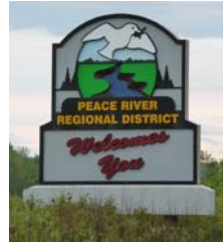


40 Years: A Regional District Retrospective



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Regional Districts Today –
How Have Things Changed
Today?

What are some of the challenges facing RD's today?

- The delivery a very wide variety of unique services, programs and facilities;
- Funding \$;
- Managing the demand for services from high density rural fringe populations to the end of the road self sufficient resident;
- Political representation – People vs. \$ or \$ vs. People;
- Download of services traditionally delivered through the Province.

How has the public understanding of the role of RD's evolved from 40 years ago?

- It has not!

What kind of services do RD's provide now as compared when RD's were created?

- Local Government capital financing through MFA;
- Solid Waste;
- Rural Emergency Management;
- Facility development & operation – recreation facilities, airports, hospitals;
- Water & Sewer systems (collection, distribution & treatment);
- Fire Protection (halls, trucks & water supply);
- 911 emergency contact (police , ambulance & fire);
- Public liability - MIA

Services, programs & facilities



Has there been significant change in the purposes of RD's since their creation?

- YES, RD's have evolved as a mediation tool between all levels of government federal, provincial, municipal and first nations.
- NO, RD's are still there to consider and provide a specified service that the residents may want ie. swimming pool or street lights.

How has the municipal perspective of RD's changed over the past 40 years?

- Other than RD's taking over a few services like 911 and solid waste management, municipalities pretty much do their own thing unless the RD asks to be involved.

How has the local landscape changed with the existence of RD's?

- The landscape across the province has changed significantly due to RD's.



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Has there been a difference in the way that rural RD's have changed over the past 40 years versus how urban RD's have changed?

- YES – the flexibility afforded RD's in their inception continues to make each and every one of the 27 RD's unique in the type, scope and delivery of any and all services.

Most significant effect on RD's

- Public mobility - road transportation networks;
- Communications, Internet;
- World economy;
- Municipal Finance Authority;
- CREATIVITY in the type and way we deliver services, regional and local areas.