



# REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: DS-BRD-491

From: Development Services

Date: July 17, 2025

**Subject: Regional Growth Strategy No. 2571, 2025**

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## **RECOMMENDATION #1: [Corporate Unweighted]**

That the Regional Board give Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 2571, 2025 third reading.

## **RECOMMENDATION #2: [Corporate Unweighted – 2/3 Majority]**

That the Regional Board adopt Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 2571, 2025.

## **BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

The Peace River Regional District (PRRD) initiated this Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) in March 2022. The RGS is a long-range, high-level plan that will help the PRRD and member communities (City of Dawson Creek, City of Fort St. John, District of Taylor, District of Chetwynd, District of Hudson's Hope, District of Tumbler Ridge and Village of Pouce Coupe) better understand and prepare for the potential changes that can be expected over the next 20 years due to a growing population, new service demands and affordable housing challenges, among other issues.

All affected local governments have provided resolutions in support of the Regional Growth Strategy.

As part of this project an implementation and monitoring plan has been developed, and staff will provide yearly updates as to progress.

## **Summary of Procedure**

Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 2571, 2025 was read for a first and second time on March 20, 2025. The following activities have occurred since then:

April 1 & 9, 2025:	Public notification posted on the PRRD website and Facebook page.
April 10, 2025:	Public Hearing held in Dawson Creek.
April 10, 2025:	Referrals sent to all municipalities, adjacent Regional Districts and the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

## **Comments Received from the Public**

A Public Hearing was held on April 10, 2025, in accordance with the *Local Government Act* and the minutes of that hearing are attached to this report. One public comment was received in advance of the Public Hearing which is attached to the Public Hearing Agenda.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

**STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:**

- ☒ Asset and Infrastructure Management
- ☒ Collaboration and Cooperation with First Nations
- ☒ Interprovincial Collaboration
- ☒ Emergency Management

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

The RGS project was entirely funded through grants from the Federal and Provincial governments.

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**

None at this time.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

None at this time.

**Attachments:**

1. Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 2571, 2025
2. Public Notification for Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 2571, 2025
3. Minutes for Public Hearing for Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 2571, 2025

**External Links:**

1. [Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 2571, 2025](#) – See Item 9.1 on the Regional Board Meeting Agenda dated March 20, 2025
2. [Agenda – Public Hearing for Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 2571, 2025](#) – April 10, 2025