



MUNICIPAL MATTERS

The Dawson Creek City Council Update



October to December 2025

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 we step into 2026, it's a good moment to reflect on the progress we made together over the past year.

One of our most important priorities in 2025 was water security. In response to drought conditions, the City advanced emergency water preparedness measures while continuing early planning and community engagement on a long-term water supply solution. The focus remains on taking action now, planning for the future and keeping residents informed as work continues to secure Dawson Creek's water supply.

2025 was a year of visible investment in core infrastructure. Major road and underground utility upgrades on 1 Street, 95 Avenue, 100B Avenue and 110 Avenue improved safety, access and reliability for residents and businesses. A key sewer trunk main replacement was completed ahead of schedule, strengthening overall system reliability.

We also invested in the public spaces that bring our community together. The Mile 0 Park Pump Track opened in summer 2025 and quickly became a popular gathering place. Playground upgrades at Harry Morrow Park and 16 Street Park created safer, more inclusive spaces, while pathway improvements, downtown tree planting and enhanced lighting improved walkability and streetscapes.

Upgrades were also made to civic facilities. The Kin Arena was reimagined as a versatile indoor sports space on a trial basis. Renovations at the aquatic centre, accessibility upgrades at City Hall and refreshed City websites improved how residents access and experience municipal services.

Strengthening health care remains a key focus. I've had the opportunity to tour potential physicians and show off our community assets. We're seeing momentum in recruitment and through the South Peace Retention and Recruitment Committee - which I attend alongside Councillor Sudnik - we continue working on strategies to attract doctors, including exploring housing and settlement support.

Thank you to residents, businesses, sponsors, volunteers and partners for your support. Together, we are building a stronger Dawson Creek.

I look forward to serving you, working with you and celebrating with you in 2026. ~ Mayor Dober

MAYOR'S OPEN DOOR

YOU ARE INVITED
TO CONNECT

February 20
2026

City Hall
10105 12A Street

11:00AM to 1:00PM



MILE ZERO MOMENTS



Congratulations on 40 years, B & T Dawson Creek! 40 years serving our community and providing creative outlets for our residents - your commitment to your craft is evident in all you do. Thank you for supporting downtown Dawson Creek and making it a great place to shop!



Custom para hockey sticks, painted by regional artists from West Moberly First Nation, Saulteau First Nation and Dawson Creek, were created to honour the land, wildlife and spirit of the region - and the athletes of the 2025 Para Cup. The sticks were presented to two deserving athletes for their outstanding efforts in each game.

COUNCIL CORNER

As Councillors, one of the greatest privileges we have is celebrating the people and organizations that make Dawson Creek such a strong, caring and vibrant community. Over the past few months, we've had the opportunity to recognize several moments that truly reflect the spirit of our city.

This includes the annual Dawson Creek Community Awards. We were thrilled to celebrate the 2025 award winners - a heartfelt recognition of those whose dedication, leadership and generosity help our city thrive. Congratulations to:

- Emma Hawkins, Citizen of the Year
- True North Fitness, Business of the Year
- Kalen Marie Ravelli, Entrepreneur of the Year
- Rhett Robb, Youth of the Year
- Northern Lights College Foundation, Non-Profit of the Year
- Nicole Palfy, Volunteer of the Year, and
- Dave's No Frills, Inclusive Workplace of the Year.

Each of these recipients embodies the passion and commitment that make Dawson Creek such a special place to call home.



Our civic pride also took centre stage last year as we proudly hosted major events, including the Para Cup and the BC Hockey U13 Tier 3 Provincial Championship - showcasing our facilities, volunteers and community spirit. Up next: the 2026 Coy Cup! The Canucks will welcome the top Senior Male AA teams from across BC to compete in one of the province's most storied hockey championships.

As we look ahead to 2026, we're excited to see what this year will bring and to continue celebrating the people and moments that shape our community.

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

IN FOCUS



Taking Action to Improve our Water Supply

Dawson Creek continues to take a proactive and prepared approach to managing our water supply.

Thanks to favourable weather, careful water management and community conservation efforts, reservoir levels have been maintained and emergency measures have not yet been needed.

Recent snowfall has contributed to a strong snowpack. As a result, we're currently in a strong position for water supply, but City teams are closely tracking river flows, reservoir levels, snowpack conditions and weather forecasts.

To ensure emergency response tools remain available during ongoing drought conditions, the State of Local Emergency has been continually renewed.

This allows the City to act quickly and decisively as conditions change, including securing access to alternative water sources, coordinating emergency response plans and mobilizing resources if required.

