



REGIONAL DISTRICT
of Fraser-Fort George

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HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT AND INFORMATION SESSION

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is excited to share the completed Housing Needs Report for the rural Electoral Areas of the Regional District. The full study is available now at www.rdffg.bc.ca/housing.

Key findings from the project include:

- The population of the Electoral Areas is growing, especially in Electoral Areas closer to Prince George.
- The population of the Electoral Areas is aging. By 2026, 22% of the population may be over the age of 65.
- Renter households earn less income than owners and are more likely to be at risk of housing insecurity. Nearly one-quarter of renter households in the Electoral Areas were either unaffordable, in need of major repair, or overcrowded.
- Adjusted for inflation, the cost of home ownership has increased 45% across the Electoral Areas over the past 10 years. Many residents have been priced out of the ownership market.
- Couple households are much more likely to be able to meet their needs than single individuals or lone parents. Indigenous households are at a greater risk of housing insecurity than non-Indigenous households.

The Regional District along with the consulting team responsible for the project will be hosting an online public information session to formally share the Final Report. Community members, organizations, and anyone with an interest in addressing rural housing needs are invited to attend via Zoom.

Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Electoral Areas Housing Needs Report Information Session

When: Thursday, December 9th 2021 from 7pm to 8:30pm

Where: Online via Zoom.

Visit www.rdffg.bc.ca/housing for meeting details.

Information in the final report will help shape discussion and consideration when developing or considering amendments to Regional District Official Community Plans. As the region grows and changes, the data and information included will help the Regional District and its partners address housing needs and demands in the rural areas.

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