

PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 2444, 2021

*A bylaw to establish a
'Seniors Aging in Place Support Services'
in Electoral Area D and a defined portion of Electoral Area E*

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 there is a need for access to additional support services for seniors living in rural areas to enable them to remain healthy and in their homes longer;

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Peace River Regional District wishes to establish a service for the provision of seniors aging in place support services, either through direct service delivery, or through a contract with a not-for-profit society qualified to provide such services;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, participating area consent for the establishment of the Seniors Aging in Place Support 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 "Seniors Aging in Place Support Services Establishment Bylaw No. 2444, 2021".
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,

“Aging in Place” means a person’s ability to continue living independently at home through the provision of necessary supports and services;

“Coordination of in home medical services” means providing support and guidance to obtain necessary medical support equipment and mobile medical services by qualified health professionals;

“Healthy Meals” means balanced meals that meet the healthy eating guidelines found in Canada’s Food Guide;

“Health Professionals” means a person authorized to practice a designated health profession within the meaning of the *Health Profession Act*;

“Home Maintenance” includes snow removal, and yard maintenance;

“In Home Support Services” includes non-medical services related to meal service, housekeeping, home maintenance, transportation assistance, technology support, social support, and coordination of in home medical services;

“Housekeeping” includes sweeping, vacuuming, mopping, dusting, washing dishes, washing, drying, and folding laundry, and cleaning and sanitizing contact surfaces and appliances;

“Meal and Nutrition Related Services” includes the provision of in-home or community healthy meals, assistance with healthy meal preparation and planning, grocery shopping, and food security programs;

“Medical Support Equipment” includes safety rails and adaptations, mobility devices, web based wearable devices and ambient assisted living smart home systems, and bathroom safety;

“Not-For-Profit Society” means any not-for-profit society registered and in good standing in the Province of BC or the Government of Canada;

“Social Supports” include physical, social or recreational activities designed for seniors to promote physical and social well being, reduce social isolation, and provide relief for family and care givers;

“Transportation Assistance” includes providing or coordinating transportation for seniors to attend medical appointments, in a commercially insured vehicle;

“Technology Support” means education and training on how to access and navigate the internet to access information relevant to senior’s health and wellness and online services.

SECTION 3 – PURPOSE - SERVICE BEING ESTABLISHED

6. The Peace River Regional District hereby establishes a service to be known as “Seniors Aging in Place Support Services” to provide, through direct or contracted means, in home support services to seniors living in rural areas within the service area boundary in compliance with all relevant governing laws of the Province of British Columbia and any applicable federal laws.
7. Seniors Aging in Place Support Services may include:
 - a) Coordination of in home medical services,
 - b) Home Maintenance,
 - c) Housekeeping,
 - d) Meal and Nutrition Related Services,
 - e) Social Supports;
 - f) Transportation Assistance; or
 - g) Technology Support.
8. The service shall include the authority to provide a grant in aid to a registered not-for-profit society, or health authority, or any community agency, who employ health professionals to fund the provision of the seniors aging in place support services as described in Section 7 above.
9. The establishment of this service does not include the authority to borrow funds for the provision of the service.

SECTION 4 – SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY

10. The service area boundary is all of Electoral Area ‘D’ and a defined portion of Electoral Area ‘E’ of the Peace River Regional District, as shown outlined in a heavy black line and crosshatched in red on Schedule A – Seniors Aging in Place Support Service Area Boundary, which is attached to and forms part of this bylaw.

SECTION 5 – PARTICIPATING AREAS

11. The participating areas are all of Electoral Area ‘D’ and defined portion of Electoral Area ‘E’ of the Peace River Regional District, as shown outlined in a heavy black line and crosshatched in red on the attached Schedule A – Seniors Aging in Place Support Service Area Boundary.

SECTION 6 – COST RECOVERY

12. The annual cost of providing the Service within the service area boundary as defined in Section 4 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.

SECTION 8 – MAXIMUM REQUISITION

13. The maximum requisition limit that may be requisitioned in any one year for the service is the greater of \$1,900,000 or an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax of \$0.66/\$1,000 when applied to the net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area.

READ A FIRST TIME this 25th day of March, 2021.
 READ A SECOND TIME this 25th day of March, 2021.
 READ A THIRD TIME this 25th day of March, 2021.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING to be a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 2444, 2021 cited as Seniors Aging In Place Support Services Establishment Bylaw No. 2444, 2021" as read a third time by the Regional Board of the Peace River Regional District at a meeting held on the 25th day of March, 2021.

