



INFORMED CONSENT (under 19 years)

Thank you for choosing to use City of Dawson Creek facilities, services and programs. We make every effort to prevent accidental injuries from occurring, however sometimes injuries do occur because a participant may make an error in their own judgement or an accidental occurrence may result between 2 or more participants, that are beyond the control of our staff. We request your understanding and cooperation to maintain the safety and health of your child by reviewing the information provided below and by discussing safe practices with your child before and after each session.

By signing this document, you will be acknowledging that you have been informed about the activity and the potential for an accidental injury to occur to your child.

I recognize that there is some element of risk in any adventure, sport or activity associated with the Corporation of the City of Dawson Creek, Community Services activities and programs.

I, _____ consent to my child’s participation in the program(s) listed below and, am aware that there are risks associated with participation in these programs, including the risk of injury, and I consent to my children’s participation in spite of such risks. I am aware that all activities services and programs offered are either educational, recreational or self-directed.

I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to advise the City of any medical or other conditions, which may affect my child's participation in the Program.

I understand that part of the risk of injury to my child in undertaking any activity or program is relative to their state of fitness or health (physical, mental or emotional), including their awareness, care and skill with which my child conducts themselves during the activity or program. I acknowledge that my child’s choice, with my permission, to participate in any activity, service and program brings with it the assumption and understanding, by me of the risk of an accidental injury that may occur during the activity or program that is beyond the control of staff.

In addition, I understand that I am free to withdraw my child from, reduce or modify involvement in any program activity upon recognition of any signs of medical distress (including lightheadedness, fainting, chest discomfort, leg cramps, nausea, etc.) and bring this to the attention of the recreation staff.

I declare that I have read, understood and agree to the contents of this INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT.

I declare that I have read, understood and agree to the contents of the PROGRAM PARTICIPATION PACKAGE.

Name of Child

Date

Program(s):

Name of Parent/Guardian (print clearly)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Telephone Number



COVID-19 Assumption of Risk & Permission Form

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, YOU AND YOUR CHILD'S LEGAL RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

We at the City of Dawson Creek responded to the direction from our public health officials to first close our facilities and cease offering services. We are now responding to the direction to reopen our facilities and offer services to our community cautiously, with the safety of our staff and community being our priority.

COVID-19 remains a worldwide pandemic and a threat to our local health and safety. We know the following (this list is not intended to be exhaustive):

1. The infectious agent, SARS-CoV-2, has caused community transmission of a serious communicable and potentially fatal disease known as COVID-19 amongst the population of the Province of British Columbia;
2. Our public health officials have determined this constitutes a regional event as defined in section 51 of the *Public Health Act*;
3. A person infected with SARS-CoV-2 can infect other people with whom the infected person comes into contact with; and
4. The gathering of people in close contact with one another can promote the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and increase the number of people who develop COVID-19.

We cannot be certain that a person (of any age) will not contract SARS-CoV-2 at one of our facilities and/or while participating in one of our programs, but we have taken the steps required to develop our City of Dawson Creek Recreation COVID-19 Safety Plan, which is available for your review upon request. Though we have implemented this, **the risk remains that a COVID-19 outbreak could occur despite our best efforts.**

It is vital that no person who feels sick in any way visit any of our facilities and/or utilize any of our services. We do not employ health professionals and do not screen for potential illness. It is also vital that no person bring a child to any of our facilities if the child is feeling unwell or showing any symptoms of illness. Again, we do not screen for same.

For our camps and other programs for children, we will not be enforcing physical distancing amongst the children. We will be reducing the number of children in each program compared to our standard practices. We will emphasize hygiene and provide for handwashing as children begin and end their days in our programs. However, it is vital that children be permitted to play and this includes games where there will be use of playground equipment. All activities will take place outdoors.

It is vital that any person who believes that they may have become ill or their child may have become ill within 14 days of visiting one of our facilities and/or while taking part in one of our programs report this immediately by contacting the Community Services Department at 250-784-3604 and seek appropriate medical attention by first calling 8-1-1. **We will only share personal information for the purposes of contact tracing if the need arises.** To attend our facilities and/or take part in our programs and/or send a child to same, you must consent to the same.

Please do not allow your child to participate in any of our activities or programs if your child has:

- experienced cold or flu-like symptoms within the last 14 days;

- been in close contact with anyone else who has had these symptoms in the last 14 days; or
- been in close contact with anyone else who has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days.

Please note: If your child is displaying symptoms of respiratory distress or illness, they will be asked not to participate.

Lastly, it is vital that we all be calm and compassionate throughout this pandemic. Any person who exhibits any aggression towards our staff or any other person in one of our facilities and/or programs will be asked to leave and not return.

If you would like more information regarding the risks associated with COVID-19 for children, please review the following BC CDC publications:

[COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings](#)

[COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for Child Care Settings](#)

By attending City of Dawson Creek, Community Services Department programs, services or facilities, I declare and understand the following:

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| I understand there is a risk of my child contracting COVID-19, in spite of any precautions taken by the City of Dawson Creek | INITIAL HERE |
| I/we understand it is my/our responsibility – not that of the program, program and facility staff, or the City of Dawson Creek – to be aware my child’s current health and limitations and to take appropriate additional precautions as required. | INITIAL HERE |
| I/we understand that if infected, my child could be at risk of transmitting the disease to other family members, including those with high risk, pre-existing conditions and that this might occur before my child’s sickness has become evident. | INITIAL HERE |
| I/we have read, understand and agree to the Assumption of Risk and Permission Form. | INITIAL HERE |
| I/we have reviewed the Assumption of Risk and Permission Form with my/our child and have instructed our child to listen to and follow the instructions provided. | INITIAL HERE |

Name of Child

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Print name clearly

Print name clearly

Telephone Number

Email Address

Both parents/guardians (if applicable) must initial and sign this form. Thank you.