



REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION

TO: Chair and Directors File No.: BYL 3.0

FROM: Karla Jensen, General Manager of Legislative and Corporate Services

DATE: July 4, 2023

SUBJECT: Public Notice Bylaw No. 3316, 2023 and Public Notice Additional Methods of Publication Policy RD-24-23

SUMMARY: Attachments:
1. Draft Bylaw No. 3316, 2023
2. Draft Policy No. RD-24-23
Previous Reports: Item No. 11.1.5, March 2023

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. THAT the report and Public Notice Survey Results be received.
2. THAT Public Notice Bylaw No. 3316, 2023 be now introduced and given first, second, and third reading
3. THAT Public Notice Bylaw No. 3316, 2023 be adopted.
4. THAT Public Notice Additional Methods of Publication Policy No. RD-24-23 be adopted.

ENTITLEMENT	HOW VOTE COUNTED
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority
All 1 Director/1 vote	2/3 Majority
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority

ISSUE(S):

At the regular meeting of the Board on March 20, 2023, the Board requested that:

- Corporate Services Administration draft a Public Notice Bylaw for consideration by the Board; and
- Corporate Services Administration undertake a survey in each Electoral Area to determine the methods in which the public currently access Regional District Public Notice information as well as how the public would like to access Regional District Public Notice information.

The survey results, draft Public Notice Bylaw and a draft Public Notice Additional Methods Policy are attached to this report.

The Board is being asked to consider receiving the Public Notice Survey Results, giving four readings to Public Notice Bylaw No. 3316 and adopting Public Notice Additional Methods Policy No. RD-24-23.

RELEVANT POLICIES:*Local Government Act*

- requires any Public Notice that is required under it to be published in accordance with Section 94.1 of the *Community Charter*

Community Charter, Sections 94, 94.1 and 94.2

- provides for:
 - requirements of Public Notice
 - default publication requirements
 - option for bylaw to provide for alternate means of publication

Public Notice Reg. 52/2022

- provides principles for effective Public Notice that Board must consider before adopting a Public Notice bylaw
 - reliable
 - suitable
 - accessible

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

- ☐ Climate Action ☐ Economic Health ☐ Indigenous Relations ☐ Strong Communities
☒ None – Statutory or Routine Business

SERVICE RELEVANCE:

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

It is anticipated that there will be cost savings in terms of newspaper publishing. For additional methods for each electoral area under Public Notice Additional Methods Policy RD-24-23, if the method is newspaper, there is the option to publish the full notice or to publish a condensed notice with a link to the full notice on the Regional District's website.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):Legislation

Under Section 94.2 of the *Community Charter*, the methods chosen in a Public Notice bylaw must be used for all Public Notices in the Regional District. Before a Board adopts a Public Notice bylaw, consideration must be given to the principles of effective Public Notice. As regional districts encompass large areas that are diverse in their communities (urban/rural needs) and in availability of printed newspapers, the Province has recommended that, if a Regional District Board wishes to adopt a Public Notice bylaw, that:

- the two methods specified in a Public Notice bylaw are as widely available as possible within the region (i.e. Regional District Website and Facebook); and
- consider adopting a Public Notice policy to specify additional methods that will be used for different electoral areas

The common public notices that the Regional District publishes are as follows (not exclusive list):

NOTICE TYPE	REGION WIDE OR FOCUSED AREA
Notice of Land Disposition	Region Wide
Notice of Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel	Region Wide
Notice of Budget Meeting	Region Wide
Notice of Annual Report on Regional District Finances	Region Wide

Notice of Nominations	Region Wide
Notice of Election	Focused Area
Notice of Public Hearing	Focused Area
Notice Public Hearing Waived	Focused Area
Notice of Assent Vote	Region Wide or Focused Area
Notice of Alternative Approval Process	Region Wide or Focused Area

Member Municipalities

Below is a summary of the publication methods for Public Notices of the Regional District's member municipalities:

Member Municipality	Public Notice Bylaw	Publication Methods Established in Public Notice Bylaw	Additional Publication Methods	Publishing Method to Satisfy Community Charter
City of Prince George	Yes	City Website and Facebook Page	Newspaper where appropriate	
District of Mackenzie	No			Direct Mail as no newspaper in Mackenzie
Village of McBride	No			Newspaper
Village of Valemount	No			Newspaper

