PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee
Guiding Principles

- ✓ Connectivity is essential to strengthening the social, economic, ecological, and cultural resilience within the region.

- ✓ Connectivity and technology shapes residents' choices, behaviours, and needs.

- ✓ Connectivity is pertinent to all regional district planning and decision-making.

- ✓ The Regional District has a role in ensuring residents have access to high-speed Broadband Internet.

- ✓ The Regional District views Broadband infrastructure as essential infrastructure.

- ✓ The nature and expense of connectivity deployment requires a forward-looking vision to maximize potential and coordinate efforts within the regional district.

- ✓ Convergence of public and private infrastructure where it benefits the public and protects public interests is good public policy.

- ✓ Access to Broadband Internet and infrastructure must be leveraged through Official Community Plans, regional growth planning, and spatial planning (i.e. land use by-laws, sub-division by-laws) to maximize the potential within the region.

- ✓ An understanding of the true drivers and needs for connectivity will inform decisions.

- ✓ Leveraging one infrastructure to advance another (i.e. dig once policies) is in the public interest.

- ✓ Access to Broadband Internet and infrastructure allows the regional district to retain and grow businesses, create and retain skilled workers, and re-invigorate communities.

- ✓ Broadband Redundancy is essential to protect Internet, telephone, cellular, and essential government services throughout the region in the event of damage to Broadband Infrastructure at any time.