



MUNICIPAL MATTERS

The Dawson Creek City Council Update



January to March 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

As we move through the first part of the year, I'm reminded of what makes Dawson Creek such a strong and connected community - our ability to come together, plan for the future and support one another.

One of our key priorities right now is securing a long-term, reliable drinking water supply. Over the coming months, the City will be advancing detailed technical studies while expanding engagement with Indigenous communities, government and regulatory partners, industry and residents.

Together, we'll be working to better understand our future water needs, explore potential sources, assess treatment options and evaluate infrastructure requirements, costs and challenges. We are also strengthening our project team, improving how we communicate and gather public input, and exploring funding opportunities. This work will help guide us toward the best path forward, and we'll continue to share updates as it progresses.

Council has been actively advocating on behalf of residents, including meeting with the Ministry of Transportation to discuss key infrastructure priorities. We also connected with the community during recent budget engagement sessions. These conversations are important and your input continues to help shape our decisions.

It's also been a season of connection across our community. I had the pleasure of welcoming international students to Northern Lights College - your presence enriches our city and we're glad you're here. We also recently celebrated our local healthcare professionals and their families at a special appreciation event. Their dedication to keeping our community healthy does not go unnoticed. And, we're beginning to see real progress in healthcare for our community. When we started, there were about nine physicians - today, we're at roughly 16. It's an important step forward in strengthening healthcare across the Peace Region.

We've also had opportunities to come together and celebrate. We were proud to host the 2026 Coy Cup and congratulate the Dawson Creek Canucks on their championship win! Looking ahead, I'm encouraged by what we're building together. Through continued investment in infrastructure, services and connection, we're shaping a strong Dawson Creek. Thank you for your continued engagement and pride in our community. ~ Mayor Dober

MAYOR'S OPEN DOOR

YOU ARE INVITED TO CONNECT

May 22 2026

City Hall 10105 12A Street

11:00AM to 1:00PM



MILE ZERO MOMENTS



New Wheels, Old Traditions: Dawson Creek Fire Rescue welcomed a new all-wheel drive engine with a classic push-in ceremony. Through the Dawson Creek-Pouce Coupe Rural Fire Protection service agreement, and in collaboration with the Peace River Regional District, this investment enhances protection for residents both within city limits and across surrounding rural areas.



#TumblerRidgeStrong: Our community gathered at NAR Park to stand with Tumbler Ridge in the wake of tragedy. Our hearts remain with all those affected. In the Peace Region, we grieve together and support one another. Thank you to Trandafir Photography for capturing this moment of unity.

COUNCIL CORNER

Council has been actively representing Dawson Creek and strengthening relationships that support our community's growth and future.

Mayor Dober, Councillor MacDonald and Councillor Sudnik attended the Growing the North Conference in Grande Prairie. This event continues to be a valuable opportunity to connect with our neighbours, exchange ideas and build partnerships that support economic development across the region. We're proud to sponsor and participate in this conference alongside the Dawson Creek & District Chamber of Commerce, and we appreciate the strong cross-border relationships it helps foster.

Council also represented Dawson Creek at the BC Natural Resources Forum in Prince George - Western Canada's largest multi-sector natural resources conference. The forum brings together leaders from government, Indigenous communities, industry and local governments to collaborate, share perspectives and advance solutions that strengthen communities and regional economies.



While attending the forum, Council had the opportunity to meet with Premier David Eby. This was a productive discussion focused on the Dawson Creek Water Supply System Project. Council provided an update on the work underway and sought guidance from the Province as we continue working toward securing a reliable, long-term water supply for our community.

Participating in events like these ensures Dawson Creek's priorities are heard while building the partnerships needed to support long-term success. Council remains committed to advocating for our community and working collaboratively to move important initiatives forward.

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

IN FOCUS



Big Win for Dawson Creek on the National Stage

Dawson Creek is celebrating national recognition after being named International Sport Event of the Year (with a budget under \$2M) at the Sport Tourism Canada PRESTIGE Awards.

The award highlights the City's successful hosting of the 2025 Para Cup at the Oviniv Events Centre.

Presented annually by Sport Tourism Canada, the awards celebrate excellence in sport events across the country. Mayor Darcy Dober credited the achievement to strong regional partnerships, dedicated volunteers and collaboration with Hockey Canada.

The 2025 Para Cup brought elite para hockey athletes from around the world to Dawson Creek, showcasing the community's ability to host major international events while creating a lasting legacy of inclusion, pride and opportunity.



YOUR CITY

Budget Conversations in the Community

Council brought the 2026 Budget into the community, presenting to local businesses, seniors and residents to gather feedback and answer questions.

These conversations are helping shape a more inclusive consultation process, with a focus on transparency, service levels and future growth. Thank you to everyone who participated and shared their input and suggestions. Learn more at dawsoncreek.ca/budget.



Register for Spring & Summer Programs

Spring is here and so is a season packed with fun, learning and adventure for all ages! From kids' camps and family events to sports programs and unique experiences, there's something for everyone. [Register](#) for a program or [drop-in](#) at one of our facilities – climb, swim or play!

Safer Steps, Smarter Spending



A report from Safesidewalks Canada shows that sidewalk cutting (yellow) and demo resurfacing (pink) occurred at the following locations:

Council invested \$30,000 to improve sidewalk safety through targeted upgrades, avoiding \$150,000 in full replacements and saving an estimated \$120,000. These improvements reduce trip hazards, enhance accessibility and help create a safer, more welcoming downtown.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



A Lasting Symbol of Partnership

The City of Dawson Creek was proud to present the Peace River Regional District with a signed Para Cup jersey in recognition of their valued partnership in hosting the 2025 Para Cup.

Held from November 30 to December 6, the tournament brought world-class para hockey to our community and highlighted the incredible skill, determination and spirit of the athletes.

Events like this are only possible through strong collaboration and we're grateful for the PRRD's support in making it a success. Congratulations to Team Canada on earning silver and thank you to everyone who helped create such an inspiring and memorable event for our region.

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AROUND TOWN



South Peace Primary Care Network

Health Expo 2026

Resilience: Working together for health communities



Game on, Dawson Creek!

The puck dropped at the 2026 Coy Cup, bringing the province's top Senior AA teams to the Memorial Arena for an unforgettable week of hockey. Congratulations to the Dawson Creek Canucks on capturing the championship on home ice - what a way to showcase true community spirit!



Dawson Creek Hospital Ahead of Schedule

Great progress on the Dawson Creek and District Hospital Replacement - now tracking two months early, with substantial completion expected September 29, 2026! Exterior work is nearly finished, interior spaces are coming together and system start-up is underway.

Your Health, Your Community

Join us Saturday, May 23, 2026, at the Ovintiv Events Centre for the South Peace Primary Care Network Health Expo - a FREE community event focused on health, wellness and connection.

Meet local healthcare providers, community organizations and services from Dawson Creek, Chetwynd and Tumbler Ridge. It's a great opportunity to learn about supports available and finding the right care, at the right time. Whether you're looking for information, resources or simply to connect, everyone is welcome. Visit the [South Peace Primary Care Network website](#) or [Facebook event page](#) for details.



CreekCon Comes to Life!

CreekCon brought fandom, creativity and community together for an incredible one-day celebration! Presented by the Kiwanis Performing Arts Centre and the South Peace Community Arts Council, the event delivered all the fun of a pop culture convention - right here at home.



Celebrating Pathways to Employment

Mayor Dober joined the Obair Economic Society's open house to celebrate the success of the Elevation to Employment (E2E) Program. Inspiring stories of meaningful employment outcomes were shared - thank you to the Obair team for creating opportunities that strengthen our community!