Survey Results

The Survey results of the seven electoral areas has been set out in the Backgrounder under Survey Results. The Survey was available on the Regional District's website from May 12 to June 2, 2023. Hard copies of the Survey were also mailed out to 25% of the properties of each of the seven Electoral Areas chosen randomly (2,526 total) as the cost to mail to all properties was estimated at \$16,000. 292 online responses were received and 59 hard copies of the completed survey were returned (351 total responses). The options provided in the Survey for where Public Notices have been seen and what the preference is for viewing Public Notices in the future, were those we have heard from the public as wanting over the years.

Bylaw and Policy

Draft Public Notice Bylaw No. 3316, 2023 and draft Public Notice Additional Methods Policy No. RD-24-23 are provided for consideration.

In considering these two documents, the Board is required to consider the principles for effective Public Notice prescribed under *Public Notice Reg. No. 52/2022*. The intent of these principles is to foster a shared set of good governance expectations among local governments and give members of the public confidence that their local governments will conduct their business in an open and transparent manner. The three principles are:

- a) Reliable
 - i. method is dependable and trustworthy;
- b) Suitable
 - i. method works for the purpose of informing the community; and
- c) Accessible
 - i. method is easily accessible for people and has a broad reach in the community.

Based on the survey results and legislative requirements, the two official means proposed are the Regional District's website and Facebook. Both of these will be readily accessible, provide reliable, accurate and up to date information and meet the content and timing requirements for publications of statutory Public Notices. The Regional District's website and Facebook page are visited regularly, accessible through various devices and there is no requirement for logging in or having an account to access Public Notice information.

One of the popular choices in the Survey for receiving Public Notices was via email. The new Regional District website that is currently being developed will have a subscription component that members of the public can sign up for to

receive a Public Notice directly to their inbox. This was not included as a method for Public Notices as it will be up to members of the public to subscribe.

With respect to posting a Public Notice in a public place, the Regional District electoral areas are very varied in number of communities, facilities such as community halls, fire halls, schools or post offices. As such, consistency in how and where to post is challenging for Administration to undertake. If the Board is supportive of Bylaw No. 3316 and Policy No. RD-24-23 Corporate Services Administration will work to develop a communications plan for the general public and for providing to community associations and firehalls in the electoral areas that will outline the new process for publishing Public Notices and inviting them to share any Public Notices published, that are relevant to their community, on their community Facebook page or posting at a public place within their community. This will provide an opportunity for community groups to post notices in locations within the community that community members frequent.

Additional Methods Proposed Under Policy No. RD-24-23

- newspaper is proposed as the additional method of publication and is defined in the policy;
- although there may be slight differences amongst the electoral areas in choices under the Survey, it is important that the additional methods meet the principles of effective Public Notice and are consistent;
- Administration has determined that none of the Canada Post programs that would see a reduced cost for a flyer-type mail out with minimal staff resources required, are applicable to sending out public notices:
 - there are 8,358 address points within the 7 electoral areas
 - for a region-wide mail out (all 7 electoral areas) without a reduced cost at Canada Post, the cost would be \$7,690 approximately to mail and additional cost for staff resources to prepare the mail out
 - other than land use planning application mailouts, the majority of regional district mail outs are region wide in nature
- an Authorized Person as defined in the Policy may publish a Public Notice by additional methods other than under Bylaw No. 3316 and Policy No. RD-24-23;
 - provides flexibility for unexpected circumstances;
- the newspaper additional method allows for a condensed version of the Public Notice provided there is a link to the Regional District website to access full notice and all information;
 - Policy also provides:
 - that details that must be included in the condensed Public Notice; and
 - that the Public Notice is only required to be published one time.

It is proposed that Bylaw No. 3316 and Policy No. RD-24-23 become effective September 1, 2023. This will allow sufficient time for Administration to adjust internal processes as well as to develop and implement a communications plan.

