

*Take the survey  
and help solve  
our economic  
puzzle!*

# Economic Development Vision and Strategy

*What do you see in Dawson Creek's future?*

City Council is asking for your input into its Economic Development Strategy.

It is the people who live and work in Dawson Creek that have the deepest understanding of the benefits and challenges for economic development to the community.

Your input is critical for the City's next Economic Development Strategy to contain the right priorities that will make the biggest difference in future community wellbeing.

The City has hired Vann Struth Consulting Group in association with Eric Vance & Associates to assist in creating a new Economic Development Strategy.

They have created a survey that will gather specific information about the City in which you live, work, play and invest. This survey will take only

minutes to complete and can be found through a link on the City's website.

Paper copies are also available at various City facilities, such as the Calvin Kruk Centre for the Arts, the Kenn Borek Aquatic Centre, the Art Gallery and of course at City Hall.

**The deadline to submit this survey is May 16<sup>th</sup> so there isn't much time.**

The success of future planning for our City depends a great deal on the input from citizens, so please take the time to help, either on-line or with good ol' fashioned paper and pen.

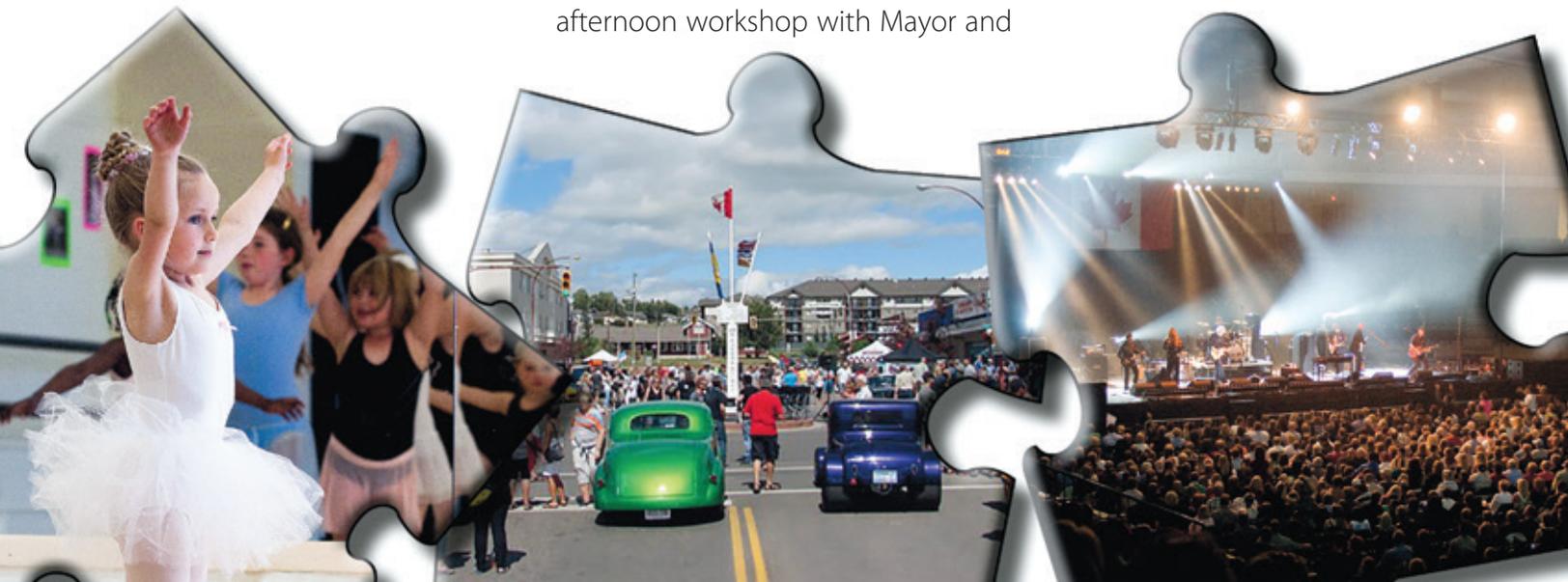
After the data from the surveys has been gathered and assessed, consultants Jamie and Eric will be returning to Dawson Creek to meet with various stakeholder groups from May 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, including an afternoon workshop with Mayor and

Council.

"We are creating a new Economic Development Vision and Strategy that will help the City focus on those things that will provide a quality of life in Dawson Creek that is second to none," says Mayor Dale Bumstead. "It is so important that we hear from our citizens. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and send it in. Your comments will play a large part in the success of the new economic development strategy and for the future of this wonderful City we love and call home."

The final strategy will be presented to Council at the regular meeting scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**If you don't have access to the internet, please call City Hall at 250-784-3660 and we will be happy to provide you with a paper copy.**



# Kindness Meters – Double your money!

*Thanks to TransCanada for matching donations.*

The City of Dawson, in partnership with TransCanada, officially launched Kindness Meters in the City on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Kindness Meters are your chance to donate money to local groups and have your donation matched by TransCanada.

There were approximately 35 people at the launch including representatives from TransCanada, Mayor Dale Bumstead, MP Bob



Zimmer and a representative from all 12 groups that applied.

The event kicked off at the Kindness Meter located at the Mile Zero Post and lunch followed at the Calvin Kruk Centre for the Arts.

The draw to choose the first two non-profit groups at the launch rewarded the Dawson Creek and District Hospital Foundation and South Peace Community Resources Society.

These groups will be presented with the funds collected, matched by TransCanada. In December, two new groups will be chosen by a draw.

The City is accepting applications from non-profit organizations 'on an ongoing basis' to receive donations from the second six-month collection period.

For more information, contact Brenda Ginter at 250-784-3614 or email [admin@dawsoncreek.ca](mailto:admin@dawsoncreek.ca)



**The City has purchased a portable solar powered speed reading sign. The sign will be moved around the City in hopes of addressing vehicle speed issues in selected areas.**

**Keep an eye out for the new sign and please obey the speed limit.**

## Property Tax and Utility Notices via Email

The option is now available to have your Property Tax and Utility Notice delivered to you electronically.

eSend is an electronic service for property owners to receive property tax bills and utility notices by email.

By signing up for eSend you will receive a copy of your tax notice or utility bill by email.

There will be less paper to worry about, quicker delivery and no worries about lost snail mail.

To sign up for eSend, please register online at <http://www.dawsoncreek.ca/departments/finance/taxes>

or email [tax\\_dept@dawsoncreek.ca](mailto:tax_dept@dawsoncreek.ca).

## Electronic Payments

The City of Dawson Creek can now provide payment to vendors through Electronic Funds Transfer.

For more information contact Kara Armitage at 250-784-3607



# CITY CLEAN-UP MAY 14, 2016

Register your community group to help spring-clean our community. Participating groups will earn \$200 dollars for their efforts.

Contact Community Services at 250-784-3604 for more information



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