Corporate Officer

APPROVED by the Inspector of Municipalities this _____ day of _____, 2021.
 RECEIVED the assent of the electors on the _____ day of _____, 2021.
 ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Brad Sperling, Chair

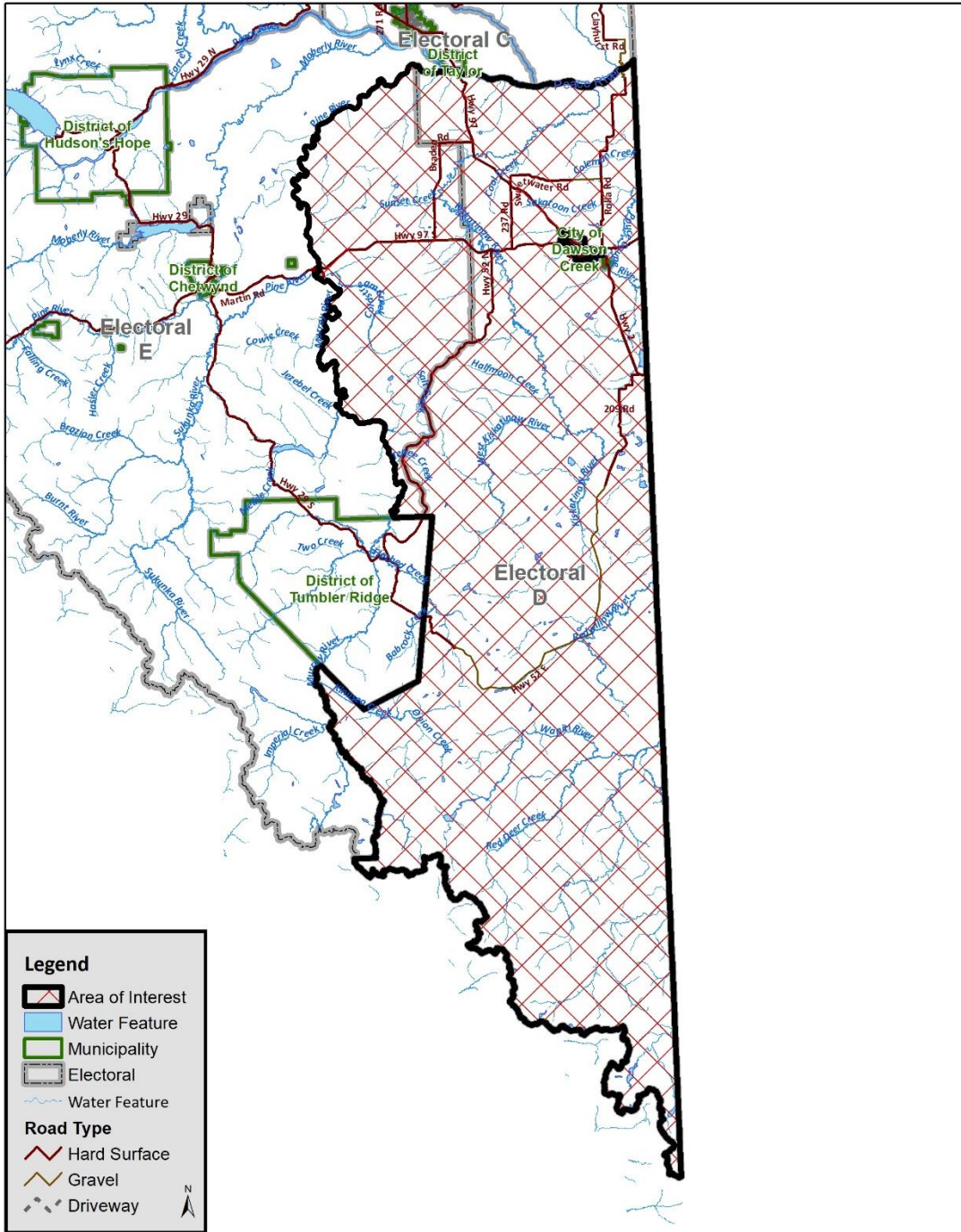
(Corporate Seal has been affixed to the original bylaw)

Tyra Henderson,
Corporate Officer

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of "Seniors Aging in Place Support Services Establishment Bylaw No. 2444, 2021" as adopted by the Peace River Regional District Board on _____, 2021.

Corporate Officer

SCHEDULE A – SENIORS AGING IN PLACE SUPPORT SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY



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