DECISION OPTIONS:

1. Approve recommendations.
 - Public Notice Bylaw No. 3316 will be adopted;
 - Public Notice Additional Methods Policy No. RD-24-23 will be approved; and
 - Administration will begin adjusting internal processes and developing a communications plan on the new Public Notice publishing methods

Other Options:

- a. Do not adopt Bylaw No. 3316
 - a. Public Notices will continue to be published in newspapers per Section 94 of the *Community Charter*
- b. Do not approve Public Notice Additional Methods Policy No. RD-24-23
 - a. If Bylaw No. 3316 is adopted but the Policy is not approved, Public Notices will be published only according to Bylaw No. 3316.
- c. Amend Bylaw No. 3316 after first reading, no debate nor amendment on first reading.
- d. Amend Policy No. RD-24-23
- e. Postpone consideration for further information

COMMENTS:

The principles for effective Public Notice must be considered by a local government that chooses to adopt a Public Notice bylaw and provide alternate methods for Public Notice which includes reliability, suitability and accessibility prescribed by *Public Notice Reg. No. 52/2022*. As the Regional District's electoral areas are diverse in population and community sizes, a survey was undertaken to determine how residents access information now and how they would like to in the future, based on feedback from the public over the years. Both of these were taken into consideration when selecting proposed methods for providing Public Notice. Public Notice Bylaw No. 3316 specifies the Regional District's website and the Facebook page as the official Public Notice methods and, under Public Notice Additional Methods Policy No. RD-24-23, one additional method is specified for each electoral area. There will be no change to residents receiving individual public notification by mail of land use applications and public hearings pursuant to Development Applications Procedure Bylaw No. 3268 and the *Local Government Act*.

Respectfully submitted,

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BACKGROUNDER

Overview

In 2022 the Province amended the statutory Public Notice (Public Notice) provisions of the *Community Charter*. The Public Notice provisions under the *Community Charter* are applicable to Regional Districts. The amendment provided local governments with an alternative means to provide Public Notice as opposed to publication in newspapers which is the default method. Public Notices are required for certain planning matters (i.e. public hearing notices), land disposition election or assent votes, and financial reporting as examples.

Publishing Public Notices in newspapers has become increasingly costly given the legislative requirements for content. In 2023 Development Services budgeted \$35,000 for Public Notices associated with planning matters. Corporate Services prepares and budgets for Public Notices associated with financial reporting and elections which in a nonelection year is under \$5,000. In 2022 Corporate Services budgeted \$45,000 for General Local Election Public Notices to accommodate elections in all seven Electoral Areas, if required, plus the Bear Lake Community Commission. With only two elections required, actual advertising cost was \$12,860 for elections in Electoral Area A and the Bear Lake Community Commission.

Meeting the statutory requirement of publishing in a newspaper once each week for two consecutive weeks has become increasingly difficult as publishing deadlines do not always align with the statutory requirements. One example was during the 2022 General Local Election where the Board was asked to authorize publishing the Notice of Advance Voting by alternative means as the statutory time period established under the *Local Government Act* for publishing the Public Notice and the statutory time period for declaring an election did not align with the publishing dates of the newspaper.

Survey Results Summary

The Questions asked in the Survey were:

Question 1: What Electoral Area do you reside in?

Question 2: *Samples of Public Notices were provided in survey* Do you recall seeing these types of notices from the Regional District before?

Question 3: Where did you see or receive these types of notices?

- RD website
- Posted in a public place such as a community bulletin board
- Social media channels such as Facebook
- Rocky Mountain Goat Newspaper
- Mail
- Prince George Citizen
- Other

Question 4: How would you prefer to receive Public Notice such as the samples?

- RD website
- Posted in a public place such as a community bulletin board
- Social media channels such as Facebook
- Rocky Mountain Goat Newspaper
- Mail
- Prince George Citizen
- Other

Question 5: Do you have additional feedback?

The following Summaries are provided below:

- **Summary A** - by Electoral Area and top 3 choices for seeing or receiving Public Notices currently and preference for receiving Public Notices in future; and

- **Summary B** – by Electoral Area - of all responses.

Comments for Questions #3, #4 and #5 are contained in Appendices noted in the table below.

