each Public Hearing at an estimated cost of ~\$300 total (price varies depending on number of times and the time of day the ad is aired).

Station	Date
CHET FM (Chetwynd)	May 24 & 25
CJDC (Dawson Creek)	May 25 & 26
Energy FM (Fort St. John)	May 29 & 30

Flyers will be displayed at rural post offices, community bulletin boards, and distributed to community groups that have been involved with earlier public consultation.