



DISTRICT OF CHETWYND

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Chetwynd Public Library

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Chetwynd, BC – Mayor and Council fully support the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) in its initiative to construct a new public library in Chetwynd. This project has been ongoing since 2016 and along the way public input was invited in a variety of ways including:

- An initial feasibility study was conducted in 2017 that examined library programs and services and library trends in order to determine how much space would be required in a new library. Through this process the community and stakeholders were consulted.
- In 2021 an Advisory Committee worked with an architectural firm. Once the initial design was developed, the PRRD sought public input in the fall of 2021 through:
 - Issuing a public survey that was available online and in paper format;
 - Displays showing the floor plan and 3D images were set up in the Chetwynd Public Library, District Office and Rec Centre; and
 - A virtual open house.

Additional information on the design, frequently asked questions and more was also published on the PRRD's website at <https://haveyoursay.prrd.bc.ca/cplp>.

The construction contract has been signed and construction on the new library is anticipated to begin in May, 2022.

As a fully committed and engaged funding partner in the project as well as a funding partner in the Chetwynd Public Library function, we have great confidence in the work done by the PRRD and the District of Chetwynd to get to this stage.