SUMMARY A

Electoral Area	Q#3 – Where see or receive now?		Q#4 – Preference to receive in future?	
A 75 Responses	30 25 11	PG Citizen Mail Social Media	46 6 3	Mail Social Media PG Citizen
C 78 Responses	26 19 17	PG Citizen Mail Social Media	43 17 3 3	Mail Social Media PG Citizen Post in Public Place
D 54 Responses	13 13 7	PG Citizen Mail Social Media	28 8 2 2	Mail Social Media Citizen Post in Public Place
E 8 Responses	4 1 1	Post in Public Place Social Media PG Citizen	4 1 1	Mail Social Media Post in Public Place
F 28 Responses	9 7 1 1	PG Citizen Mail RD Website Post in Public Place	17 3 1 1	Mail Social Media Post in Public Place PG Citizen
G 27 Responses	6 5 5 5	Citizen Post in Public Place Social Media Mail	10 3 3	Mail Post in Public Place Social Media
H 76 Responses	57 11 6 6	RV Goat Newspaper Mail RD Website Post in Public Place	38 16 7	RV Goat Mail Social Media

SUMMARY B

Electoral Area	Question 2		Question 3		Question 4		Question 5
A 75 Responses	Yes 51 Resp.	No 24 Resp.	RD website	9	RD website	1	See Appendix A
			Post Public Place	4	Post Public Place	0	
			Social Media	11	Social Media	6	
			RMG newspaper	0	RMG newspaper	0	
			Mail	25	Mail	46	
			PG Citizen newspaper	30	PG Citizen newspaper	3	
			Other	See Appendix A	Other	See Appendix A	
C 78 Responses	Yes 53 Resp.	No 25 Resp.	RD website	5	RD website	1	See Appendix B
			Post Public Place	8	Post Public Place	3	
			Social Media	17	Social Media	17	
			RMG newspaper	0	RMG newspaper	0	
			Mail	19	Mail	43	
			PG Citizen newspaper	26	PG Citizen newspaper	3	
			Other	See Appendix B	Other	See Appendix B	
D 54 Responses	Yes 32 Resp.	No 20 Resp.	RD website	3	RD website	0	See Appendix C
			Post Public Place	4	Post Public Place	2	
			Social Media	7	Social Media	8	
			RMG newspaper	0	RMG newspaper	0	
			Mail	13	Mail	28	
			PG Citizen newspaper	13	PG Citizen newspaper	2	
			Other	See Appendix C	Other	See Appendix C	
E 8 Responses	Yes 4 Resp.	No 4 Resp.	RD website	0	RD website	0	See Appendix D
			Post Public Place	4	Post Public Place	1	
			Social Media	1	Social Media	1	
			RMG newspaper	0	RMG newspaper	0	
			Mail	0	Mail	4	
			PG Citizen newspaper	1	PG Citizen newspaper	0	
			Other	See Appendix D	Other	See Appendix D	
F 28 Responses	Yes 11 Resp.	No 16 Resp.	RD website	1	RD website	0	See Appendix E
			Post Public Place	1	Post Public Place	1	
			Social Media	0	Social Media	3	
			RMG newspaper	0	RMG newspaper	0	
			Mail	7	Mail	17	
			PG Citizen newspaper	9	PG Citizen newspaper	1	
			Other	See Appendix E	Other	See Appendix E	

Electoral Area	Question 2		Question 3		Question 4		Question 5
G 27 Responses	Yes 17 Resp.	No 9 Resp.	RD website	3	RD website	1	See Appendix F
			Post Public Place	5	Post Public Place	3	
			Social Media	5	Social Media	3	
			RMG newspaper	0	RMG newspaper	0	
			Mail	5	Mail	10	
			PG Citizen newspaper	6	PG Citizen newspaper	0	
			Other	See Appendix F	Other	See Appendix F	
H 76 Responses	Yes 69 Resp.	No 7 Resp.	RD website	6	RD website	3	See Appendix G
			Post Public Place	6	Post Public Place	2	
			Social Media	10	Social Media	7	
			RMG newspaper	57	RMG newspaper	38	
			Mail	11	Mail	16	
			PG Citizen newspaper	1	PG Citizen newspaper	0	
			Other	See Appendix G	Other	See Appendix G	

