

THE REGIONAL REPORT

A quarterly update on the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George's programs, initiatives & events

2022 ELECTION Regional District Board

As a result of the 2022 General Local Election, a new Regional Board will be sworn in on November 16 and will be comprised of the following 14 directors elected or appointed by their electoral areas and municipalities:

- Electoral Area A (Salmon River-Lakes):
Director Victor Mobley
- Electoral Area C (Chilako River-Nechako):
Director Lara Beckett
- Electoral Area D (Tabor Lake-Stone Creek):
Director Bill Empey
- Electoral Area E (Woodpecker-Hixon):
Director Art Kaehn
- Electoral Area F (Willow River-Upper Fraser):
Director Kevin Dunphy
- Electoral Area G (Crooked River-Parsnip):
Director Jerrilyn Kirk
- Electoral Area H (Robson Valley-Canoe):
Director Dannielle Alan
- City of Prince George:
Mayor Simon Yu, Councillor Cori Ramsay,
Councillor Kyle Sampson and Councillor
Brian Skakun
- District of Mackenzie:
Mayor Joan Atkinson
- Village of McBride:
Mayor Gene Runtz
- Village of Valemount:
Mayor Owen Torgerson

ARTS, CULTURAL & HERITAGE New Cultural Plan Approved

The Regional Board has approved a new five-year Regional Cultural Plan for 2023 to 2027. The plan guides the Regional District's continuous support and funding of eight cultural attractions located in Prince George, Mackenzie, McBride and Valemount:

- The Exploration Place
- Two Rivers Gallery
- Central BC Railway & Forestry Museum
- Huble Homestead
- Mackenzie & District Museum
- Valley Museum & Archives
- Whistle Stop Gallery
- Valemount Museum & Archives



Two Rivers Gallery

Stable funding allows these museums, galleries and historic sites to plan their work more effectively and enrich our region's communities through history, art and science. The plan also focuses on five priority areas – collaboration, training and knowledge building, reconciliation with Indigenous communities, conserving tangible heritage and capital upgrades.





Prince George Fire Hall #1
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Operations Communication Centre Official Opening

In October the Regional District Board joined with members of the Prince George City Council for the official opening of the Fire Operations Communication Centre (FOCC) in Prince George. The FOCC is located within the new Prince George Fire Hall #1 and houses the staff and infrastructure required to dispatch more than 80 different Fire/Rescue agencies. The new facility features modern technology that is Next-Generation 911 compliant and meets industry standards including a new call-handling system, radio console, and call and data recording system.

Fire dispatch has been a service of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George since 1991 when a successful partnership was formed between the Regional District, the City of Prince George and Prince George Fire Rescue. The City of Prince George and Prince George Fire Rescue provide the space and staff for the service, and the funding, infrastructure and technology are provided by the Regional District.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Refuse Bin Replacement Project

New refuse bins were installed at the McBride and Valemount Regional Transfer Stations in September. After inspections earlier this year, it was determined that two bins would be replaced at each site as they were exceeding the industry standard life span of 20 years.

Funding for this project was provided by the Canada Community-Building Fund.

Tipping Fee Increase

The base tipping fee rate at Regional District landfills and transfer stations will be increasing by \$2 to \$96 per tonne on January 1, 2023. This increase in fees will help offset cost increases in facility operations and maintenance.

The cost to dispose of smaller loads of household waste will not be affected and the \$6 minimum charge for amounts up to 100 kg will remain in effect.



New bins in McBride

ABOUT RDFFG

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is home to over 94,000 residents and covers 52,000 km² in central BC, extending from the Pine Pass in the north to Hixon in the south, and from Bednesti Lake west to the Alberta border.

As a local government, the RDFFG is accountable to the residents of the region. Services provided include fire protection, 9-1-1 emergency services, solid waste management, community sewer and water systems, land use planning, cultural and recreational services and parks.

The governing board of the Regional District has 14 directors: four appointed by the City of Prince George from its council, one appointed by each of the councils of the District of Mackenzie, Village of McBride and Village of Valemount, and seven directors elected from within each of the seven electoral areas covering the unincorporated portions of the Regional District.