



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

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For Immediate Release

The Peace River Regional District holds public meetings for the South Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan

DAWSON CREEK, B.C. - The Peace River Regional District is holding public meetings to hear from persons who believe their interest in property will be affected by the South Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan.

All South Peace Fringe Area residents are invited to come participate in the “*Confirming Community Direction*,” a South Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan Open House.

An official community plan (OCP) is a general statement of objectives and policies to guide decisions on planning and land use management, respecting the purposes of local government, within a designated planning area. Revisions to community plans require public consultation and formal approval by the Board of Directors.

This particular Official Community Plan (OCP) area covers approximately 95,900 hectares and includes a large part of Electoral Area ‘D’ and rural areas surrounding the City of Dawson Creek and the Village of Pouce Coupe that include the unincorporated communities of Tomslake, Tupper, Briar Ridge, Bessborough, Upper Cutbank, Arras.

This OCP focuses on the densely populated areas which coincide with the rural fire protection and building inspection areas. The OCP aims to address unique land use and planning issues associated with the rural planning area. Once adopted the OCP serves as a foundation for all policies, regulations and decisions pertaining to land use and development in the Plan area.

Community involvement is a large component of the OCP process. The PRRD hosted public engagement events in February 2009 (open houses), October 2009 (school visits) and November 2009 (a community survey) in order to collect public input from a diverse range of residents. Through comments received, residents provided their “voice” into the OCP planning process.

The forthcoming series of three open houses are a great opportunity for SPFA residents to comment on the draft OCP document and provide feedback on overall direction and policy created. Join us for an evening of idea sharing, OCP highlights and a presentation by the Peace River Regional District community planning specialists.



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Doors open at 6:30pm. Presentations commence at 7:00pm.

2012 Meeting Dates	Location of South Peace OCP Meeting	Community
Tuesday, February 14	Devereux Elementary School 4584 - 208 Road, Arras, BC	Arras
Wednesday, February 15	Tupper Community Hall 1610 Gundy Road, Tomslake, BC	Tomslake
Thursday, February 16	Peace River Regional District –Head Office 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC	Dawson Creek

The draft version of the South Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan will be available on the Peace River Regional District website on February 1, 2012 at www.prrd.bc.ca.

To order your printed copy, along with the relevant background materials, contact the Dawson Creek Office of the Peace River Regional District between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Specific inquiries about land planning or impacts on your property can be referred to the PRRD Development Service Department by telephone at 1-800-670-7773.

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Attachment: Map of South Peace Fringe Area Official Community Planning Area

About the Peace River Regional District

The Peace River Regional District (PRRD) and Hospital District (PRRHD) boundaries encompass approximately 12 million hectares (120,000 square kilometres) in northeastern BC. A population of 63,000 resides in seven incorporated municipalities (City of Fort St. John, City of Dawson Creek, District of Chetwynd, District of Taylor, District of Hudson's Hope, District Municipality of Tumbler Ridge, Village of Pouce Coupe, and four rural electoral areas (B, C, D and E). Find out more about the Peace River Regional District at www.prrd.bc.ca.

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