APPENDIX "A"**Electoral Area A****Question #3 – Other 16 Responses:**

- Never received or seen one
- Word of mouth
- PG Daily News
- Hand Delivered

Question #4 – Other 19 Responses:

- email to residents
- Email
- Community website or email
- Mail, PG Citizen, Public Place, RDFFG Website
- Radio + TV Stations - Local
- Did not specify
- Email would be the best I think. Mailing them would be good.
- email
- email
- email
- email
- Run Ads on Radio and Television local stations
- Various forms; text, message boards, emails, facebook
- email
- A variety of channels.
- Personal email
- Email if there is a database for it that we can sign up for.
- Send emails to all individuals in the electoral area

Question #5 – Additional Feedback:

- Are they currently posted in more than one place? I no longer get The Citizen newspaper. I often forget to check Reg district website.
- an email to residents would be the most cost efficient way to reach the people in the area once their email addresses were provided
- It is not always possible to view notices on social media due to the poor internet services in these rural areas. Many living in our communities do not use social media or have computer knowledge to use online websites. When making a Public Notice it is very important that the people whom will be affected should indeed be notified my mail to ensure they receive the information in a timely manner.
- Email gives the property owner direct notice of public hearing in their Electoral Area. Property owners might not have access to newspapers, community bulletin, social media, website, and the mail cannot guarantee the delivery of the public hearing notice, before the date.
- You could send another letter asking for email addresses, or have people register on the website to receive emails. Clearly the old system isn't working as we have never received notices. Thanks for addressing this problem.
- N/A
- Email and website are good too
- Please do not remove these notices from our ONLY public newspaper
- Option to receive information via email
- provide a postage paid envelope if you want clients to mail the survey back
- No
- We find them very useful in keeping track of what is happening in our neighborhood.
- There should be an email attached to the property, and that is the one that could be used for communication of this sort.

- Not feedback, but comment regarding Electoral Areas. Property is owned on Farms Road. I am assuming this places us in Electoral Area A
- If people have options to receive information they are more likely to read and potentially become more involved.
- Radio 101.3 PG
- Not everyone is online, so restricting notices to email, websites, and social media exclude some residents.
- Notices pertaining to land use matters and land disposition affecting your immediate property should be sent registered mail to ensure you are made aware of upcoming changes.
- Post them on local Facebook pages as well (ie: Nukko Community page)
- there are many people in Nukko area who do not have internet at all or do not have reliable internet. We also have many seniors who do not use the internet at all. Citizen newspaper is not delivered out here. considering all this, mail seems like the best option.
- Mail is the only way to get the most visibility. You can't rely on social media because new posts burry old posts too quickly....even this survey posted on Facebook 8 hrs ago was 6posts down on my local community page. We don't have community bulletin boards....would be great if Canada post had bulletin boards at all rural mailbox locations. In that case you could just post notices there and not have to send out to all households.
- I would like a notice about anything that pertains to my electoral area
- I think you should use all of the means you asked in Question 4 so you reach the most people possible. You also don't mention text or cellphone. Thank you.

APPENDIX “B”**Electoral Area C****Question #3 Other 9 Responses:**

- Never received or seen one
- Have not seen any
- Never received or seen one
- Never received or seen one
- Never received or seen one
- Haven't seen one because they only send to who they feel is directly related to the change
- I have seen other citizens post on their Facebook page
- Hall meeting at Westlake
- Through our community association and area Director

Question #4 Other 11 Responses:

- Mail + PG Citizen
- Mail + Public Place
- Email
- Email
- email
- email
- Email
- emailed directly to me
- E mail or text
- Email, text, mail and social media
- Email

Question #5 Additional Feedback

- We do not have a cell phone or computer.
- When a specific piece of property is affected, post physical signage to draw attention by those in the immediate area to cut through the information overload we are all faced with.
- Miworth is fortunate to have a community Association and a pretty regular newsletter. Could these be added to our community newsletter? I think at one time our Electoral director Laura Beckett used to provide updates via this newsletter that is emailed to households. Thank you
- Every body affected by these notices should receive the information, not just immediate adjacent property, widen the scope a bit , yes more postage. Include a flyer to encourage recipients to pass the information among their neighbours a little farther afield.
- If we could sign up for email delivery for notifications for our electoral area that would be appreciated.
- email option would be nice
- FortisBC Energy Inc. (Gas) prefers all referrals/notifications be sent via email to Referrals@fortisbc.com for all electoral districts where we are affected.
- Prior to COVID individuals would bring the PG Citizen to the lunch room, This is now a rare occurrence and less people are working from the office. I will soon retire and am less likely to see your notices in the PG citizen. I would appreciate receiving notices via an email subscription.
- Email would be great but understand that would be too large.
- Would like social media and mail for the above question.
- An opportunity to sign up for email notices would be handy.

