

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING

This public hearing is convened pursuant to Section 465 of the *Local Government Act* to allow the public to make representations to the Board regarding the following proposed OCP and Zoning amendments:

1. Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2518, 2023 (PRRD File No. 23-004 ZN)
2. Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2512, 2023 (PRRD File No. 22-007 OCP ZN), and
3. Zoning Bylaw No. 2513, 2023 (PRRD File No. 22-007 OCP ZN)

You are encouraged to participate in the public hearing and are asked to observe the protocols noted below.

The Public Hearing is held to provide an opportunity for residents to share their views about the proposed changes to the bylaws.

We will first hold the public hearing for item No. 1 and once that public hearing has concluded, the public hearing for items No. 2 and 3 will commence.

We will first hear from the Planner who will provide an overview of the proposal and the application procedure to date, and then the Chair will call for comments from the public.

The notices of public hearing for all of the proposed bylaws were advertised in the Alaska Highway newspaper and mailed to neighboring landowners to alert residents to the proposed changes, and invite them to provide their feedback by e-mail, letter, or attendance at the public hearing today.

Every one of you present, who believes that your interest is affected by the proposed bylaw amendments shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw. None of you will be discouraged or prevented from making your views known. However, it is important that you restrict your remarks to matters contained in the proposed bylaws.

When speaking, please commence your remarks by clearly stating your first and last name.

Please take turns and ensure that you do not make follow up comments until each person has had a chance to speak.

Members of the Board may, if they so wish, ask questions of you following your presentation. However, the function of the Board at this public hearing is to listen to you rather than to debate the merits of the proposed bylaws.

After this public hearing has concluded, the Board may, without further notice, give whatever effect the Board believes proper to the representations made at this hearing. Once the hearing is concluded, no further comments will be accepted.