



FAQ: City Hall Asbestos Abatement and Relocation

Why is City Hall being temporarily relocated?

Following direction from WorkSafeBC, the City is completing planned asbestos abatement work at City Hall this year. At the same time, the City will complete electrical and IT infrastructure upgrades. To safely complete this work, City Hall operations will temporarily move to alternate locations while construction is underway.

Why is this work being completed?

During a WorkSafeBC visit related to a recent project at City Hall, concerns were raised regarding the potential presence of asbestos fibres within the building.

In response, the City undertook additional testing and assessment to better understand the extent of the issue. The investigation identified asbestos fibre contamination in areas of the building that require remediation.

The City has been working collaboratively with WorkSafeBC throughout the process to develop a plan that addresses the identified concerns and meets all regulatory requirements. As a result, the City will complete a comprehensive asbestos abatement program later this summer.

To minimize future disruption and make the best use of the temporary relocation period, the City will also complete electrical and information technology (IT) infrastructure upgrades while the building is unoccupied.

City Hall remains safe for staff and the public while planning and preparation for this work takes place.

Is City Hall safe?

Yes. City Hall remains safe for staff and the public while planning and preparation for this work takes place.

The City continues to follow all WorkSafeBC requirements and regulated safety procedures. The asbestos abatement work will be completed by qualified professionals using approved containment and safety measures to protect workers, contractors, and the public.

Why is this work being completed now?

Following the City's assessment and discussions with WorkSafeBC, asbestos abatement work is required to be completed within the year.

As an employer, the City is committed to maintaining safe workplaces and taking proactive steps to address identified issues. Completing the asbestos abatement now also provides an opportunity to undertake important electrical and IT infrastructure upgrades at the same time, reducing future disruption.

When will City Hall services move?

June 22, 2026

The Culture & Recreation Department and Emergency Management Department will relocate to the Kin Arena Meeting Room.

July 20, 2026

Administration, Communications & Digital Services, Development Services, Employee Services, and Finance will relocate to temporary office space within Dawson Creek Mall.

July 27, 2026

Council Meetings will relocate from City Hall to the Peace River Regional District Boardroom.

How long will the relocation last?

City Hall services are expected to operate from temporary locations until early 2027, when services are anticipated to return to City Hall.

Project timelines may be adjusted as work progresses.

Will City services still be available?

Yes. All City services will continue throughout the relocation period, although some services will operate from different locations.

Residents will continue to have access to services such as:

- Utility payments

- Property tax inquiries and payments
- Building permits and development applications
- Business licensing
- Administrative services
- Recreation services

Where will City Hall services be located?

Kin Arena Meeting Room

- Culture & Recreation Department
- Emergency Management Department

Dawson Creek Mall

- Administration
- Communications & Digital Services
- Development Services
- Employee Services
- Finance

Peace River Regional District Boardroom

- Council Meetings

Maps, directions, and department information will be available online and shared through City communication channels before the moves occur.

Where will Council Meetings be held?

Beginning July 27, 2026, regular City of Dawson Creek Council Meetings will be held in the Peace River Regional District Boardroom.

The final Council Meeting at City Hall before the relocation will be held on July 15, 2026.

Meeting agendas, livestream information, and minutes will continue to be available through the City's website.

How will I know where to go?

The City will provide:

- Maps and directions
- Website updates and social media reminders
- Signage at City Hall and temporary locations
- Service-specific information for residents and businesses

Information will be hosted in a centralized, digital location at www.dawsoncreek.ca/city-hall-relocation.

Will City Hall hours change?

At this time, regular service hours from 8:30AM to 4:30PM are expected to remain the same unless otherwise communicated.

Can I still access services online?

Yes. Online services, phone support, and email communication will continue throughout the relocation period.

Residents are encouraged to access services online whenever possible.

Will parking be available at temporary locations?

Yes. Public parking is available at the Kin Arena and the Dawson Creek Mall.

Additional information regarding entrances, accessibility, and wayfinding will be shared before the relocation occurs.

What services may be affected during the move?

Services are expected to continue without interruption.

If any temporary service disruptions are required during the relocation period, residents will be notified in advance through the City's communication channels.

How will this affect property taxes?

Funding for this work is already included in the City's 2026 Capital Budget and will not result in an increase to property taxes for residents.

The Capital Budget is used for long-term facility and infrastructure projects and is funded through a combination of reserves, grants, and long-term financial planning.

Learn more about the City's budget at dawsoncreek.ca/budget.

How will I receive updates?

Project updates will be shared through:

- The City website at www.dawsoncreek.ca/city-hall-relocation
- Social media channels
- Media releases
- Signage and notices at City facilities
- Direct communications where applicable

Who can I contact if I have questions?

Residents can contact the City by:

Phone: 250-784-3600

Email: communications@dawsoncreek.ca

Website: www.dawsoncreek.ca/city-hall-relocation

Additional updates and information will continue to be posted as the project progresses.