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The Dawson Creek City Council Update

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Welcome to the Mayor & Council quarterly newsletter, your direct source for news and information about how your Mayor & Council are working for you.

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

As my term as Mayor comes to a close, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to the people of Dawson Creek. Serving as your Mayor has been one of the greatest honours of my life. While Council Meetings, policies, and projects are important parts of local government, the true privilege has been getting to know the people who make this community such a special place to call home.

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to meet countless residents, volunteers, community leaders and organizations whose dedication forms the foundation of our city. From our youth who inspire us, to our seniors who share their wisdom and help preserve our community's history, every conversation has reinforced what makes Dawson Creek strong. We are a community built on people who care deeply about one another and continually step forward to make a difference.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the many non-profit organizations, service clubs, volunteers and community groups that work tirelessly behind the scenes every day. Your commitment to helping others and supporting families is truly the glue that holds our community together.

I would also like to recognize our emergency services personnel, including firefighters, RCMP members, paramedics, search and rescue volunteers, and all those who answer the call when our community needs them most. Your courage, professionalism and dedication do not go unnoticed.

To the City team, thank you. To every department and team member who works hard each day to deliver services, maintain our infrastructure, support residents, and keep our community moving forward, I am deeply grateful. The successes we have achieved over the past four years have only been possible because of your expertise, commitment and pride in serving the public.

While my time as Mayor is ending, my relationship with this community is not. Dawson Creek will always be home, and I will continue to cheer on the people that make it such a remarkable place. The work of building a vibrant community never rests with one person. It is carried forward by many hands and hearts.

As we look ahead, I know the incoming Mayor and Council, alongside the dedicated City team, will continue to carry the torch and guide Dawson Creek into its next chapter.

Thank you for the trust you placed in me, for the conversations we've shared and for the opportunity to serve. It has been a privilege and an honour.
Sincerely, Mayor Darcy Dober

MILE ZERO MOMENTS

A heartfelt thank you to Ross and Cindy Ravelli and the partners who helped bring Creekside Courts in Kin Park to life! Mayor Dober met with the Ravellis to recognize their generosity and unveil a bronze plaque honouring their contributions, alongside Lindberg Construction, Northern Development Initiative Trust and Pacific Economic Development Canada.

Mayor Dober, CAO Kevin Henderson and City Staff Ryan MacIvor met with Hockey Canada to celebrate Dawson Creek's 2025 Para Cup receiving Sport Tourism Canada's International Sport Event of the Year award. It reflects our longstanding partnership with Hockey Canada and the dedication of volunteers, sponsors and community partners who help bring world-class sporting events to Dawson Creek.

COUNCIL CORNER

As our term on Council comes to a close, we want to reflect on some of the people, events and milestones that make Dawson Creek such a special place to call home.

This summer brought many opportunities to celebrate our community, from the Canada Day Parade in Pouce Coupe and Mile Zero Cruisers Show and Shine, to the Fall Fair Parade and Dawson Creek Exhibition. These signature events showcase our community spirit and the incredible dedication of local organizers, volunteers and participants.

We were pleased to welcome Premier David Eby to Dawson Creek to discuss important priorities, including long-term water security and to tour the new Dawson Creek & District Hospital. Welcoming new physicians to our community was another encouraging milestone, supported by the continued efforts of the South Peace Division of Family Practice.

We're also excited to see several important community projects coming to completion, including playground improvements, upgrades to the Dawson Creek & District Memorial Arena and the new childcare spaces underway. These investments reflect Council's commitment to improving community facilities and supporting families.

As we conclude our term, we want to extend our sincere thanks to City staff, community organizations, volunteers, local businesses and residents. Your dedication, generosity and willingness to get involved are what make Dawson Creek thrive.

Most importantly, thank you for the opportunity to serve this community - we look forward to seeing our city continue to grow and succeed.

~ Councillors Gregg Apolonio, Jerimy Earl, Amy Kaempf, Kyle MacDonald, Charlie Parslow and Mike Sudnik

IN FOCUS

Advocating for Dawson Creek at UBCM

Council attended the 2026 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention in Vancouver, meeting with provincial ministers and representatives to advocate for priorities important to Dawson Creek and the Peace Region.

Discussions focused on strengthening northern communities through improved access to healthcare, workforce development, water security, mental health services and transportation infrastructure.

Key priorities included expanding post-secondary training and healthcare career pathways, improving access to publicly funded mental health services, securing a reliable long-term water supply and maintaining safe, dependable transportation corridors throughout Northeast BC.

These meetings provided an important opportunity to bring Dawson Creek's unique challenges and opportunities directly to provincial decision-makers, while reinforcing the need for continued collaboration and investment in northern communities.

