

PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 2445, 2021

*A bylaw to establish a
Health Related Services 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 and scholarships that enhance the quality and availability of various health-related services in the Region;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, participating area consent for the establishment of the Health Related Services 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:

SECTION 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Health Related Services Grant In Aid Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2445, 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,

“Air Ambulance Service” means a professional service qualified to transport critically ill or injured residents by air from the Peace River Region to an acute care medical facility in either British Columbia or Alberta.

“Search and Rescue Services” means volunteer ground search and rescue groups operating as members of the British Columbia Search and Rescue Association to locate and retrieve missing or injured persons outside of urban areas not accessible by traditional emergency services personnel including police, fire and road rescue response units.

SECTION 3 – PURPOSE - SERVICE BEING ESTABLISHED

6. The Peace River Regional District hereby establishes a service to be known as “Health Related Services Grants in Aid” to provide funding to enhance the quality and availability of various health related services.

7. The Health Related Services Grants in Aid Service may include:

- a) Grants in aid to not for profit societies qualified to operate air ambulance services;
- b) Grants in aid to not for profit societies offering search and rescue services;
- c) Grants in aid to not for profit societies offering accommodation or health related services for patients and family members receiving health care services;
- d) Grants in aid to not for profit societies with mandates to recruit and retain health care professionals to work and remain working in the Peace River region;
- e) Scholarships awarded to students pursuing post-secondary training and certification, in the form of a diploma or degree, in a health care or medical field, in an effort to enhance recruitment and retention of medical staff and professionals in Peace River Region Hospitals and accredited medical facilities operated by Northern Health in the Peace River Region.

8. Eligibility for scholarships shall be as recommended by the Peace River Regional District Health Care Scholarship Committee and approved by the Peace River Regional District Board of Directors, with all eligibility requirements to be posted publicly on the Regional District website.

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 the entire Peace River Regional District.

SECTION 5 – PARTICIPATING AREAS

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

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 \$750,000 or an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax of \$0.05/\$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. 2445, 2021 cited as Health Related Services Grant in Aid Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2445, 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
"Health Related Services Grant in Aid Service Establishment
Bylaw No. 2445, 2021, as adopted by the Peace River Regional
District Board on
_____, 2021.

Corporate Officer