



CLOSED MEETINGS AND PROACTIVE DISCLOSURE

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1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this Policy is to establish an expectation for the Board, staff, and the public, that the Board will strive to be as transparent as possible with the business of the Peace River Regional District. Careful consideration will be given to which items are discussed in a Closed Meeting, and any items that can be released from a confidential meeting, once finalized, will be routinely and proactively released, with approval from the Board.

2. Scope

2.1 As the provisions of the *Community Charter* and the Peace River Regional District Board Procedure Bylaw apply to Board meetings, Committees, and Commissions of the Board, this Policy shall also apply across the spectrum of Regular Board Meetings and all Committees and Commissions appointed by the Peace River Regional District.

3. Definitions

4. Policy

4.1 The Peace River Regional District will carefully and deliberately consider issues that **may** be discussed in a Closed to the Public meeting, and if necessary, will recess to a closed session to deliberate whether an item shall be discussed in a closed to the public or open session.

4.2 The Board directs the routine and proactive release of any decisions made in a closed meeting that can be released to the public.



Affiliated Procedure	Closed Meetings and Proactive Disclosure Procedure
Other Affiliated Documentation	<i>Community Charter</i> (Sections 90 (1) and (2)) Peace River Regional District Board Procedure Bylaw Peace River Regional District Statement of Vision, Mission, and Values Open Meetings: Best Practices Guide for Local Governments (issued by the BC Office of the Ombudsperson as Special Report No. 34 to the Legislative Assembly of BC, September 2012)