



# REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

## Recommended Formula for Municipal Participation in Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Regional Land Use Planning Services January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2026

The Regional Districts existing relationship with member municipalities' remains strong through five consecutive cost sharing participation agreements: 2006-08, 2009-11, 2012-14, 2015-2018 and 2019-2022. A formula for determining a fair level of funding for the municipal participation in Regional Land Use Planning has been based upon the following:

### 1. Non-Part 14 Activity

All municipalities participate in the planning budget based upon 35% of their normal requisition of their respective assessment base. 35% represents the approximate amount of time spent on these activities by the Regional District. The *Local Government Act* does not provide an option to opt out of this portion of the service.

Non-Part 14 activities include such things as Agriculture Land Reserve application processes, provincial application processes (i.e. cannabis retail licence and liquor license), provincial referrals (crown land, energy and mines, forestry, etc.), proposed pipeline monitoring and stakeholder participation, environmental matters, forestry matters, subdivision referrals, water stewardship, air quality, highway/ transportation stakeholder participation, industrial economic analysis and geotechnical analysis.

The City of Prince George has 71.7% of the regional tax base for 2022. Applying 35% of the normal requisition translates into 25.1% ( $35 \times 71.7\%$ ) of the Regional Land Use Planning budget requisition.

### 2. Part 14 Local Government Act

Section 381 of the *Local Government Act* provides the ability for member municipalities to either opt out of Part 14 land use planning, participate through cost sharing participation agreement with the Regional District, or participate fully based on their assessment base. Member municipalities have participated in Regional Land Use Planning through mutually agreed cost sharing participation agreements rather than participating based on their assessment base.

Part 14 activities in the *Local Government Act* include such things as policy development (Official Community Plans) and land use management regulations and processes (zoning, development and variance permits, temporary use permits and various other regulations). It was previously agreed that Part 14 - Regional Land Use Planning activities represented a 10% interest by member municipalities to help ensure coordinated land use decision making between local governments.

The City of Prince George has 71.7% of the regional tax base in 2022. Applying 10% of the normal requisition translates into 7.2% ( $10 \times 71.7\%$ ) of the Regional Land Use Planning budget.

### 3. Staff Municipal Assistance

Finally, there has been a value of 10% placed upon the Regional District's ability to make available technical advice and support related to planning services to the Municipalities of Mackenzie, McBride and Valemount. As the City of Prince George has its own professional planning staff, municipal assistance has not been calculated into the formula.

#### 4. Formula Calculations

It is proposed that the **City of Prince George** contribute to the Regional Land Use Planning Service from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2026 at a rate representing 32.3% of the Regional Land Use Planning requisition [i.e. 35% Non-Part 14 + 10% Part 14].

The below table illustrates the potential participation agreement contributions of the City of Prince George based off the recommended formula.

The projected 2023 requisition for Regional District Land Use Planning Services for 2023 is \$591,600 through the approved five-year Financial Plan: 2022- 2026. This requisition has been used for the following table.

	<b>Non-Part 14 Participation (35%)</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>Part 14 Participation (10%)</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>Staff Municipal Assistance (10%)</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Projected 2023-2026 Partition Splits</b>	
<b>Prince George</b>	\$148,492	+	\$42,595	+	Ø	=	\$191,087	32.30 %
<b>Mackenzie</b>	\$5,029	+	\$1,420	+	\$ 1,420	=	\$7,869	1.33 %
<b>McBride</b>	\$710	+	\$237	+	\$237		\$1,184	0.20 %
<b>Valemount</b>	\$2,485	+	\$710	+	\$710	=	\$3,905	0.66 %
<b>Municipal Sub Total</b>	\$156,716	+	\$44,962	+	\$2,367	=	\$207,045	34.49 %
<b>Electoral Areas</b>							\$384,555	65.51 %
<b>Total</b>							\$591,600	100.00 %

This table identifies existing participation agreement contributions.

<b>2019 – 2022 Participation Agreement Contributions</b>	
<b>Prince George</b>	31.7 %
<b>Mackenzie</b>	2.02 %
<b>McBride</b>	0.22 %
<b>Valemount</b>	0.61 %
<b>Municipal Sub Total</b>	34.55 %
<b>Electoral Areas</b>	65.45 %
<b>Total</b>	100.00 %