The City remains committed to advocating for the services, infrastructure and resources needed to support residents, businesses and the region's long-term growth and prosperity.

YOUR CITY

Dawson Creek Welcomes New Mayor and Council

The October 2026 municipal election marked the beginning of a new chapter for Dawson Creek, with residents electing a new Mayor and City Council. Congratulations to our newly elected officials and thank you to everyone who participated in the election, whether as a candidate, volunteer or voter.

Below are the results of the 2026 municipal election:

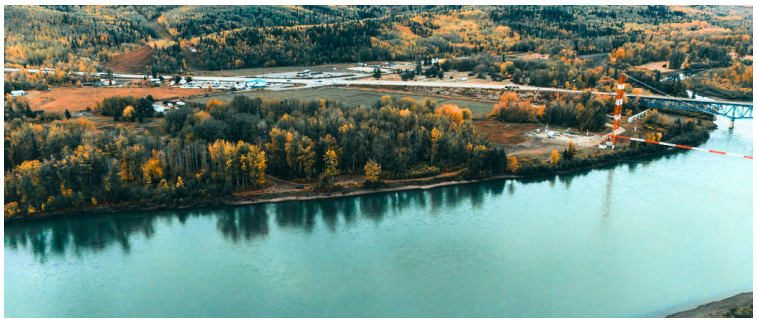
- **Elected Mayor**: Dwaine Dilworth
- **Elected Councillors**: Gregg Apolonio, Amy Kaempf, Mike Sudnik, Rob Atkinson, Judy Kucharuk, Steven Reynolds

We also thank the following candidates for putting their names forward and showing their commitment to Dawson Creek:

- **For Mayor**: Kyle MacDonald
- **For Council**: Colleen Bice, Angela Healey, Monica Rogers, Juanita Shields, Barb Slowinski, Karen Tom, Raistlin Van Spronsen

For more information, visit dawsoncreek.ca/election

Planning for Our Future Water Supply



The City continues to make progress toward securing a reliable, long-term water supply for Dawson Creek. With the Phase 1 Feasibility Study substantially complete, Council has approved moving forward with Phase 2A of the Water Supply System Project.

This next phase will focus on continued community and Indigenous engagement, exploring funding and partnership opportunities, understanding regulatory requirements and refining project objectives.

The Project remains in the planning stage, with no preferred water source or route selected. The City is committed to keeping residents informed and involved as work progresses. Learn more: dawsoncreek.ca/water-supply

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Built by Students, Made for the Community!

The new horse barn at Collins Exhibition Park is officially open! Built by Northern Lights College students through a partnership with the City and Dawson Creek Exhibition Association, this project turned classroom skills into a lasting community investment. A big thank you to the students, instructors and partners who made it happen!

More Places to Play!

New playgrounds are open at Hillcrest Park and Elwood Drive Park, with new swings at 99th Avenue Park. Phase 2 planning is underway for Hillcrest, Elwood Drive and 99th Avenue parks, with additional play features, trees, seating and amenities being considered for the 2027 Capital Budget.

AROUND TOWN

Dawson Creek & District Memorial Arena Improvements Complete

Memorial Arena received several upgrades through the City's 2026 Capital Program, including new handrails, a scoreboard, dressing room clocks, renovated public washrooms, fresh paint and exterior soffits. Championship banners were also rehung. These improvements enhance safety, accessibility and comfort while extending the life of this important community facility.

Learn more about the projects underway: dawsoncreek.ca/capitalprojects

A Provincial Visit, Important Conversations

Dawson Creek welcomed Premier David Eby for a visit with Mayor and Council and a tour of key community facilities. Discussions focused on local priorities, particularly long-term water security and the proposed water supply pipeline project. Thank you to Premier Eby for taking the time to hear our community's priorities!

Four Years of Meaningful Conversations

Over the past four years, Mayor Dober has regularly met with a dedicated group of seniors to hear their ideas, experiences and concerns. These conversations have provided valuable perspectives on life in Dawson Creek. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who shared their time, insights and commitment to our community!

Celebrating a Dawson Creek Tradition!

The Fall Fair Parade and Dawson Creek Exhibition brought our community together for another memorable celebration! These events showcase the spirit of Dawson Creek.Thank you to the organizers, volunteers, participants and partners who make this cherished tradition possible each year!

Celebrating Canada Day Together!

The City of Dawson Creek was proud to take part in Pouce Coupe's Canada Day Parade! A big thank you to the Village of Pouce Coupe for hosting, our City team for decorating the float, and the many volunteers, organizations and residents who made the celebration so memorable!