



REGIONAL DISTRICT  
of Fraser-Fort George

# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2016 - 2019

**Economic Diversification**

**First Nations Relations**

**Climate Change**

**Solid Waste Management**

**Community Sustainability**

REGIONAL DISTRICT  
of Fraser-Fort George

**Open and  
accountable**

**Excellence  
and innovation**

**Flexible, proactive  
decision making**

**Mutual respect  
and cooperation**

**Steward of well-being  
of our communities**

## About the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG) is home to approximately 100,000 residents who live within four municipalities and seven unincorporated areas (electoral areas). It is home to the headwaters of the Fraser River and within the traditional territory of a number of First Nations which have land, social, cultural and economic interests in the activities of the RDFFG.

The RDFFG is a federation of electoral areas and municipalities who have a proud tradition of working together to take advantage of or create opportunities that benefit the region and rallying together to support each other where challenges have arisen that threaten the well being of our partners.

The RDFFG provides the political forum for representation of regional residents and communities. It enables partnerships among and between its participating jurisdictions to provide more than 90 local government services ranging from region-wide services like 9-1-1 and Solid Waste Management to local services such as Fire Protection and Land Use Regulation.

## About the Strategic Priorities 2016-2019

The Strategic Priorities set out the vision and priorities of the Board of Directors. It provides overall direction for the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George and shapes the organization's approach to planning, projects and service provision.

This document identifies five core priority areas. Each priority area contains a number of objectives and described actions to help measure success of the plan.

The Strategic Priorities set out the road map to build on the success of the past and work hard for a promising future.



## Our Values – Operating Principles of RDFFG

The operating principles are the values that our elected officials and staff adhere to in the undertakings of their tasks.

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is an independent, responsible and accountable order of government that values and operates under the following principles:

- open and accountable in how business is conducted
- open minded, flexible, proactive and adaptive decision making
- mutual respect and cooperation between elected officials, volunteers and staff who work as a team to deliver services and solve problems
- excellence and innovation in the delivery of cost effective, equitable, responsive, relevant and sustainable services
- steward of the current and future economic, social and environmental well-being of our communities

## Strategic Priorities

**Community Sustainability** – The Regional District will work to promote and ensure the livability and longevity of our rural communities.

**Climate Change** – The Regional District will meet its obligations under the BC Climate Action Charter and build a collective understanding of climate change impacts and adaptation and mitigation efforts for the region as a whole.

**Economic Diversification** – The Regional District will be a catalyst to opportunities that enhance the economic prosperity of the region.

**First Nations Relations** – The Regional District will continue to foster, and where possible, build on existing First Nation relationships while attempting to foster relationships with other First Nations that have an interest in the Regional District.

**Solid Waste Management** – To implement the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan recommendations and meet the goals established within the Plan.





## Climate Change

- Demonstrate leadership in providing services with minimal impact
- Ensure policy decisions reflect consideration of the protection of our lakeshores and waterways
- Prepare for climate change related impacts
- Encourage individual action on energy conservation



## Community Sustainability

- Foster a culture that supports local agriculture
- Champion the strengthening of our rural communities
- Work to promote and ensure adequate and affordable housing for seniors
- Safeguard our communities through the provision of emergency management and preparedness
- Promote a strong and vibrant regional arts and culture sector in the region



## Economic Diversification

- Foster an environment that promotes and supports local business
- Identify and promote potential assets within the region
- Support the ongoing development of advanced education in the region



## First Nations Relations

- Be an active participant in the Reconciliation process
- Be a partner in community sustainability for First Nations communities
- Create a greater awareness and appreciation of First Nations history and culture



## Solid Waste Management

- Provide appropriate resources to implement the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan



# Climate Change

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**The Regional District will meet its obligations under the BC Climate Action Charter and build a collective understanding of climate change impacts and adaption and mitigation efforts for the region as a whole.**

**Objective:**

Demonstrate leadership in providing services with minimal environmental impact

**Actions:**

- Operate energy-efficient facilities.
  - Support the continued implementation of the Corporate Climate Change Action Plan
  - Investigate opportunities for carbon neutrality.
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**Objective:**

Ensure policy decisions reflect consideration of the protection of our lakeshores and waterways.