- It would be great to be able to sign up for an email reminder and notice to be sent to my inbox. Similar to the Load Restrictions email that I've signed up for.
- Posting notices on community boards would be useful. As well as the Citizen newspaper. Only mail if it pertains to a homeowners electoral district.
- More people should get mailed notices. Should be 500-1000m on each side of effected property
- A mail out to sign up for email, then email all notices
- Definitive boundaries for the respective areas. Or where to find the boundaries.
- In addition to email notification the Public Notice should also be posted at community bulletin boards at Canada Post mailbox sites.
- I would like to see them in snail mail as a lot of older folk are not on social media. I would also like to see them on social media for the rest of the crowd.
- mail and post in public places as well
- No, but thanks for this.
- It's really hard now to find notices if they are mainly in newspapers. Nobody subscribes anymore. They're hardly printing anymore either.
- Send on twitter as well because FB is unreliable and biased.
- social media posts and on your website, maybe sign up for an email notification of new notices that are posted
- Send them early enough that people by Westlake with mailbox delivery get them before meetings even occur!

APPENDIX “C”**Electoral Area D****Question #3 Other 13 Responses:**

- Never received or seen one
- Never received or seen one
- Have not seen them recently
- Never received or seen one
- work
- Word of mouth when related to our area
- Never received or seen one
- Never received or seen one
- Never received or seen one
- N/a
- never
- Taped to our driveway gate
- Unsure

Question #4 Other 14 Responses:

- Mail, Email
- Email
- Email
- should be a multi approach such as mail & bulletins
- Mail, PG Citizen
- Mail + PG Citizen
- Both by Mail and newspaper
- email/ weekly recap segment of rdffg news on PGTV
- Near mailboxes on a community board
- email
- In mail box as per address
- Email
- Text notification
- Text/email

Question #5 Additional Feedback

- Do not go digital. Need more public meetings.
- Being on an email list to receive information about regional district news would best.
- I usually don't understand the letter. Plainer language would be helpful. Instead of just parcel lot numbers, how about street address. Even street and cross street would help
- Rezoning signs should be made to be put somewhere the public can see & read them
- Email would be a good idea.
- Do not receive newspaper in our area. - Have poor internet services for social media browsing.
- We also own a parcel of land in Area C. Almost never go to the Regional District website --there is no need to. Because both of our properties are vacant land without services or buildings.
- I don't watch the news or listen to it much on the radio. I am not big on social media so its important that I receive it by mail.
- not at this time.
- how come it took so long???? to see if people are informed???
- Perhaps also post at community halls or stores

APPENDIX “D”

Electoral Area E

Question #3 Other 1 Responses:

- Never received or seen one

Question #4 Other 2 Responses:

- Mail, Email
- Email

Question #5 Additional Feedback

- It would be great if we could sign up for email delivery of Public Notices if direct mail is not feasible/cost effective
- Mail and social media and news
- Do not send as a flyer as many people decline flyers with Canada Post. Send as an express mail.

