

South Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan

A Community Resident Survey



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Would like to thank you in advance for your participation in this survey and encourage residents to contact committee members if you have any questions about the OCP process

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A South Peace Fringe Area Resident Survey

Thank you for participating in this survey. Your responses will assist us to better understand your feelings on the future of South Peace Fringe Area and the Official Community Plan. This survey will take about 10-15 minutes of your time and your responses will remain anonymous. Your answers and insights in all areas are valuable.

Please mail the completed survey in the envelope provided, or hand deliver it to the Peace River Regional District Office or fax it to (250) 784-3201 by December 8th, 2009. Thank you.

Q1. Please indicate your opinion on QUALITY OF LIFE using the following: Excellent, Good, Satisfactory, Needing Improvement or No Comment. *(Please circle the number beside each statement below)*

	South Peace Fringe Area as a	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Needing	No
A	Live	1	2	3	4	5
B	Work	1	2	3	4	5
C	Play	1	2	3	4	5
D	Raise a family	1	2	3	4	5
E	Retire	1	2	3	4	5

Q2. List up to three things you like most about living within the South Peace Fringe Area.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Q3. List up to three things you like least about living within the South Peace Fringe Area.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Q4. In your opinion, which of these ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES are priorities?

(Please circle the number beside each statement below)

	Environmental Initiative:	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not A Priority	Don't Know
A	Farmland protection	1	2	3	4	5
B	Natural area/green space protection	1	2	3	4	5
C	Wildlife management	1	2	3	4	5
D	Energy consumption	1	2	3	4	5
E	Water quality/quantity	1	2	3	4	5
F	Air quality/emissions	1	2	3	4	5
G	Industry pollution	1	2	3	4	5

Q4b. Which THREE of the items listed above do you think should receive the most attention over the next five years?

(Write in the letters below using the letters from the list in Question 4)

1st: ____ 2nd: ____ 3rd: ____

Additional comments about the environment:

Q5. In your opinion, which of these local ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT initiatives are priorities? (Circle the number below)

	Local Economic Development Initiative	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not A Priority	Don't Know
A	Preventing sprawl along highways. (ie. Hwy.2, 97, 52, 49)	1	2	3	4	5
B	Attracting new businesses	1	2	3	4	5
C	Locating industrial / commercial activities in appropriate areas	1	2	3	4	5
D	Fostering economic development that minimizes impact on rural character of area	1	2	3	4	5
E	Encouraging sustainable / clean (green) industry	1	2	3	4	5
F	Supporting home-based businesses that maintain rural qualities of area	1	2	3	4	5
G	Supporting agricultural producers to ensure future food security	1	2	3	4	5
H	Encouraging growth of value-added industry in sector	1	2	3	4	5
I	Retaining and support locally owned businesses	1	2	3	4	5
J	Promoting agri tourism	1	2	3	4	5

Q5b. Which THREE of the items listed above do you think should receive the most attention over the next five years? (Write in the letters below using the letters from the list in Question 5)

1st: ___ 2nd: ___ 3rd: ___

Q6. In your opinion, which of these ENERGY INITIATIVES are priorities?

(Please circle the number beside each statement below)

	Energy initiatives	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not A Priority	Don't Know
A	Implementing ways to conserve energy in regional facilities	1	2	3	4	5
B	Assist residents in reducing emissions and fossil fuel consumption	1	2	3	4	5
C	Promoting energy efficient design and building practices	1	2	3	4	5
D	Reduce and reuse solid waste	1	2	3	4	5
E	Recovering industrial waste heat energy	1	2	3	4	5
F	Developing strategies to reduce emissions	1	2	3	4	5

Q6b. Which THREE of the items listed above do you think should receive the most attention over the next five years? (Write in the letters below using the letters from the list in Question 6)

1st: ___ 2nd: ___ 3rd: ___

Q7. In your opinion, what steps can local residents take to make your community more energy efficient and reduce emissions?

Q8. In your opinion, which of these WATER MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES are priorities? (Please circle the number beside each statement below)

	Water Management Initiative	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not A Priority	Don't Know
A	Support the protection of the Kiskatinaw watershed	1	2	3	4	5
B	Requiring all land-use decisions be assessed for watershed impacts	1	2	3	4	5
C	Participating in strategic long term water planning	1	2	3	4	5
D	Increasing public awareness of water conservation measures	1	2	3	4	5
E	Support the registration of private water sources	1	2	3	4	5
F	Ensuring new developments make use of water conservation technology	1	2	3	4	5
G	Reducing waste water in households and public buildings	1	2	3	4	5
H	Promote household water saving measures (ie. low flow fixtures, rainwater collection for gardens)	1	2	3	4	5

Q8b. Which THREE of the items listed above do you think should receive the most attention over the next five years? (Write in the letters below using the letters from the list in Question 8)

1st: ____ 2nd: ____ 3rd: ____

Additional comments about water management:

9. What is your primary source of water for domestic purposes?

a) ____ Surface water b) ____ Well water c) ____ Haul water d) ____ Other (please specify) _____

Q10. In your opinion, which of these DESIGN GUIDELINE INITIATIVES are priorities? (Please circle the number beside each statement below)