**Actions:**

- Increase awareness of Lakeshore Development Guidelines.
  - Design and maintain Regional District parks and public places to reflect lakeshore and waterway protection.
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**Objective:**

Prepare for climate change related impacts.

**Actions:**

- Understand how climate change impacts emergency events.
  - Consider adaptation and mitigation techniques in facility design and in land use planning.
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**Objective:**

Encourage individual action on energy conservation.

**Actions:**

Empower and support residents to conserve energy.





# Community Sustainability

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**The Regional District will work to promote and ensure the livability and longevity of our rural communities.**

**Objective:** Foster a culture that supports local agriculture

**Actions:**

- Collaborate with other levels of government and stakeholders to find creative ways to sustain and build the agriculture community.
  - Develop land use planning tools to facilitate the success of agriculture.
  - Increase the awareness and investigate opportunities for enhancing local food security.
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**Objective:** Champion the strengthening of our rural communities

**Actions:**

- Advocate for reasonable access to health services in rural communities.
  - Promote extended use of rural school facilities.
  - Encourage volunteerism through increased support and recognition of volunteers.
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**Objective:** Work to promote and ensure adequate and affordable housing for seniors

**Actions:**

- Collaborate with stakeholder agencies to determine service gaps and opportunities.
- Investigate the Regional District's ability to provide or partner in the provision of housing stock.
- Ensure Official Community Plans include areas identified as being suitable for seniors housing.
- Create bylaws and policies that support the construction of accessible housing.





# Community Sustainability

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**The Regional District will work to promote and ensure the livability and longevity of our rural communities.**

**Objective:** Safeguard our communities through the provision of emergency management and preparedness

**Actions:**

- Support a culture of continuous improvement through investment in training for Emergency Operations Centre personnel.
- Review, exercise and update the Regional District's emergency preparedness and recovery Plans.
- Provide tools to residents to promote personal preparedness to deal with emergency events
- Mitigate the impact of wildfire through:
  - Promotion of Fire Smart guidelines for residents
  - Adhere to Fire Smart guidelines on our properties
  - Consideration of Fire Smart standards in our bylaws and policies

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**Objective:**

Promote a strong and vibrant regional arts and culture sector in the region

**Action:**

- Continued support of the implementation of the Regional Cultural Plan.





# Economic Diversification

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**The Regional District will be a catalyst to opportunities that enhance the economic prosperity of the region.**

**Objective:**

Foster an environment that promotes and supports local business.

**Actions:**

- Provide quality services, respectful of impact of taxes on residents and businesses
  - Promote regional “Shop Local” campaigns
  - Seek partnerships with business community and other stakeholders to support upgrades and beautification projects for business districts in the region.
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**Objective:**

Identify and promote potential assets within the region.

**Actions:**

- Create partnerships with community and regional economic development organizations.
  - Support the continued marketing of regional heritage and cultural sites.
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**Objective:**

Support the ongoing development of advanced education in the region.

**Actions:**

- Work with communities and stakeholders to identify where support of increased advanced education could help ensure a supply of skilled workers needed to capitalize on economic opportunities and labour market needs.







# First Nations Relations

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**The Regional District will continue to foster, and where possible, build on existing First Nation relationships while attempting to foster relationships with other First Nations that have an interest in the Regional District.**

**Objective:**

Be an active participant in the Reconciliation process.

**Actions:**

- Investigate how the Regional District can incorporate the United Nations Declaration of Indigenous People as a framework for reconciliation.
  - Create opportunities for First Nations/Regional District forums or joint meetings for elected officials and staff.
  - Participate in the education of Board, staff and general public about reconciliation.
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**Objective:**

Be a partner in community sustainability for First Nations communities.

**Actions:**

- Explore opportunities to partner on services and initiatives in areas of common interest.
  - Continue to support local government participation in the Treaty process.
  - Look for opportunities to assist First Nations government in capacity building.
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**Objective:**

Create a greater awareness and appreciation of First Nations history and culture.

**Actions:**

- Provide opportunities for elected officials and staff to learn the history of First Nations in our Region.
- Partner with First Nations to promote their history, culture and places to the general public.





# Solid Waste Management

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To implement the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan recommendations and meet the goals established within the Plan.

**Objective:**

Provide appropriate resources to implement the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan

**Action:**

- Waste reduction initiatives and facility management reflect the vision and strategies outlined in the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.





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