APPENDIX “E”

Electoral Area F

Question #3 Other 3 Responses:

- Don't remember how we received notice of a subdividing property
- N/A
- I don't recall ever seeing notices like these

Question #4 Other 6 Responses:

- Mail, Email
- Email

Question #5 Additional Feedback

- email distribution list
- Email
- Email
- Email
- Text msg. Send a link to the website
- email and/or text message

APPENDIX "F"**Electoral Area G****Question #3 Other 6 Responses:**

- Never received or seen one
- Never received or seen one
- Local Buzzette
- I didn't see it
- Former newspaper in town Mackenzie Times
- Did not see

Question #4 Other 11 Responses:

- Mail, PG Citizen, RDFFG website
- E-Mail
- Local Buzzette
- multiple avenues including mail, social media and bulletin boards.
- Town news flyer The Macktown Buzzette
- Door deliveries
- e-mail
- email
- Email
- Email/text

Question #5 Additional Feedback

- These areas often have no access to the internet. Many people don't even have a computer. Mail is the only sure way to share information. In Bear Lake it costs less than \$20 to put a flyer in everyone's mail box (approx. 80 homes) all notices should be on hard copy form. Thanks
- All towns need the local newspaper and post office.
- I prefer hard copy in the mail . I will read it then. So much spam on email that things gets deleted too easily.
- publish in more than one method - send direct email
- Drop off at door Many residents don't have Facebook and we don't have local paper
- An optional email distribution list would be beneficial for those not receiving a newspaper.
- Since moving to Bear Lake from Prince George and the Prince George Citizen no longer available in print, I have not seen a Public Notice.
- social media would be fine too. (facebook) Summit Lake chat line etc. Your website is not easy to find stuff on - perhaps you could have a rapid site for info send outs
- Mail or émail please

APPENDIX "G"**Electoral Area H****Question #3 Other 4 Responses:**

- Little McBride Newspaper
- one time a government employee delivered it to our door
- Never received or seen one
- on the Rocky Mountain Goat's website

Question #4 Other 11 Responses:

- Mail, RM Goat, Posted in a public place
- Mail + RM Goat
- Email
- If it affects me then a copy mailed to me
- Little McBride Newspaper
- Prefer posted in Rocky Mountain Goat AND Fraser-Fort George website
- Email
- Only if they affect rezoning close or adjacent to my land/property
- The GOAT and Social Media
- Cell phone
- Email

Question #5 Additional Feedback

- I AM NOT ON ANY SOCIAL MEDIA.
- No
- No
- Perhaps they additionally be posted on a communication bulletin board such as in the post office.
- Certainly in the GOAT too but mail is more likely to get to us. Posting in public places too.
- The local Rocky Mountain Goat newspaper is the place I look for advertisements from Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. I do not use social media. Please continue to advertise in the Rocky Mountain Goat.
- Please keep providing these notices in the Rocky Mountain Goat community newspaper. It's the most reliable way for many residents to receive these notices. Thanks!
- It would be best to have notices in both local print newspapers as well as available online through social media.
- Newspaper is best! I get our local paper weekly, rarely go on specific websites.
- I don't do social media so prefer newspaper notices. Rarely think about accessing RDFFG website
- I have a busy schedule and the reliability of the paper in my mailbox is where I get the majority of my news and updates.
- Having an email sign up so that you can receive notices right in your email would be ideal.
- Lots of people are not online and wouldn't know how to see these if they were. I think it is really important to continue having these ads in the Rocky Mountain Goat newspaper.
- My online presence is pretty low. I do read the Rocky Mountain Goat.
- The local newspaper provides a valuable service by publishing Public Notices.
- These should be published in the local papers and on social media.
- My preference above would actually be the least expensive option between either Mail or Rocky Mountain Goat newspaper advertisement.
- I like the way I receive the information now. Thx
- Post in multiple places (social media, mail) and also allow residents to sign up for text notifications
- No, they're pretty understandable
- The notice heading needs to be very clear and to the point. Seems like people don't really read them and go off half cocked. Instead of quoting regs, to the point, "no campfires"

- RDFFG is the most useless organization I have ever dealt with or experienced. It is so ineffective and yet so costly. It is like lipstick on a pig, purely cosmetic. VERY disillusioned with RDFFG in the Robson Valley.
- We need newspapers as our central notice of public record or our entire community will divulge into chaos. I do not pay attention to flyers or social media ads
- If we don't get the paper, or if we do get the paper but miss a few weeks, we don't get the information. You should avoid having this information only available to those who pay for a publication. If it's something in my community, it should be emailed or mailed to me directly.
- love the RMG!
- Valemount surrounding rural properties have extremely slow internet and anything communicated through internet or social media is painfully slow to open. Stick to the papers or better yet, mail the notices.