



# REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ENV-BRD-216

From: Environmental Services

Date: November 21, 2024

**Subject: Area E Scramblevision – Function 505 and Chetwynd TV – Function 510 Next Steps**

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## **RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Unweighted]**

That the Regional Board authorize the engagement of legal counsel to modernize all existing bylaws pertaining to Function 505 – Chetwynd and Area E Scramblevision, and Function 510 – Chetwynd TV, which may include amalgamation of the two existing functions into one, archiving existing bylaws, amendments to existing bylaws, and/or repealing of out-of-date bylaws, in 2025.

## **BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

On August 22, 2024, the Electoral Area Directors Committee passed the following motions which were shared with the Regional Board on September 12, 2024:

*MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED,*

*That the Electoral Area Directors Committee send a letter to the District of Chetwynd requesting their support to dissolve Function 505 – Chetwynd and Area E Scramblevision, and Function 510 – Chetwynd TV, and discontinue provision of these services.*

*MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED,*

*That the Regional Board, upon receipt of support from the District of Chetwynd, dissolve Function 505 – Chetwynd and Area E Scramblevision and Function 510 - Chetwynd TV; and authorize preparation of a bylaw to repeal all existing bylaws pertaining to these functions.*

Director Rose sent a letter to the District of Chetwynd seeking support for the discontinuation of the Chetwynd Scramblevision and TV services via the PRRD. Legislation requires that two-thirds of the participants consent to the dissolving of the function; in this case the participants are Electoral Area E and the District of Chetwynd.

The District of Chetwynd invited Director Rose to their Council meeting held on September 3, 2024 to discuss the letter they had received from Director Rose. The District of Chetwynd passed the following motion at their September 3, 2024 meeting which was shared with the Regional Board on October 3, 2024:

*That Mayor and Council request a meeting with Peace River Regional District staff to discuss the Area E Scramblevision and Chetwynd TV.*

Staff reached out to the District of Chetwynd staff on October 4 and October 17, 2024 in attempts to set up a time for a discussion. On October 29, 2024, the District of Chetwynd responded with a certified resolution, attached to this report, stating that they will not be taking any further action until such time as the bylaws pertaining to Functions 505 and 510 are modernized.

As such, staff recommends engaging with legal counsel to modernize the existing bylaws. This modernization may include archiving, amalgamation of the existing functions, amendments to the bylaws, and/or repeal of the bylaws. For an overview of the history of the functions, please see the attached document “Functions 505 and 510 History Notes”.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:**

- Asset and Infrastructure Management
  - Determine Service Expectations for all Assets

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

In 2024, legal services were approved through the adoption of the 2024 Financial Plan in the amounts of \$20,000 from Function 505, and \$20,000 from Function 510. These funds will be utilized to engage with legal to modernize the bylaws. Any unspent funds in 2024 will be carried forward to 2025 through the budgeting process.

### **COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**

None at this time.

### **OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

Upon approval by the Regional Board, the following bylaws will be sent to legal counsel for review and modernization:

<u>Function 505:</u>	<u>Function 510:</u>
724, 1991	353, 1982
725, 1991	478, 1986
757, 1991	626, 1989
1095, 1997	913, 1994 and
1114, 1997 and	1258, 2000.
1342, 2001.	

### Attachments:

1. Certified Resolution – Chetwynd TV Considerations
2. PRRD Letter Chet TV 2024
3. Functions 505 and 510 History Notes

External Links:

1. [August 22, 2024 Electoral Area Directors Committee](#) – See Item 8.1 “Future Considerations for Area E Scramblevision and Chetwynd TV – ENV-EADC-039”
2. [September 12, 2024 Regional Board Meeting](#) – See Item 8.1 “Electoral Area Directors Committee Recommendations from August 22, 2024 – ADM-BRD-526”
3. [October 3, 2024 Regional Board Meeting](#) – See Item 7.1 “Certified Resolution from District of Chetwynd Re: Electoral Area E Scramblevision and Chetwynd TV Re: Meeting”