In order to secure a long-term solution, the City continues to advance the Dawson Creek Water Supply System Project, working through the Early Engagement phase of the project alongside the BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO).

For ongoing updates, subscribe to Emergency News here: www.dawsoncreek.ca/emergency

YOUR CITY

Help Shape the 2026 Budget

Budget consultation is now underway, giving residents the opportunity to share what matters most to them - from services and infrastructure to priorities that support a strong, livable city. These conversations help Council understand community needs, balance competing demands and make informed decisions about how municipal dollars are invested.

The 2026 Budget Public Consultation is taking place at City Hall on Monday, February 9. Learn more at dawsoncreek.ca/budget.



One Pass. Endless Play.

The City has launched the new MultiPass - one card that gives access to swimming and the indoor climbing wall at the Kenn Borek Aquatic Centre, public skating and shinny hockey at Memorial Arena, and activities on the Kin Arena Sports Floor - basketball, futsal, volleyball and more!

Designed to make recreation more flexible and accessible, the MultiPass makes it easier than ever to stay active, try something new and play your way. MultiPasses can be purchased at City recreation facilities or over the phone at 250-784-3604.

Big News for Local Health Care



It's official - the new Dawson Creek & District Hospital is getting an MRI. The Hospital Foundation has launched the Clear Picture Campaign to bring the first publicly funded MRI to the South Peace. A \$1.5 million lead gift from ARC Resources marks a major step toward the \$3 million goal.



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



2025 Para Cup: World-Class Hockey, Community-Wide Impact

Dawson Creek was proud to host the 2025 Hockey Canada Para Cup! This incredible event brought world-class para hockey to our community and showcased the power of sport to inspire, connect and give back.

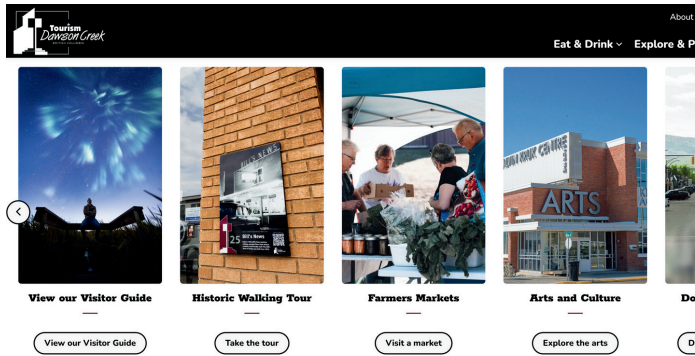
Thanks to the support of Ovintiv Events Centre and Dawson Co-op, every goal scored supported local food banks through the Goals for Food initiative. More than 4,300 students from SD59 and SD60 also attended games through the Goal Line Getaway, receiving complimentary lunches thanks to generous sponsors.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to the City team, host committee, volunteers, sponsors, partners and local restaurants for their outstanding hospitality - and to the athletes for inspiring our community with their skill, determination and heart.

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AROUND TOWN



A New Digital Gateway to Dawson Creek

Tourism Dawson Creek has unveiled its new website! A modern, welcoming platform that connects our community, region and visitors from around the world to the iconic Mile 0 of the Alaska Highway.

The new site makes it simple to explore events, experiences, local flavours, outdoor adventures and rich history, while serving as a central hub for community connection.

Residents, businesses and organizations are encouraged to submit public events and subscribe for tourism updates to help share Dawson Creek's story far and wide.



Meeting Our Future Leaders

Mayor Dober visited a Grade 5 class at Tremblay Elementary, sharing time with students and answering thoughtful questions. It was a great opportunity to connect with Dawson Creek's future leaders and spark curiosity about civic life.



A Polished New Addition

Mayor Dober and Councillor Apolonio joined the celebration at the grand opening of Shilena Nails & Spa. It's always exciting to see new businesses opening in downtown Dawson Creek. Congratulations to the Shilena Nails & Spa team on starting something special in our community!



Reindeer Games at Rotary Manor

Mayor and Council joined residents and staff at Rotary Manor's Annual Reindeer Hunt, kicking off the holiday season with laughter and cheer. From festive trees to friendly competition, the day was filled with smiles, shared moments, and plenty of holiday magic.



Celebrating Inclusion in Action

Fire Chief Marcel Capelle and Mayor Dober attended the 2025 Inclusive Employer Appreciation Event alongside longtime Fire Hall team member Jeff. The event celebrated workplaces that champion inclusion and opportunity - values that help make Dawson Creek a stronger, more welcoming community.