

PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

2023-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

Staff Update 2025 July 17, 2025

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1. Asset and Infrastructure Management

Goal

To effectively plan for and manage the PRRDs assets and infrastructure to ensure they provide the desired levels of service to our residents, now, and in the future.

- 1.1 Undertake condition assessments for all PRRD Owned Assets.
- 1.2 Determine Service Expectations for all Assets.
- 1.3 Identify Funding and Investment Strategies
- 1.4 Implement Asset Management Software Program

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Actions	Department	Timeline
Submitted bids for bleacher repairs / Repaired	CS	Completed
Architectural and Engineering Assessment to determine repairs needed and costs to upgrade the Adeline Kelly Building to a A-2 Occupancy Standard – presented to the Board Feb 20, 2025 with May 1, 2025 Board decision that no further efforts be undertaken to upgrade the building, but that staff are to confirm that it is safe as an F-2 building.	CS	Completed
North Peace Fall Fair Society-led project to upgrade Pineview Hall to Public Occupancy Standard	CS	Q2 2026
Jackfish Community Hall Facility condition assessment completed in 2019 with additional assessment completed in 2023 resulting in cost estimate and repair plan. Facility officially closed in June 2025 pending repairs and a commitment from facility operators. Investment in repair plan pending results of community meeting set for Summer, 2025	CS	Q3 2025
Results of 2024 assessment formed the scope of work for critical facility upgrades project. Board approved scope of work in Q1 2025 with repairs expected for completion in 2026.	CS	Q3 2026
Strategy 1.2: Determine Service Expectations for all Assets		
Actions	Department	Timeline
Consultant presented to Staff – "Framework for Setting Service Level Expectations"	FN	Completed
Financial Strategy	FN	Completed
Asset Management Strategy	FN	Q4 2025
Asset Management Plans by Function	FN	Q4 2026
Long Term Financial Plan by Function	FN	Q4 2025

Levels of Service by Function	FN	Q4 2025	
Strategy 1.3: Identify Funding and Investment Strategies			
Actions	Department	Timeline	
Strategy 1.4: Implement Asset Management Software Program			
Actions	Department	Timeline	
Asset Management – Software for operation procured	FN	Completed	
Researching add-on software for Asset Management Planning (long-term Financial Planning)	FN	Q1 2026	
Procure Asset Management Software – February 2025	FN	Completed	
Implement Asset Management (Maintenance) Software	FN	Completed	
Public Access Portal for Asset Management Maintenance Requests	FN	Q3 2025	

2. Human Resources Management

Goal

To enhance our human resource management practices and programs to ensure our employees are motivated, engaged, and supported in the work they do.

- 2.1 Establish a corporate employee development program.
- 2.2 Review and update performance review process.
- 2.3 Develop an employee retention and recruitment strategy.

Strategy 2.1: Establish a Corporate Employee Development Program			
Actions	Department	Timeline	
Create Development Program	ADM	Q2 2025	
Strategy 2.2: Review and Update Performance Review Process			
Actions	Department	Timeline	
Revise/implement New Performance Review process	ADM	Q3 2025	
Strategy 2.3: Develop an Employee Retention and Recruitment Strategy			
Actions	Department	Timeline	
Create an organizational plan to reduce employee turnover, increase retention and foster employee engagement.	ADM	Q4 2025	

3. Collaboration and Cooperation with First Nations

Goal

To further our relationships with the First Nations governments and pursue opportunities for partnerships and governance participation.

- 3.1 Advance the development of individual MOUs.
- 3.2 Share PRRD strategic goals with First Nations to identify opportunities for cooperation and collaboration.
- 3.3 Investigate governance participation models under *Local Government Act*.

