

PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
Bylaw No. 2484, 2022

*A bylaw to establish a
financial contribution service from Area B
to the Fort St. John Public Library*

WHEREAS, pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, a regional district may establish and operate any service that the Board considers necessary or desirable for all or part of the Regional District;

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 Regional Board acknowledges that the Fort St. John Public Library is a service that benefits residents of Electoral Area B, and wishes to establish a service to authorize the provision of an annual financial contribution to assist with operational costs of providing the library service(s) at the Fort St. John Public Library,

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, participating area consent for the establishment of the financial contribution service through adoption of this bylaw has been obtained;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Peace River Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

SECTION 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Electoral Area B Fort St. John Public Library Financial Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2484, 2022".
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 is deemed valid.
3. The headings used in this bylaw are for convenience only and do not form part of this bylaw, and are not to be used in the interpretation of this bylaw.
4. Any enactment referred to herein is a reference to an enactment of the Province of British Columbia and regulations thereto, as amended, revised, consolidated, or replaced from time to time.

SECTION 2 – DEFINITIONS

5. In this Bylaw,

“Fort St. John Public Library” means a library governed under the *Library Act*, that houses a collection of materials, books or media that are easily accessible for use in a variety of formats, and offer targeted services and programs that is located within the boundaries of

the Peace River Regional District, and operated by a public library association or local government.

SECTION 3 – PURPOSE - SERVICE BEING ESTABLISHED

6. The Peace River Regional District hereby establishes a service to be known as “Fort St. John Public Library Financial Contribution” to provide funding to assist with provision of library services.
7. The Fort St. John Public Library Financial Contribution Service is established to provide authority for the provision of financial contributions to not for profit organizations or local governments that are developing, improving, and operating the Fort St. John Public Library in the Peace River Regional District.
8. The establishment of this service does not include the authority to borrow funds for the provision of the service.

SECTION 4 – SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY

9. The service area boundary is all of Electoral Area B of the Peace River Regional District.

SECTION 5 – PARTICIPATING AREA

10. The participating area is all of Electoral Area B of the Peace River Regional District.

SECTION 6 – COST RECOVERY

11. The annual cost of providing the Service within the service area boundary as defined in Clause 9 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.

SECTION 8 – MAXIMUM REQUISITION

12. The maximum requisition limit that may be requisitioned in any one year for the service is the greater of \$100,000 or an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax of **\$0.0281/\$1,000** when applied to the net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area.