# City of Dawson Creek Water Security
# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The seven guiding principles below were developed by City of Dawson Creek Council.

Each principle has been designed to support Dawson Creek's goal of securing a resilient, sustainable water future.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLE 1:
### MULTI-GENERATIONAL SUCCESS AND LONG-TERM SECURITY

The City seeks a 50–100-year solution to ensure potable water for all regional residents. This long-term approach provides peace of mind and stability in delivery of this essential service.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLE 2:
### FAIR AND TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE

The City is committed to a rigorous decision-making process that demonstrates proactive and transparent leadership. This process will be equitable, and respects all water users, including residents, businesses, Indigenous communities, regional partners, agriculture, and industry.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLE 3:
### WATER STEWARDSHIP THROUGH SYSTEM INNOVATION

The City will ensure that its water system remains innovative, leveraging all investments to maximize conservation and reuse, while expanding the use of reclaimed water for increased community and industrial purposes

### GUIDING PRINCIPLE 4:
### CERTAINTY & PUBLIC CONTROL (ACCESS, PRICING)

The City will ensure continued public ownership. This commitment provides long-term stability in pricing and protects equitable access to water.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLE 5:
### CONSIDER A REGIONAL APPROACH AND IMPACTS OUTSIDE CITY BOUNDARIES

The City will pursue regional partnerships—including with Indigenous communities—to secure a long-term water source that delivers shared benefits and resilience beyond city boundaries.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLE 6:
### FINANCIAL RESILIENCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

The City is committed to ensuring financial resilience by proactively managing risk. This approach will secure a water supply that is affordable and sustainably funded.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLE 7:
### RESILIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADAPTATION

The City will strive to ensure that a new water supply solution is future proofed against environmental stressors and designed for long-term resilience.