Strategy 3.1: Advance the Development of Individual MOUs				
Actions	Actions	Actions		
Meeting with Doig River FN re: MOU – April 14, 2025	ADM/DS	Q2 2025		
Strategy 3.2: Share PRRD Strategic Goals with First Nati and Collaboration.	Strategy 3.2: Share PRRD Strategic Goals with First Nations to Identify Opportunities for Cooperation and Collaboration.			
Actions	Department	Timeline		
Regional Growth Strategy & Regional Climate Resiliency Plan – information shared about the status of projects during C2C meetings	DS	Completed		
C2C Halfway River FN – March 18, 2025	ADM	Completed		
West Moberly Quarterly Meeting, with Area E – March 5, 2025	ADM	Completed		
Invitations for C2C Meetings sent to all FN – Jan 8, 2025	ADM	Completed		
Invited FN to share their concerns re: Exemption of Wind Project from Env. Assessment process with Govt - Feb, 2025	ADM	Completed		
Requested support from FN for PRRD ask to province for streamlined permitting processes for fibre transport projects funded by government grants (seeking collaboration and support for the development of broadband connectivity fibre transport systems in the region)	ADM	Completed		
Strategy 3.3: Investigate Governance Participation Models under Local Government Act				
Actions	Department	Timeline		
Shared Provincial Government staff contact information for Participation in Local Government with Shona Nelson, Doig Band Manager	ADM	Completed		

4. Inter-Provincial Collaboration

Goal

To explore and realize opportunities and advantages through cooperation and collaboration with neighbouring local governments in Alberta.

Strategies

4.1 Coordinate the re-establishment of Inter-Provincial meetings.

Strategy 4.1: Coordinate the re-establishment of Inter-Provincial meetings		
Actions	Department	Timeline
Worked with County GP to schedule Interprovincial Meeting – attended meeting Nov 29, 2024 and provided follow up information requested	ADM	Q1 2025
Meeting set for August 20, 2025 – Hosted by Saddle Hills County	ADM	Q3/2025

5. Emergency Management

Goal

To ensure the PRRD's interests are articulated and considered in response to proposed amendments to the *Emergency Program Act and Fire Services Act*.

Actions	Department	Timeline
Develop an Implementation Plan to Address the new		
Act and Regulations		
 Regulations expected to be developed and 	CS	Q4 2025
implemented late 2024 to early 2025 for initial		
new regulations.		
Emergency & Disaster Management Act updates	CS	Completed
to Board – January 23, 2025		
 New regulations and legislation that are being 	CS	Completed
developed on EMCR presented to Board –		
February 20, 2025		
Strategy 5.2: Explore opportunities for new or enhanced	d mutual aid agreer	nents
Actions	Department	Timeline
Meeting with County of Grande Prairie – Development	CS	Completed
of a cross-jurisdictional Mutal Aid Agreement – January		
20, 2025		
Reached out to the Office of the Fire Commissioner to	CS	Q2 2025
provide clarity on what is required to pursue a Mutual		
Aid Agreement across provincial lines – February 21,		
2025		
Meeting with City of Dawson Creek – ESS Agreements	CS	Completed
– March 7, 2025		
Meeting with City of Fort St. John – Ess Agreements –	CS	Completed
March 12, 2025		
Staff met with District of Chetwynd to discuss Ess	CS	Completed
Agreements – April 22, 2025		
Staff met with District of Taylor to discuss Ess	CS	Completed
Agreements – April 29, 2025		
The Ess teams have requested that the PRRD and the 4	CS	Q3 2025
main teams meet and discuss how an agreement		
would look with everyone included – Tentatively		
scheduled for August 2025		
Further discussions to be had at the EPC meeting	CS	Q3 2025
tentatively scheduled in August.		

6. Advocacy Goal

To represent and advance the interests of the region with other levels of government and agencies responsible for providing governance and services in our region.

Focus Areas

- 6.1 Emergency Program Act/ Fire Services Act Amendments
- 6.2 Agriculture/Food Security
- 6.3 Seniors Housing
- 6.4 Blueberry River FN
- 6.5 Homelessness/Mental Health and Addictions/Crime
- 6.6 Aggregate Security

Strategy 6.1: Emergency Program Act/ Fire Services Act Amendments		
	Ministry	Timeline
Actions		
Strategy 6.2: Agriculture/Food Security		
	Ministry	Timeline
	Minister of Agriculture	Q3 2025
Actions		
Regional Growth Strategy – Provides policy and implementation actions focused on supporting agriculture – going to the July 17, 2025 for consideration if adopted.	Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs	Q3 2025
Regional Climate Resiliency Plan – Provides policy and implementation actions focused on supporting agricultural resilience to climate hazards	Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness	Q3 2025