

# MD of Peace No. 135 2026 Advocacy Priorities

Coffee with Council

# **FOLLOWING ARE ADVOCACY PRIORITIES THAT ARE PART OF OUR WORK**

What we've been working on in 2025

# Intermunicipal & Regional Collaboration

- Shared service delivery (FCSS, recreation, planning, emergency services)
- Regional coordination with surrounding municipalities
- Advocacy through intermunicipal committees
- Medical and veterinary attraction and retention

**Impact:** Stable funding, lower service delivery costs, stronger regional partnerships, and smoother access to programs.



Family &  
Community  
Well-Being

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Advocacy for stable FCSS funding

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Support for local programs: libraries, hampers, community events

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Committees: Inter-Agency, Library Board

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**Impact:** These are the programs that reduce isolation, strengthen families, and keep our social fabric stitched.

# Recreation, Leisure & Tourism



Funding for campgrounds,  
trails, river access



Peace River tourism  
partnerships



Committees: Mighty Peace  
Tourism Association,  
Intermunicipal Negotiation  
Committees



**Impact:** Tourism growth,  
improved recreation  
infrastructure, and a  
stronger local economy.

# Infrastructure & Essential Services



Water/wastewater  
regulatory advocacy



Transportation, bridges,  
rail crossings



Emergency & Waste  
Management  
Committees



**Impact:** Reliable water  
systems, safer transport  
routes, and strong  
emergency coordination.

# Rural Voice & Legislative Advocacy

- Representation at provincial tables
- Advocacy through NAEL, PREDA, MMSA, RMA
- Engagement on MGA changes (this is the legislation for how municipalities must run)
- Advocacy on rural-appropriate regulation
- Engagement on policing needs

**Impact:** Policies better shaped for rural realities. Improved public safety, infrastructure funding, regional transportation stability, smarter service delivery, and more local control.

# Key Issues for Advocacy in 2025

Peace Region Nuclear  
Power Project

Healthcare: Physician  
recruitment and  
retention, Ken Sargent  
House, Maskwa Medical  
Centre

Agricultural Disaster  
Declaration

Unhoused population &  
crime

Northwest Polytechnic  
Fairview Campus  
closure

# Committee-Based Advocacy

Health & social committees

Agriculture & environment committees

Economic development committees

Emergency & protective services committees

# Why This Matters to Residents

For most people, municipal advocacy happens offstage. Coffee with Council gives you a chance to lift the curtain.

- Your water, roads, firefighters, and emergency system are protected because Council is constantly pushing for fair rural funding.
- Your recreation spaces, libraries, campsites, and river access points exist and grow because Council fights for them.
- Your healthcare access improves because Council is at multiple regional tables saying rural families deserve better.


# Why This Matters to Residents Continued

- Your safety improves because Council is at the table with police, sheriffs, and emergency planners.
- Your children and grandchildren's opportunities improve through advocacy on education, economic development, and community services.
- Your taxes stay stable because Council works regionally to reduce duplication and share services.

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TODAY. WE HAVE OUR  
PRIORITIES. WE WANT TO  
KNOW IF THEY MATCH YOURS.**

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Advocacy Priorities for 2026



Key  
Advocacy  
Focus  
Areas for  
2026

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Northwest Polytechnic  
Closure

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Peace Region Nuclear  
Energy Project

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Veterinary Attraction and  
Retention

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Intermunicipal Negotiations

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Physician Recruitment and  
Retention

That's it in a nutshell.  
Those are our priorities.  
Do we have them right?  
What do you want us to  
focus on?