



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

## Recreation and Cultural Facilities and Services Grants-in-Aid Conversion Bylaw No. 669, 1990

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**Original Bylaw**

Bylaw No. 669

**Date of Adoption**

May 24, 1990

**Amending Bylaw**

Bylaw No. 2424

Bylaw No. 2520

September 27, 2021

April 4, 2024

**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT**  
**Bylaw No. 669, 1990**

*A bylaw to convert the function of Recreation and Cultural  
Facilities Grants-in-Aid to a local service.*

WHEREAS, pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, a regional district exercising a power to provide a service other than a general service, is required to adopt a bylaw respecting that service;

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Peace River Regional District was granted the function of Recreation and Cultural Facilities Grant-in-Aid by supplementary Letters Patent, dated June 19, 1980 as amended, with Electoral Areas "B", "C", "D", and "E" as participating member municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Peace River Regional District wishes to convert its Recreation and Cultural Facilities Grants-in-Aid function to a local service;

AND WHEREAS the participating member municipalities have consented, in writing, to the adoption of this bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Peace River Regional District, in open meeting assembled,

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. This bylaw shall be cited for all purposes as 'Recreation and Cultural Facilities and Services Grants in Aid Conversion Bylaw No. 669, 1990'.
2. If any portion of this bylaw is declared invalid by a court, the invalid portion shall be severed and the remainder of the bylaw deemed valid.

**DEFINITIONS**

3. *Community Organizations*: not-for-profit societies registered and in good standing in the Province of BC, or a local government.
4. *4-H Clubs*: a youth development organization recognized by 4-H British Columbia.
5. *Recreation and Cultural Facilities*: standalone buildings or grounds that are used to host publicly available recreation and cultural activities; including but not limited to riding arenas, ice arenas, swimming pools, community halls, fair grounds, museums, art galleries, and campgrounds.
6. *Youth Sports Organization* means a structured group offering sport training and development activities for youth.

**THE SERVICE**

7. The function of Recreation and Cultural Facilities Grants-in-Aid, granted by supplementary Letters Patent dated June 19, 1980, as amended, is hereby established as the function of Rural Recreation and Cultural Facilities and Services.
8. The service shall include the authority to provide grants to *community organizations* to assist with the costs of operation and maintenance of *recreation and cultural facilities* serving the Electoral Areas of the Peace River Regional District.
9. The service shall include the authority to provide grants to *community organizations* that operate and provide recreational and cultural services in the Electoral Areas.
10. The service shall include the authority to provide grants to *community organizations* undertaking capital projects to enhance *recreational and cultural facilities* in the Electoral Areas, whether or not those facilities are owned or held by the Peace River Regional District, so long as no borrowing is required on the part of the Peace River Regional District, to fund any grants.
11. The service shall include the authority to provide grants to *Youth Sports Organizations* to fund expenses related to travel out of region for competitions, and the authority to provide grants to *4-H Clubs* to fund expenses related to participating in 4-H Club activities.
12. The service shall include the authority for the Peace River Regional District to provide scholarships and bursaries to high schools in the service area to support student pursuit of post-secondary education, and to fund high school graduation celebratory events.
13. The service shall include the authority for the Peace River Regional District to undertake, directly or through indirect or contracted means, maintenance, improvements, and capital upgrades to *Recreation and Cultural Facilities* in the service area."
14. For clarity, the service of Recreational and Cultural Facilities and Services does not include the authority to borrow funds for the service.

**SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY**

15. The boundaries of the service area established in this bylaw are Electoral Area "B", Electoral Area "C" and Electoral Area "E".

**PARTICIPATING AREAS**

16. The participants in the Rural Recreation and Cultural Facilities and Services function established herein are Electoral Areas B, C, and E.

**COST RECOVERY**

17. The annual cost of providing Rural Recreational and Cultural Facilities and Services within the service area boundary as defined in Section 15 above, shall be recovered by one of more of the following:
- a) A property value tax imposed pursuant to the provisions of the *Local Government Act*, levied against the net taxable value of improvements only;
  - b) Revenues raised by other means authorized by the *Local Government Act*, or another Act;
  - c) Revenues raised by way of agreement, enterprise, gift, grant, or otherwise.

**APPORTIONMENT OF COSTS**

18. The costs to provide the service shall be apportioned among the participating areas on the basis of a fixed proportion formula imposed in accordance with section 380 of the *Local Government Act*, and shall be apportioned as follows:
- a) Area B – 58.44%
  - b) Area C – 11.37%
  - c) Area E – 30.19%
19. The annual net cost attributable to this service shall be borne directly by the participating electoral area(s) within which the Recreation and Cultural Facility or Service is provided and/or by the electoral area(s) that receive the benefit of the facility or service.
20. For clarity, section 19 requires that the cost of grants provided to *Community Organizations* operating and providing services or facilities in any one electoral area, or expenses incurred by the Regional District for maintenance and improvements to *Recreation And Cultural Facilities*, shall be paid for through the cost recovery methods authorized in section 17; specifically, Electoral Area B facilities and services grants and expenses shall be funded by property taxes levied in Electoral Area B, Electoral Area C facilities and services grants and expenses shall be funded by property taxes levied in Electoral Area C, and Electoral Area E facilities and services grants and expenses shall be paid for via property taxes levied in Electoral Area E; or by other revenues raised as authorized by section 17 above.
21. Notwithstanding sections 19 and 20, a grant may be provided to a *Community Organization* in any location, using revenue raised from any Electoral Area, provided that the *Community Organization* is providing a benefit to the Electoral Area from which the funds were requisitioned.

**MAXIMUM REQUISITION**

22. The maximum requisition limit that may be requisitioned in any one year for the service is the greater of \$480,000 or an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax of \$0.075/\$1,000 when applied to the net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 1990.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 1990.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1990.

Approved by the Inspector of  
Municipalities this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 1990.

Reconsidered, Finally Passed and  
Adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1990.

CERTIFIED A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY of "Recreation and Cultural Facilities and Services Grants-in-Aid Conversion Bylaw No. 669, 1990".	THE CORPORATE SEAL of the Peace River Regional District was hereto affixed in the presence of:
<i>Original signed by</i>	<i>Original signed by</i>
Moray Stewart, Administrator	Ben Knutson, Chairman

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING to be a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 669, 1990 cited as "Recreation and Cultural Facilities and Services Grants-in-Aid Conversion Bylaw No. 669, 1990" as read a third time by the Regional Board of the Peace River Regional District on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1990.

Dated at Dawson Creek, British Columbia this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1990.

*Original signed by Phil Cove, Deputy Clerk Administrator*

Moray Stewart, Administrator