	Design Guidelines Initiative	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not A Priority	Don't Know
A	Protecting existing natural features (e. g. watercourses)	1	2	3	4	5
B	Minimizing impacts of developments on adjacent properties	1	2	3	4	5
C	Preserving landmarks to support regional identity	1	2	3	4	5
D	Encouraging inclusive and easy access to public areas	1	2	3	4	5
E	Promoting sustainability concepts into building design (ie. energy efficiency, non toxic products, good design)	1	2	3	4	5
F	Protecting environmentally-sensitive areas	1	2	3	4	5
G	Avoiding the altering of natural terrain to accommodate development	1	2	3	4	5
H	Preserving and enhancing historic resources and structures	1	2	3	4	5
I	Adopting old buildings for new uses to preserve regional history	1	2	3	4	5
J	Promoting/supporting safe highway connections (ie. crossings, turning lanes)	1	2	3	4	5

Q11. In your opinion, which of these GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES are priorities? (Please circle the number)

	Growth and Development	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not A Priority	Don't Know
A	Preserving Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) lands	1	2	3	4	5
B	Enhancing and directing growth to existing developed areas (ie. Tomslake, Arras, Briar Ridge, Bear Mt.)	1	2	3	4	5
C	Diversifying agricultural activities within ALR (omit)	1	2	3	4	5
D	Implementing buffer zones to minimize land use conflict	1	2	3	4	5
E	Reducing the environmental footprint of buildings by exceeding environmental rating standards (LEED)	1	2	3	4	5
F	Single family dwellings	1	2	3	4	5
G	Affordable housing	1	2	3	4	5
H	Seniors housing in rural areas	1	2	3	4	5
I	Special needs housing in rural areas	1	2	3	4	5
J	Range of housing types (duplex, townhouse, apartment)	1	2	3	4	5
K	Consideration for sewer and water services	1	2	3	4	5

Q12. Which pattern of development do you prefer?

- a) ___ Higher level of density within existing developed areas (infill)
- b) ___ Dispersed development outside existing developed areas (sprawl)

Q13. If new residential development in your area is going to occur, what parcel size would you prefer?

	Subdivision Lot Size	Highly Preferred	Medium Preferred	Low Preferred	Least Preferred	Not Needed
A	Residential lot(s) - less than 4.5 acres	1	2	3	4	5
B	Rural Residential - 4.5 acres to 20 acres	1	2	3	4	5
C	Small Holding - 20 acres to 80 acres	1	2	3	4	5
D	Medium Holding - 80 acres to 155 acres	1	2	3	4	5
E	Large Holding - greater than 155 acres	1	2	3	4	5

Q14. Please indicate your opinion using the following: Excellent, Good, Satisfactory, Needing Improvement or No Comment. (Please circle the number beside each statement below)

	Parks, Recreation Facilities, and Outdoors	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Needing Improvement	No Comment
A	Recreation facilities (ie. community halls, ice rinks)	1	2	3	4	5
B	Maintenance and upgrading of existing facilities	1	2	3	4	5
C	Parks and playgrounds	1	2	3	4	5
D	Trails for walking, riding and ATV use	1	2	3	4	5
E	Public access to water bodies (ie. Swan Lake)	1	2	3	4	5

Q15. Thinking ahead 10 years from now, what would you like to see take place to enhance and preserve the SOCIAL, ECONOMIC and ENVIRONMENTAL well being of the South Peace Fringe Area?

(Please provide details in the space provided or attach additional sheets with your survey).

<p>The SOCIAL future I envision includes... (i.e. children, safety, recreation, health, education,...)</p>	
<p>The ECONOMIC future I envision includes...(i.e. employment, income, industry, diversity...)</p>	
<p>THE ENVIRONMENTAL future I envision includes... (i.e. health, air quality, water quality, food supply, waste reduction, conservation..)</p>	

Q16. In what area of the South Peace Fringe Area do you reside?

- a) ___ South Dawson b) ___ West Kiskatinaw c) ___ East of Pouce Coupe d) ___ One Island Lake Road h) ___ Tupper
 e) ___ Bear Mountain f) ___ Briar Ridge g) ___ Arras i) ___ Tomslake j) ___ Klukas Lake k) ___ Other (specify)_____

Q17. Where is your location of work?

- a) Rural area less than 30km from Dawson or Pouce____ b) Rural area greater than 30km from Dawson or Pouce ____
 c) City of Dawson Creek____ d) Village of Pouce Coupe____ e) Other municipality____ (specify)_____

Q18. How many years have you lived in the South Peace River Fringe area? _____ Years

Q19. How many people in your household fall into each of the following age groups?

- Less than 6 years____ 13 to 18 Years____ 31 to 40 Years____ 51 to 60 Years____ Over 70 Years____
 6 to 12 Years____ 19 to 30 Years____ 41 to 50 Years____ 61 to 70 Years____

If you have any additional comments or opinions about your community that were not covered in the survey, please write them in the space provided below.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey and sharing your perspectives on your community.

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding the content of this survey, please contact Debbie Kunz at the Regional District office at (250)-784-3200. For more information regarding the Official Community Plan process to-date, please visit us online at

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