



Crown Land

What is Crown Land?

Crown land is land that is owned by the Provincial Government. This type of land is available to the public for many different purposes such as industry, recreation or research.

Crown Land Use

Uses of Crown land are regulated by the Province and local government bylaws.

Applications may be submitted for a variety of uses, including examples such as:

- Recreation
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Residential
- Timber & Forest Management
- Clean Energy

What is the Role of the Regional District?

Staff are often contacted to discuss land use on Crown land and if a proposal meets the zoning or land uses permitted.

The Regional District:

- Is the local liaison for applications to the Province
- Provides assistance to the public in reviewing Regional District requirements including policies and regulations which may affect the application
- Provides information on application processing

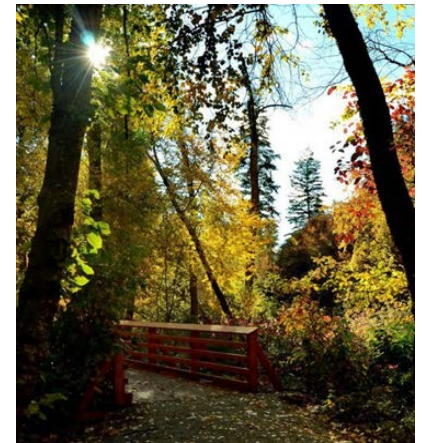
FrontCounter BC refers applications to the Regional District and other agencies that have policies and regulations that apply to the application. The Regional District responds with comments and recommendations.

How do Regional District Policies Affect an Application?

The Regional District reviews applications through the lens of regulations, policies, as well as local issues such as water quality, public health and safety, access, visual impact, environmental factors, and the provision of services.

The preservation of water quality and the integrity of water reservoirs are of particular concern. The Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP), Regional Growth Strategy, and other policy documents are also considered.

The Regional District may request that a rezoning application or other requirements be completed prior to FrontCounter BC making a decision on an application.



Public Input

The Regional District has three (3) advisory groups, which provide comments on various applications. These comments are considered when making a decision by the Regional Board.

Members of an advisory group are appointed by the Regional Board based on their background of civic activity, interest or expertise.

Applications may be referred to one or more of the following advisory groups:

- Advisory Planning Commission
- Agricultural Advisory Commission
- Environmental Advisory Commission

How are Applications Made?

Applications for the use, lease or sale of Crown land within the Regional District are made to:

FrontCounter BC
Phone 1-877-855-3222
FrontCounterBC@gov.bc.ca
www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca

Application Costs

The cost of an application can vary depending upon the complexity of the application. Typical costs are:

- FrontCounter BC application fee(s)
- Any documents/plans necessary to complete application requirements such as an agrologist report, water study, etc
- Public notification (as required by the Province)

Crown Land Referral Process

Application made with FrontCounter BC

Application Referred to the Regional District

FrontCounter BC refers the application to the Regional District and other relevant agencies for comments.

Application Reviewed

Staff and relevant advisory groups are asked to provide comments on the proposal. Staff then prepares a report to the Regional Board.

The Regional Board Considers the Application

The Regional Board may:

- Support the application
- Support the application with certain conditions
- Defer making a recommendation until certain conditions are met; or
- Not support the application

FrontCounter BC Considers the Application

FrontCounter BC makes a final decision and notifies the applicant.

