

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 bylaw:

1. Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 2571, 2025

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

The notice of Public Hearing for the proposed bylaw was advertised on the Peace River Regional District's website and Facebook page to alert residents to the proposed bylaw, 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 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 bylaw.

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 bylaw.

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.