



REGIONAL DISTRICT
of Fraser-Fort George

BYLAW NO. 3316

A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR ALTERNATE MEANS OF PUBLISHING STATUTORILY REQUIRED PUBLIC NOTICES

WHEREAS the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter* require local governments to provide advanced Public Notice on certain matters of public interest to facilitate opportunity for public participation in local government decision-making;

AND WHEREAS the *Local Government Act* requires Public Notices statutorily required to be made in accordance with Section 94.1 of the *Community Charter*;

AND WHEREAS Section 94.1 of the *Community Charter* sets out the default publication requirements to publish a Public Notice in a newspaper once each week for two consecutive weeks;

AND WHEREAS Section 94.2 of the *Community Charter* authorizes that the Board may, by bylaw, provide for alternate means of publishing a Public Notice for such matters, instead of the default publication requirements;

AND WHEREAS the Board has considered the principles of effective Public Notice that include reliability, suitability, and accessibility as prescribed in *Public Notice Regulation 52/2022*;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1.0 Definitions

1.1 In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Regional District” means the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George;

“Main Office” means the Regional District office located at 155 George Street, Prince George, BC V2L 1P8;

“Regional District Website” means the official information resource found at an internet address provided by the Regional District and whose uniform resource locator is known as www.rdffg.bc.ca;

“Board” or “Regional Board” means the governing and executive body of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George;

“Facebook Page” means the Regional District’s computer and internet-based technology information resource on the Facebook social media platform;

“Newspaper” means a publication or local periodical that contains items of news and advertising that is either distributed in print format, or is published in digital format on the internet;

“Public Notice” means a notice that is required to be given or published in accordance with Section 94 of the *Community Charter*; and

“Public Notice Posting Place” means the Public Notice board in the main foyer of the Regional District office and the Regional District’s website.

2.0 PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC NOTICES

2.1 Where the Regional District is required to publish a Public Notice in accordance with Section 94 of the *Community Charter*, the Regional District will publish the Public Notice by alternative means under Section 94.2 of the *Community Charter* by posting to the Public Notice Posting Place and by the following two (2) additional means of publication:

2.1.1 Posting the Public Notice on the Regional District’s website; and

2.1.2 Posting the Public Notice on the Facebook page.

2.2 A Public Notice that is published in accordance with Section 2.1:

2.2.1 must be published at least seven (7) days before the date of the matter for which the Public Notice is required, subject to the regulations under Section 94.2 of the *Community Charter*, and unless provided otherwise in the *Community Charter* or another enactment;

2.2.2 if a period is prescribed for the purpose of Section 94.2(5)(c) of the *Community Charter*, and unless provided otherwise in the *Community Charter* or another enactment, it must be published in the prescribed period before the date of the matter for which Public Notice is required.

2.3 If a matter is subject to two or more requirements for publication in accordance with Section 94 of the *Community Charter*, the notices may be combined so long as the requirements of all applicable provisions of the *Community Charter* and *Local Government Act* are met.

3.0 ADDITIONAL METHODS

3.1 Where a Public Notice is required to be published in accordance with Section 2.1, Public Notice will be provided by additional methods specific to each Electoral Area pursuant to Regional District Public Notice Additional Methods of Publication Policy No. RD-24-23.

4.0 This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “Public Notice Bylaw No. 3316, 2023”.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS DAY OF JULY, 2023

READ A SECOND TIME THIS DAY OF JULY, 2023

READ A THIRD TIME THIS DAY OF JULY, 2023

ADOPTED THIS DAY OF JULY, 2023

Chair

General Manager of Legislative and
Corporate Services