

PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 2477, 2022

*A bylaw to establish a
Global Geopark Grant in Aid Service*

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 wishes to establish a service to authorize the provision of grants to support the operation and development of the Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark located in the Peace River Regional District, which attracts international attention to the region, provides recreation opportunities for local residents, and attracts tourists to the area;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, participating area consent for the establishment of the Global Geopark Grant in Aid 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:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Global Geopark Grant in Aid Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2477, 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.

DEFINITIONS

5. In this Bylaw,
 "Global Geopark" means the Global Geopark validated as an official geopark by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) that is located within the boundaries of the Peace River Regional District, and operated by a not for profit society or a local government.

SERVICE BEING ESTABLISHED

6. The Peace River Regional District hereby establishes a service to be known as “Global Geopark Grant in Aid”.
7. The Global Geopark Grant in Aid Service is established to provide authority for the provision of grants in aid to not for profit societies or local governments that are developing and improving, operating and maintaining a UNESCO designated Global Geopark 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.

SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY

9. The service area boundary is the entire Peace River Regional District.

PARTICIPATING AREAS

10. The participating areas are all Electoral Areas and all member municipalities of the Peace River Regional District.

COST RECOVERY

11. The annual cost of providing the Service within the service area boundary as defined in Section 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) Fees and charges imposed by separate bylaw pursuant to the provisions of the *Local Government Act*;
 - c) Revenues raised by other means authorized by the *Local Government Act*, or another Act;
 - d) Revenues raised by way of agreement, enterprise, gift, grant, or otherwise.

MAXIMUM REQUISITION

12. The maximum requisition limit that may be requisitioned in any one year for the service is the greater of \$200,000 or an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax of **\$0.0125/\$1,000** when applied to the net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area.

READ A FIRST TIME this 24th day of February, 2022.

READ A SECOND TIME this 24th day of February, 2022.

READ A THIRD TIME this 24th day of February, 2022.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING to be a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 2477, 2022 cited as Global Geopark Grant in Aid Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2477, 2022" as read a third time by the Regional Board of the Peace River Regional District at a meeting held on the 24th day of February, 2022.

Original signed by

Tyra Henderson,
Corporate Officer

APPROVED by the Inspector of Municipalities this 5th day of August, 2022.

RECEIVED the assent of the electors on the 15th day of October, 2022.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Filed with the Inspector of Municipalities this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Chair

(Corporate Seal has been affixed to the original bylaw)

Corporate Officer

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of
"Global Geopark Grant in Aid Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2477, 2022"
as adopted by the Peace River Regional District Board on _____, 2022.

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer