



MUNICIPAL MATTERS

The Dawson Creek City Council Update



April to June 2026

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

Springtime was another busy and productive season for the City, with Council continuing to advocate for the priorities that matter most to our community while strengthening relationships with partners across the region and province.

One of the most significant developments this quarter was the announcement that Dawson Creek has been selected as the Northeast BC hub for the Province's new Chronic Property Offending Intervention Initiative. This investment will expand supervision of repeat property offenders, improve coordination between agencies and connect individuals with housing, mental health and addiction supports. Public safety remains a priority for Council and this initiative reflects years of advocacy by the City and our regional partners.

Healthcare continues to be another key focus. I recently joined the Ministers of Health and representatives from more than 160 municipalities across BC to discuss healthcare recruitment and retention. It was a valuable opportunity to share Dawson Creek's experiences, learn from other communities and continue advocating for solutions that will help strengthen healthcare services for residents across the North.

Advocacy also took me to Victoria alongside the Peace River Regional District, where we met with Premier David Eby, Minister Randene Neill and other provincial leaders to discuss priorities including rural crime and Dawson Creek's long-term water supply. These conversations are essential to ensuring the voices of northern communities continue to be heard as provincial decisions are made.



This quarter also included the opportunity to welcome a new group of international students to Northern Lights College, meet with local business owners to discuss labour shortages and Temporary Foreign Worker Program challenges, continue regular conversations with the Seniors Roundtable and meet with BC Hydro to discuss the company's announcement that it is exploring another potential hydroelectric project, Site E.

As I prepare to conclude my time as Mayor, I want to thank you for the trust and support you've shown me. It has been a true privilege to serve the people of Dawson Creek and I will always be grateful for the experiences we've shared together. ~ Mayor Dober

MILE ZERO MOMENTS



The Dawson Creek Firefighters Association proudly presented a \$10,200 donation to the Dawson Creek & District Hospital Foundation in support of a Family Support Room at the new hospital. Inspired by Captain Gower's health journey, the space will provide comfort and support for families during difficult times. Proceeds from their ATV Raffle will continue to support this important project.



Council was pleased to welcome the Dawson Creek Senior Canucks General Manager and Head Coach as they presented the Coy Cup following the team's Men's Provincial Hockey Championship victory. Congratulations to the players, coaches, staff and supporters on an outstanding season and for bringing the championship home to Dawson Creek.

COUNCIL CORNER

Council continues to focus on the priorities that will help shape Dawson Creek's future - from investing in essential infrastructure to celebrating the people and achievements that make our community strong.

We would like to thank residents for their patience during this year's thaw and recognize our Public Works crews for their hard work managing runoff, clearing culverts and repairing potholes to keep our community moving safely. Significant capital project work is underway across Dawson Creek, with upgrades to roads, recreation facilities, parks, and essential infrastructure continuing throughout the construction season.

Council continues to make progress on securing Dawson Creek's long-term water supply. Since approving Phase 1 of the Water Supply System Project in April, work has advanced on demand forecasting, potential water sources, infrastructure planning, regulatory coordination and community engagement. This important work is helping build a clearer understanding of our future water needs and the options available to meet them.

This season has also been filled with reasons to celebrate. Congratulations to the talented cast, crew and volunteers behind Dawson Creek Secondary School's production of *Frozen*, as well as the Student Council and the graduating Class of 2026 for another successful school year. Your dedication, leadership and community spirit make Dawson Creek proud.

Finally, a reminder that the 2026 municipal election takes place on October 17. Local government decisions shape the future of our community and we encourage all eligible residents to learn about the candidates and make a plan to vote.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our community.

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



Council joined Tourism Dawson Creek and community partners to celebrate the official opening of the new Visitor Information Centre in the historic Mah Building.

IN FOCUS



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Strengthening Community Safety

Dawson Creek has been selected as the Northeast BC hub for the Province's new Chronic Property Offending Intervention Initiative, part of a \$16-million investment to expand a successful pilot program provincewide.

The initiative targets repeat property offenders responsible for a disproportionate amount of theft, vandalism, shoplifting and street disorder through enhanced supervision, stronger coordination between police, corrections and Crown prosecutors, and improved access to housing, mental health and addiction supports.

Modelled after BC's Repeat Violent Offending Intervention Initiative, the program aims to reduce reoffending, improve public safety, strengthen support for local businesses and create safer, more vibrant communities across the region.

The City also received \$50,000 from the Province to establish a Safe Community Situation Table, bringing together health, social service, law enforcement and community partners to identify people at risk and connect them with supports before situations escalate. The initiative aims to improve community safety through early intervention and collaboration.



YOUR CITY

City Hall Relocated as Safety Upgrades Begin

The City is preparing for WorkSafeBC-directed asbestos abatement at City Hall beginning in August 2026 after asbestos was identified in limited areas above the ceiling. Once the work is complete, electrical and IT upgrades will be finished before services return to City Hall in early 2027. During this time:

- **Culture & Recreation and Emergency Management** have relocated to the Kin Arena Meeting Room.
- **Administration, Communications & Digital Services, Development Services, Employee Services and Finance** are operating at the Dawson Creek Mall.
- **City Council Meetings** will be held in the Peace River Regional District Boardroom.

Learn more: www.dawsoncreek.ca/city-hall-relocation



Water Supply Project Advances

Dawson Creek's Water Supply System Project continues to make steady progress, with Phase 1 on track for completion this summer. Technical studies have narrowed the focus to a shortlist of long-term water supply options which will first be evaluated through a feasibility study. Additional field work and engagement will continue before Council receives Phase 1 findings and recommended next steps in mid-August.



Fall Fun Starts Here!

Registration for Fall Recreation Programs is now open! Whether you're looking to stay active, learn a new skill or keep the kids busy, there's something for every age and interest.



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



Major Capital Projects Moving Dawson Creek Forward

Construction season is in full swing as the City advances a series of capital projects aimed at improving community infrastructure, recreation facilities and public spaces.

Current work includes reconstruction of the arena parking lot, upgrades to the curling rink, exterior improvements at the Rimrock Medical Clinic and the upcoming reconstruction of 94 Avenue with new underground utilities.

Road and drainage improvements in the Canalta Subdivision are also moving forward, while warranty work continues on the 110 Avenue Sewer Trunk Main Replacement. Additional investments in parks, playgrounds, roads and utility infrastructure will continue throughout the 2026 construction season.

Learn more: www.dawsoncreek.ca/city-projects

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AROUND TOWN



Your Health, Your Community

Council was pleased to attend the South Peace Health Expo, a fantastic event that brought together more than 30 local organizations dedicated to supporting the health and well-being of our communities. The event was hosted by the South Peace Division of Family Practice in partnership with healthcare and community organizations in the region.

A special thank you to the City's Culture & Recreation and Aquatics teams for showcasing the many programs, services and opportunities that help residents stay active, connected and healthy. Events like this highlight the strength of collaboration across the South Peace Region.



Hockeyville Watch Party

The community came together in Tumbler Ridge to cheer on their hometown and celebrate its incredible Kraft Hockeyville 2026 journey during a special Watch Party. The event brought residents together to show their community spirit, celebrate local pride and rally behind the arena and everyone who helped make the Hockeyville campaign such a success.



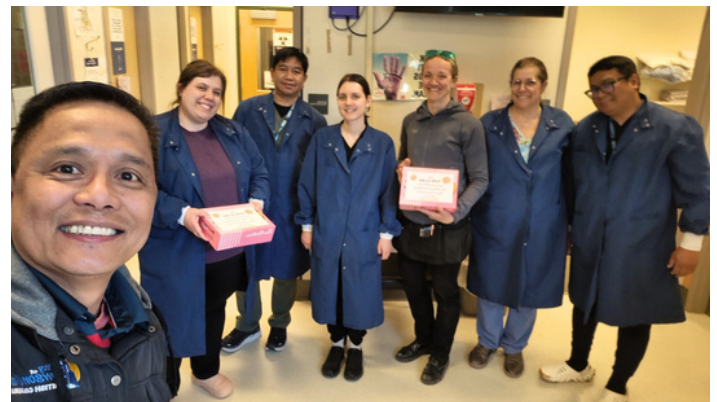
New Pump Track at Rotary Recreation Park

Mayor Dober joined community members to celebrate the grand opening of the new pump track at Rotary Recreation Park, a fantastic addition operated by the Mile 0 Park Society. Thank you to the Society for its ongoing dedication to creating vibrant spaces where residents and visitors can connect, play and enjoy the outdoors.



New Home for Pregnancy Support Centre

Mayor Darcy Dober joined community members at the grand opening of the Peace Pregnancy Support Centre's new downtown location. The new space will help the organization continue providing compassionate support, practical resources and a welcoming environment.



A Sweet Thank You

Councillor Apolonio and Councillor Kaempf were pleased to deliver Smile Cookies to the incredible teams at the Dawson Creek & District Hospital and Dawson Creek Health Unit. Thank you to all of our healthcare workers for the compassion, dedication and care you show our community.