



MUNICIPAL MATTERS

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

The start of 2025 has brought a wave of exciting activity to Dawson Creek, and I'm proud to share some highlights from the past few months. Seniors, healthcare, economic development and public safety are several areas our team has been focusing on.

We had a great turnout at the Seniors Roundtable, where City staff and I discussed the budget process and the current financial outlook. It was a productive and positive dialogue — thank you to everyone who participated! I also met with community members at the Seniors Hall Lunch to hear from Northern Health about the new hospital project. A special thanks to Northern Health for their informative presentation and to all residents who came out with thoughtful questions.

It's also been a pleasure connecting with our seniors at the Rotary Village Meal Call, an initiative City Council proudly supports with \$8,000 in funding. Programs like this help keep our community strong and connected.

On the topic of healthcare, I've been actively working with MLA Neufeld and had a productive call with Health Minister Josie Osborne about physician recruitment and retention challenges in our region. Supporting our healthcare system remains a top priority.

Public safety continues to be front and centre. Our RCMP have done outstanding work during some difficult weeks this year. Thank you to our officers for all you do to keep our community safe.

On the economic development front, there's a lot of momentum building. I've been engaged with local business leaders at the Peace Regional Economic Development Alliance and exploring federal programs focused on attracting foreign skilled professionals. There are pilot programs available to create pathways to permanent residence for skilled workers who want to work and live in smaller communities, including Peace Liard.

I'm also lending Dawson Creek's voice to a regional effort to twin Highway 43 to the B.C. border — an important project for safety and economic growth. A letter of support has been sent to our provincial contacts.

Dawson Creek is moving forward — together. Thank you for being part of it.
~ Mayor Dober

MILE ZERO MOMENTS



Dawson Creek was proud to welcome players, families and fans to the 2025 BC Hockey U13 Tier 3 Provincial Championship in March! More than 150 players and their families called our city home for the week — bringing exciting economic benefits to our hotels, restaurants and local shops. City Council will continue to prioritize major tournaments and events — this vision is helping Dawson Creek shine on the provincial and international stage!



Save-On-Foods Dawson Creek took home the prestigious 2024 Save-On-Foods Customer Service Excellence Award! The team hosted an event to honour their big win. Mayor Dober came out to support and join the celebration. Congratulations once again to the Dawson Creek team!

COUNCIL CORNER

Throughout the first quarter, we have focused on listening, learning and collaborating — working together to create a stronger, more vibrant Dawson Creek.

Team Dawson Creek hit the road in February! Mayor Dober and Councillors Kaempf, MacDonald and Sudnik attended the Growing the North Conference in Grande Prairie, connecting with leaders, innovators and business minds from across the region. Thanks to the Dawson Creek & District Chamber of Commerce for teaming up with us to show off our community at the event.

Our “Start Something” trade show booth turned some heads — inspiring people to think of Dawson Creek as a place where ambition turns into reality. It’s a way to celebrate the opportunities and entrepreneurial spirit that define our community. If you’re curious about what all the excitement is about, visit startyoursomething.ca.



Council wants to offer a heartfelt congratulations to Ed Mah, recipient of the King Charles III Coronation Medal for his incredible service to Dawson Creek. From all of us — Thank you, Ed, for your lasting contributions.

As we head toward the summer, we are excited for what’s to come and look forward to continuing to work with residents, businesses and community groups to build new opportunities.

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



IN FOCUS



Welcoming the World’s Best

We’re thrilled to be hosting the 2025 Para Cup this winter at the Ovintiv Events Centre!

Huge thanks to the City team for helping organize the Hockey Canada announcement and the visit from Tyler McGregor, Captain of Team Canada’s Para Hockey Team. It was inspiring to see strong representation from First Nations and municipalities across the region, reflecting the important relationships we’ve built over the past few years.

A special thank you to Tyler for taking the time to share his powerful story with youth in our community.

Hosting the Para Cup — the final international competition before the 2026 Paralympic Winter Games — is a major milestone for Dawson Creek.

It highlights our world-class facilities, incredible volunteers and passionate fans, and is a key piece of our tourism strategy, bringing exciting social, economic and community benefits to our region.



YOUR CITY

Stay in the Know!

Never miss an update! Check out the January 2025 edition of the Dawson Creek & District Hospital Replacement Project Newsletter. Get the latest updates on project milestones, construction progress, operational planning and more. Read it online and subscribe for future updates at [Let's Talk DCDH!](#)

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Thank you Healthcare Heroes!



Mayor Dober and Councillor Sudnik recently attended a medical staff appreciation dinner, celebrating Dawson Creek's dedicated healthcare heroes.

Despite physician shortages, our local team's strong camaraderie and commitment to quality care shines through. Council remains focused on supporting healthcare by building relationships, advocating for resources, and serving on key committees.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Peace, Love & Dueling Pianos

Get ready for a groovy night of unforgettable fun as Peace, Love & Dueling Pianos, featuring the Dueling Piano Kings, takes the stage Saturday, May 24!



Come for the music, stay for the food, drinks, door prizes, travel giveaways, photobooth fun & more! Oh — and don't forget your '70s outfit!



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

START

SOMETHING

NEW

Start Your Something

Looking to make a difference in Dawson Creek?

"Start Something" is a new City of Dawson Creek initiative that's about helping people turn great ideas into real opportunities. Whether it's launching a business, starting a project, or building a community initiative, your journey begins here.

Visit [startyoursomething.ca](#) to see some local success stories and get involved today — your ideas can shape our future! Want to learn more? Check out this [inspiring video](#).

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Northern Handmade Market



Get ready for the ultimate handmade experience! The Northern Handmade Market: Spring Edition is the largest and most exciting handmade market in the Peace Region and it's coming to the [Ovintiv Events Centre](#) in May.

Immerse yourself in a one-of-a-kind shopping adventure featuring incredible artisans, talented upcyclers, creative crafters, skilled makers, delicious bakers, passionate growers and inspiring creators from all around the region. Tickets available day of show at the Lake View Tix Box Office.

AROUND TOWN



Bringing Northeast Voices to the Table

Mayor Dober, Councillor Sudnik and Councillor MacDonald represented Dawson Creek at the BC Natural Resources Forum in Prince George. They engaged in great conversations with Ministers, MLAs and industry leaders, hearing firsthand the vision for BC's future. It was an inspiring event that offered renewed hope and opportunity for the region.



Honouring the Heart of Local Education

Mayor Dober stopped by Northern Lights College to thank some of the hardworking team members. NLC provides so much for our community, and we are grateful for the people who dedicate their days to furthering education in our city.



Powered by Community Support

Family Day 2025 was an incredible success! A heartfelt thank you to Birchcliff Energy, Shell, Ovintiv, Tim Hortons, Shriners Hospitals for Children and Peace Lodge No. 126 for making the day unforgettable. Your support brought our community together with free, fun activities that created lasting memories for families across Dawson Creek. We're so grateful!



Women Leading Change

Council welcomed the Landry Women's Institute to proclaim February 16-22, 2025 as Women's Institute Week, honouring the BC Women's Institute's dedication to community, service and global impact.