

**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT**  
**Bylaw No. 2520, 2024**

*A bylaw to amend 'Recreation and Cultural Facilities  
and Services Conversion Bylaw No. 669, 1990' as  
previously amended by Bylaw 2424.*

WHEREAS the Peace River Regional District was granted the function of Recreation and Cultural Facilities Grant-in-Aid by supplementary Letters Patent, dated June 19, 1980, as amended, with Electoral Areas "B", "C", "D", and "E" as participating member municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Peace River Regional District adopted 'Recreation and Cultural Facilities Grants in Aid Conversion Bylaw No. 669, 1990' to convert the service to one authorized by a service establishment bylaw under the *Local Government Act*; and

WHEREAS the Peace River Regional District amended the service in 2021 through adoption of 'Recreation and Cultural Facilities and Services Grants-in-Aid Amendment Bylaw No. 2424, 2020', to remove Area D as a participant, to expand the scope of the service to include the ability to provide grants for recreational services, and to further expand the scope to include the ability to provide grants for capital projects to enhance recreation and cultural facilities; and

WHEREAS the Peace River Regional District wishes to further expand the scope of the service to allow for the provision of grants for youth sports travel, 4-H activities, high school scholarships and bursaries, and graduation festivals, and to authorize the Regional District to undertake maintenance and capital improvement on recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS the *Local Government Act* allows for the amendment of a service establishment bylaw so long as the requirements of the legislation are met, and the Peace River Regional District has met those requirements, including obtaining written consent from the participating areas and approval from the Inspector of Municipalities;

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS**

1. This bylaw shall be cited as "Recreation and Cultural Facilities and Services Grants-in-Aid Amendment Bylaw No. 2520, 2024".
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.

**AMENDMENTS**

4. Delete all references to Section in the convenience headings, including the number assigned to each section.
5. Renumber all operative sections of the bylaw numerically starting with the number 1.
6. Delete the words “solely and exclusively” from the definition of *Recreation and Cultural Facilities*.
7. Insert a new definition of the term “4-H Clubs” alphabetically, as follows:  
“4-H Club is a youth development organization recognized by 4-H British Columbia” and renumber all subsequent sections accordingly.
8. Insert a new definition of the term “Youth Sports Organization” alphabetically as follows:  
Youth Sports Organization means a structured group offering sport training and development activities for youth” and renumber all subsequent sections accordingly.
9. Under the **SERVICE** heading, section 7 is deleted and replaced with the following section 7:  
“7. The function of Recreation and Cultural Facilities Grants-in-Aid, granted by supplementary Letters Patent dated June 19, 1980, as amended, is hereby established as the function of Rural Recreation and Cultural Facilities and Services.”
10. Under the **SERVICE** heading, insert new a new section 11 as follows and renumber all subsequent sections accordingly:  
“11. The service shall include the authority to provide grants to *Youth Sports Organizations* to fund expenses related to travel out of region for competitions, and the authority to provide grants to *4-H Clubs* to fund expenses related to participating in 4-H Club activities.”
11. Under the **SERVICE** heading, insert a new section 12 and renumber all subsequent sections accordingly:  
“12. The service shall include the authority for the Peace River Regional District to provide scholarships and bursaries to high schools in the service area to support students to pursue post-secondary education in the service area, and to fund high school graduation celebratory events.”
12. Under the **SERVICE** heading, insert a new section 13 and renumber all subsequent sections accordingly:  
“13. The service shall include the authority for the Peace River Regional District to undertake, directly or through indirect or contracted means, maintenance, improvements, and capital upgrades to *Recreation and Cultural Facilities* in the service area.”
13. Under the **PARTICIPATING AREAS** heading, section 16, insert the word ‘Rural’ before the word ‘Recreational’ and delete the words ‘Grant in Aid’.
14. Under the **COST RECOVERY** heading, section 17, insert the word ‘Rural’ before the word ‘Recreational’ and delete the words ‘Grant in Aid’.

15. Delete all sections in the **APPORTIONMENT OF COSTS** heading, insert new sections 18 through 21 as follows, and renumber all subsequent sections accordingly:

“18. The costs to provide the service shall be apportioned among the participating areas on the basis of a fixed proportion formula imposed in accordance with section 380 of the *Local Government Act*, and shall be apportioned as follows:

- a) Area B – 58.44%
- b) Area C – 11.37%
- c) Area E – 30.19%”

19. The annual net cost attributable to this service shall be borne directly by the participating electoral area(s) within which the Recreation and Cultural Facility or Service is provided and/or by the electoral area(s) that receive the benefit of the facility or service.

20. For clarity, section 19 requires that the cost of grants provided to *Community Organizations* operating and providing services or facilities in any one electoral area, or expenses incurred by the Regional District for maintenance and improvements to *Recreation And Cultural Facilities*, shall be paid for through the cost recovery methods authorized in Section 17; specifically, Electoral Area B facilities and services grants and expenses shall be funded by property taxes levied in Electoral Area B, Electoral Area C facilities and services grants and expenses shall be funded by property taxes levied in Electoral Area C, and Electoral Area E facilities and services grants and expenses shall be paid for via property taxes levied in Electoral Area E; or by other revenues raised as authorized by section 17 above

21. Notwithstanding sections 19 and 20, a grant may be provided to a *Community Organization* in any location, using revenue raised from any Electoral Area, provided that the *Community Organization* is providing a benefit to the Electoral Area from which the funds were requisitioned.”

READ A FIRST TIME this	<u>11<sup>th</sup></u>	day of	<u>January</u>	, 2024
READ A SECOND TIME this	<u>11<sup>th</sup></u>	day of	<u>January</u>	, 2024.
READ A THIRD TIME this	<u>11<sup>th</sup></u>	day of	<u>January</u>	, 2024

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of “Recreation and Cultural Facilities and Services Grants-in-Aid Amendment Bylaw No. 2520, 2024” as read a third time by the Peace River Regional District Board on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

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Joanne Caldecott, Deputy Corporate Officer

Approved by the Inspector of Municipalities this 11 day of March, 2024.

ADOPTED, with the written consent of the participants, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

Filed with the Inspector of Municipalities this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

(Corporate Seal has been  
affixed to the original  
bylaw)

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Chair Brad Sperling

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of "  
Recreation and Cultural Facilities and Services Grants-in-  
Aid Amendment Bylaw No. 2520, 2024", as adopted by the  
Peace River Regional District Board on \_\_\_\_\_,  
2024.

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Corporate Officer – Tyra Henderson

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Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer