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2017 Dawson Creek



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



City Council

(Back row)

Councillors Charlie Parslow, Mark Rogers

(Middle row)

Councillor Paul Gevatkoff, Mayor Dale Bumstead, Councillor Terry McFadyen

(Front row)

Councillors Shaely Wilbur, Cheryl Shuman Welcome to Dawson
Creek! You will find
our community warm,
welcoming and a lot of
fun. This is, without a
doubt, a truly great place
to work, play, live and
invest! This community
offers an amazing quality
of life! We have great
services and amenities to
offer and have established
the infrastructure to create
amazing activities for
everyone to enjoy.

Residents and visitors alike enjoy the Calvin Kruk Centre for the Arts, the Dawson Creek Art Gallery, the Encana Events Centre, the Wayne and Bev Dahlen Indoor Walking Track, the Lakota Agri-Centre,

the Kenn Borek Aquatic Centre & Climbing Wall, two ice arenas and the Curling Rink. But don't be fooled, we Northerners are most definitely not limited to indoor activities! From quadding to snowmobiling, boating, skiing, hiking, fishing and golf, Dawson Creek has an endless array of activities to partake in. The City also has outdoor walking trails and multiple sport fields, truly something for everyone!

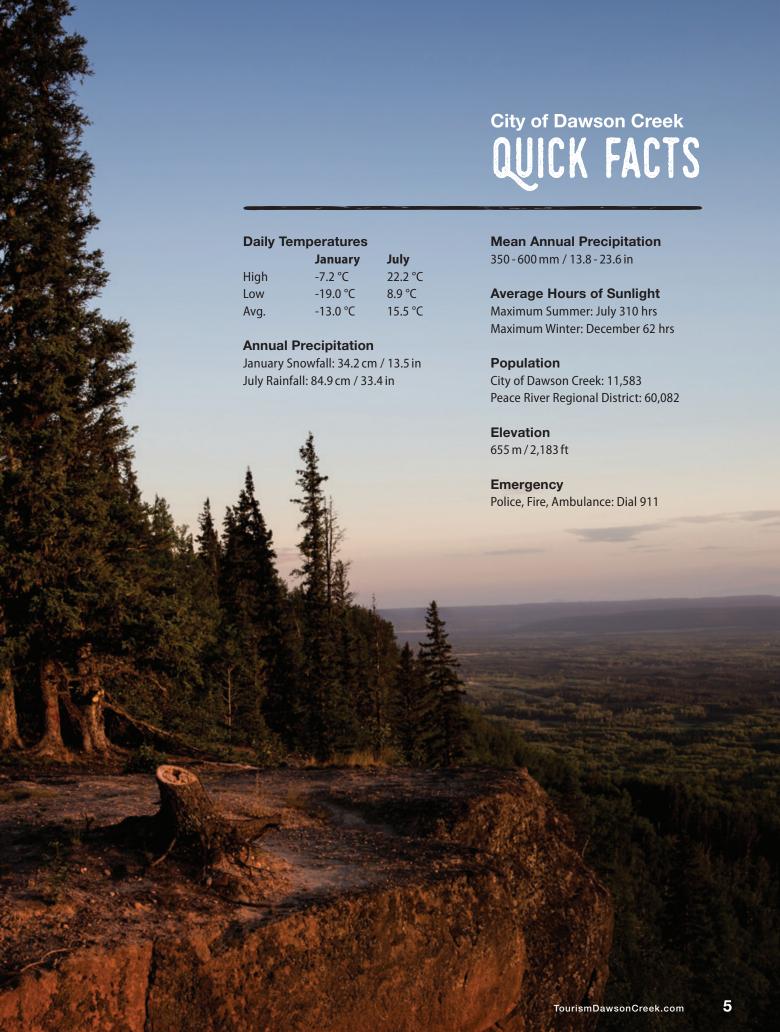
Dawson Creek has great public and private schools, a local hospital with transportation services for special medical needs and a top-notch college with a brand new trades training centre under construction. In case you need to get away, we have an airport three minutes from downtown with daily flights to Vancouver.

Our City is poised to make the most of a bright future. Careful, deliberate planning for sustainable and responsible growth means that Dawson Creek is ready for growth and development in the region. Long-term career opportunities in the oil and gas, mining, forestry, agriculture, infrastructure and service industries exist within the community. The economy in the region can provide financial stability for you and your family, and the rest is limited only by your imagination.

On behalf of Council, I extend a warm northern welcome. Whether you are visiting or working in the community. I am confident that you will quickly discover why we are proud to call Dawson Creek home.

- Mayor Dale Bumstead





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Updated quarterly by the City of Dawson Creek, the Community Profile & Investment Guide can answer all your investment questions. Printed copies are available at City Hall (10105 – 12A St.) or can be downloaded at www.dawsoncreek.ca/business

Dawson Creek is a great place to live. About 12,500 people call Dawson Creek home, and of those, the median age of this relatively young community is 35. Whether you are purchasing your first home, starting a family, relocating or thinking about retiring, Dawson Creek has something for everyone. The community has homes for all ages and income levels in a variety of neighbourhoods including the city's newest subdivisions: Crescent View, Manor Heights, Sunset Ridge, Harvest View, Harbour Park, and Country Hills Estates.



If you come to Dawson Creek for the wide-open spaces, there are a number of acreages in rural communities and subdivisions. The price of five acres ranges from \$89,000 to over \$230,000; plenty of room to build your dream home in the country while still being just fifteen minutes from town!

Local developers and builders are actively working at satisfying the demand for new lots and continue to establish and expand subdivisions. Prices of newly developed lots start at \$63,000, and include all underground services and paved streets. Water, sewer, and garbage pick-up is all provided by the City of Dawson Creek within city limits.

Commercial Industrial

The Airport Business Park has one acre lots starting at \$229,000 per acre with great highway visibility. There is also the opportunity to lease commercial, industrial or office space in several locations throughout the city. If you've always dreamed of owning your own business we encourage you to look into possibilities with established and profitable businesses for sale. Whatever your needs, we hope that you make Dawson Creek your home!

BC Assessment

1112 103 Avenue P. 250-780-8515 www.bcassessment.ca

City of Dawson Creek

10105 12 A Street P. 250-784-3600 www.dawsoncreek.ca

Community Groups & Clubs

RE/MAX

Dawson Creek Realty

10224 10 Street P. 250-782-8181 www.dawsoncreekrealty.com

Royal LePage Cascade Realty

Unit 44 11000 8th Street Located in the Dawson Creek Mall P. 250-782-5750 www.royallepagecascaderealty.ca

Century 21 Energy Realty

1112 102 Avenue P. 250-782-2100 www.century21.ca/energyrealty

Services

BC Hydro

TF. 1-800-BCHYDRO www.bchydro.com

PNG/Alta Gas

Telus P. 310-3100

www.telus.ca

Shaw Cable

P. 250-782-3039 www.shaw.ca

Peace Regional Internet Society (PRIS)

P. 250-782-5128 www.pris.bc.ca

Job Search & Support Services

1105 103 Avenue P. 250-782-8744 www.jobsearchonline.bc.ca

Retirement Options & Services

If retirement plans are in your future, congratulations! We hope you choose Dawson Creek as your retirement destination! Dawson Creek has unique retirement opportunities for seniors, including traditional neighbourhoods to condominium style living all within close proximity to needed services and amenities. A wide range of Dawson Creek's clubs and organizations are aimed towards senior fitness and activities.

For seniors requiring extra care, Dawson Creek's Seniors Community of Care is here to help. Located in the north end of the city, it includes Southview, Northview and Rotary Manor. Southview is a 31 unit non-supported seniors housing complex, while Northview offers 26 units of assisted living care. Southview is connected by a covered walkway to Rotary Manor Care Home. Rotary Manor is a 115 bed complex care facility which has 24 hour nursing care. The main building of Rotary Manor and Southview were opened in 2002, and in 2009 Northview and a 3 floor addition to Rotary Manor were opened.

No matter what your present or future needs may be, Dawson Creek is an active community where newcomers are always welcome.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dawson Creek & District Chamber of Commerce - Building a Future.

The Dawson Creek and District Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization representing over 300 members from Dawson Creek and the surrounding area. They serve as both an advocate and resource to businesses and associates throughout the region, providing services to facilitate the efficiency and growth of new and established businesses and engaging with stakeholders, various partners at all levels of government, and the community at large to promote the development of a sustainable, local economy.

Dawson Creek's bustling, diverse local economy also benefits from the location and transportation infrastructure that has allowed Dawson Creek to become a shipping and service hub to many other communities throughout the region. This has earned Dawson Creek the nickname, the "Capital of the Peace".

For these reasons and more, Dawson Creek is a great place to start a business and build a career and life. The current boom in construction and development across many industries and the opportunities this expansion has afforded local businesses and citizens has been extremely welcome. The Chamber encourages you to explore everything the region has to offer in your time here, as the Peace Region offers something for everyone.

The Chamber is incredibly proud of the work accomplished in this community and on behalf of businesses and if you have any questions about relocating your business here or would like to find out what a Chamber membership can do for your organization, please contact our office at 250-782-4868.

Thanks for coming and enjoy your stay in the Mile 0 City!

Dawson Creek & District Chamber of Commerce

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Kiwanis Performing Arts Centre (KPAC)

The Kiwanis Performing Arts Centre (KPAC) is operated by a non-profit society whose mandate is to serve the artistic and cultural needs of children and families living in the South Peace Region of British Columbia. KPAC offers lessons in dance, guitar, piano, and band, and provides facility rentals to individuals, businesses, community groups, and guilds. In addition to weekly lessons, KPAC facilitates and coordinates a number of community programs and events aimed specifically at school-age children including the Peace River South Festival of the Arts, the Honours Concert, Scholarship and Bursary Program, Summer School of the Arts, and ArtStarts cultural performances for students throughout School District 59.

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In business, there are times when you just need a bit of cash to be able to react to opportunity.

And during an economic downturn, the businesses that survive are often the ones that continue to pursue opportunities and keep moving forward.

If you see an opportunity that could help your established business, come see us at Community Futures. We've just launched an exciting new line-up of loan products - including Opportunity Loan especially for the quick-thinking entrepreneur ready to seize an opportunity.

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Encana Events Centre The City of Dawson Creek took centre stage in the Peace Region when the Encana Events Centre opened in spring 2008. The Encana Events Centre is a state-of-the-art events centre designed to host numerous events including concerts, circuses, ice shows and hockey games. The facility has 4,500 fixed seats and the ability to expand to 6,500 seats. There are twenty four VIP luxury suites, a 250-metre indoor running track, four fully operational concessions offering a wide range of beverages and food choices, and a 5,000 square foot main kitchen. For the events, extra effort was put into ensuring that the public is comfortable. The bathrooms are spacious and stalls were installed wider to ensure comfort for all patrons. The Encana Events Centre is the premier entertainment facility for the entire British Columbia and Alberta Peace Region. Past shows have included KISS, John Mellencamp, The Tragically Hip, John Fogerty, Reba McEntire, Matthew Good, Alan Jackson, KORN, Johnny Reid, Miranda Lambert and many more. Not only has the Encana Events Centre hosted large concert events, it has also hosted events like the Broadway musical productions of "Mamma Mia!" and "Rain a Tribute to the Beatles." In addition, the centre is a great sport facility, hosting the Hockey Canada Under-18 Women's Hockey Championships, The Harlem Globetrotters, and two Grand Slam of Curling events that featured many of Canada's Olympic medal winning teams. With banquets and conferences hosted at the Encana Events Centre as well, the centre is the premier entertainment facility in the region. For more information on the Encana Events Centre and the events it hosts, or to book your private function, please visit www.dawsoncreekeventscentre.com or call: 250-782-7440 TOSHIBA Leading Innovation >>> Hi-Tech Business Systems Ltd. Phone: 250-782-8860 Email: info@hitechgp.com **Proudly serving the entire Peace Country!** 15 TourismDawsonCreek.com



Public Schools

State-of-the-art education is provided in School District #59 (Peace River South). All grades are offered through a network of 16 elementary and 4 secondary schools, and a distributed learning school for alternative education methods, which are located in the city of Dawson Creek and the surrounding areas.

Dawson Creek is also the administrative centre for School District #59, providing exceptional education services across the entire South Peace region, including the communities of Tumbler Ridge, Chetwynd, Rolla and Pouce Coupe.

School District #59 is recognized as a provincial leader in education and technology and in the analysis of individual student performance from K-12. Further, all

schools are equipped with a telecommunications system that allows for skills development in online research and information technology. **Dawson Creek Secondary** School, South Peace Campus is home to the South Peace Distributed Learning for rural residents and those choosing a home based education that permits students to graduate with a Provincial Dogwood diploma. Distributed Learning can also be blended with regular programming to provide students with the flexibility they may be looking for.

In addition, School
District #59 has a
reputation throughout
the province for being
a leader in creating
innovative and progressive
career development
opportunities for students.

The Board of Education is committed to providing a wide range of graduation pathways for our students to move from high school to the workplace and to post-secondary education. The key to creating these options is a unique partnership with Northern Lights College (NLC), where they provide expertise and training for numerous post secondary options. This means that the full range of trades programs offered by NLC are available to high school students through the dual-credit agreements. In addition, students are also receiving credits for first-year university courses while in high school using the dual credit model. The opportunities within the robust economy of the northeast are many; most School District #59

students graduating on dual-credit trades programs are employed in their chosen trade within days of graduation.

Early learning opportunities are abundant in School District #59. There are nine StrongStart Early Learning Centres throughout the School District. Tremblay is an early learning hub with the first outdoor playground for 18 month to 5 year olds. It also hosts MunchkinLand, a miniature community for kids to explore. In 2011 a new Early Learning Hub opened behind Dawson Creek Secondary, South Peace Campus. This includes a wonderful, indoor playground. Dawson Creek is truly a "destination community" for innovation in educational opportunities and student learning.

Preschools and Childcare

There are many childcare and preschool options in the city. There are four childcare centres, sixteen licensed family daycares, and three preschool programs available. In addition, there are out-of-school care programs offered by the City of Dawson Creek's Recreation Department and several schools.

Private Schools

Dawson Creek has three private schools that provide alternative learning environments for K-12. Notre Dame School is a K-7 Catholic elementary school while Mountain Christian School and the Ron Pettigrew Christian School both teach K-12 and follow the BC Ministry approved curriculum.

All three private schools have use of full size gymnasiums and have well equipped classrooms.

Contacts:

School District # 59

11600 7 Street P. 250-782-8571 www.sd59.bc.ca

Notre Dame Catholic School

925 104 Avenue P. 250-782-4923

Mountain Christian School

9700 5 Street P. 250-782-9528

Ron Pettigrew Christian School

1761 110 Avenue P. 250-782-4580

Dawson Creek Literacy Society

929 102 Avenue P. 250-782-4211 www.dawsoncreekliteracy.ca

Our non-profit volunteer organization offers:

English as a Second Language Settlement Assistance Program:

- Language classes for beginner, intermediate and advanced learners
- Settlement Services for all newcomers and immigrants
- Child care is available

Community Adult Literacy Program:

- GED and College prep
- Upgrading in math, reading and writing
- Study skills

The Good Food Box Program:

 Monthly food share program that provides healthy fresh fruit and veggies for a minimal cost

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Northern Lights College

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BC's Energy College.

NLC serves an area covering more than 324,000 square kilometers across the northern third of British Columbia. NLC has campus locations in Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Fort Nelson, Fort St. John, and Tumbler Ridge, as well as access sites in Atlin, Dease Lake and Hudson's Hope.

Founded as a college in 1975, NLC has a long history of working closely with local industry, employers, and communities to provide a wide variety of programs and courses including trades and apprenticeships, health care, business, petroleum training and safety, and university arts and sciences.

NLC offers training in 15 different trades and apprenticeship program areas. Curriculum is developed in conjunction with the BC Industry Training Authority, industry experts, and local program advisory committees. NLC offers all four levels of apprenticeship training in several programs, as well as foundation trades training.

NLC also works with area school districts to offer a unique Dual Credit option for secondary school students who can enroll in college programs while still in secondary school, earning credits at both levels.

The Dawson Creek Campus is a Centre of Excellence for Clean Energy Technology, and houses the only internationally-certified Wind Turbine Maintenance Technology in the province. At the heart of the Centre of Excellence is Energy House, a building that opened in 2011 and fulfills its own energy needs — electricity and heating — through solar panels, biomass, geo-exchange and other clean energy systems.

The following trades programs are offered at the **Dawson Creek Campus:**

- Professional Cook
- Welding
- Plumbing
- Millwright
- Carpentry
- **Esthetics**
- Nail Care Technology,
- Cosmetology/ Hairstyling
- **Automotive Service** Technician
- Heavy Duty/ **Commercial Transport Technician**



Campus includes:

- Social Services Worker Diploma
- Health Care Assistant
- Practical Nurse
- **Applied Business** Technology
- Visual Arts

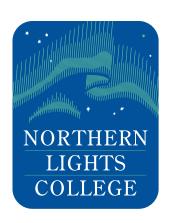
University Arts and Sciences courses are also offered at NLC through in-class and videoconference delivery. NLC has credit transfer agreements with a number of provincial post-secondary institutions, allowing students to start any university degree without having to leave northern British Columbia.

The Workforce Training/Continuing Education department offers short, specialized training courses needed for employment, or for general interest.



TO BE A DAWSON CREEK COMMUNITY EDUCATION PARTNER

Your academic success is our success?



Your Dawson Creek Campus is home to two provincially-designated Centres of Training Excellence in Aerospace and Clean Energy, and a wide range of programming in the Trades and Apprenticeships, Academic and Vocational, **Online Learning and Workforce Training Divisions.**

> Email study@nlc.bc.ca for program and course information or to arrange a campus tour with a student recruiter.



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The Northern Health Authority is responsible for the delivery of health care across Northern BC, including Dawson Creek. The Dawson Creek & District Hospital is a 31 acute care bed facility where residents and guests can access acute care or physician services 24 hours a day in the emergency department. The hospital provides full medical and surgical services. In 2010, the opening of the newly renovated Cancer Care Unit at the Hospital, allows residents to receive treatment locally instead of travelling to Alberta or southern BC. There are several family physician practices in the City as well as visiting specialists. Many other health services are available including physiotherapy, chiropractors, massage therapists and several dental clinics. The Dawson Creek Hospital has a 15 bed Acute Psychiatric Unit servicing the Northeast.

Dawson Creek's youngest citizens with special needs find quality care at the Child Development Centre (CDC). Infants and children may be referred to this paediatric rehabilitation centre for assessment and treatment of developmental delays or other disabilities.

The CDC features an indoor pool for fun and exercise.

Seniors in Dawson Creek and the surrounding area rely on the services of the continuing care facility,

Rotary Manor. This facility offers recreational and social

Rotary Manor. This facility offers recreational and social activities, nursing services, bathing, consultations with physiotherapists and dietary and foot care nurses all within comfortable environments. Furthermore, Rotary Manor offers the Day Away program. The program is designed for independent seniors and focuses on maintaining and improving the individual's social, physical, psychological and emotional capabilities while promoting a maximum

level of independence. Most importantly, it lets seniors

have fun.

Hospital Foundation

The Dawson Creek and District Hospital Foundation is a non-profit organization managed by a volunteer board of directors. The Hospital Foundation was founded in 1992.

The Hospital Foundation raises funds for equipment and programs, while building awareness of the upgrades within the Dawson Creek and District Hospital and the many donors who make the improvements a reality. Through fundraising campaigns and event hosting, the Hospital Foundation promotes community engagement while purchasing equipment that is required to improve the quality of healthcare for patients in the South Peace. Events include a Radiothon, Sportsman's Shoot, Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction, and the Lights for Life mail-out campaign.

Dawson Creek and District Hospital Foundation

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E. dcdhfoundation@northernhealth.ca www.dchospitalfoundation.ca

Dawson Creek Health Unit 1001-110 Avenue

Community Supports and Assisted Living Department

Supported Child Development provides support staff for children with disabilities or some type of delay.

Child Care Resource and Referral acts as an intermediary between parents and day care settings. The program is intended to help both parents looking for child care and child care providers in the community.

Reconnect Youth program helps youth who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Family Counselling is offered to families with children with issues in areas such as blended families, conflict resolution, effective communication and self esteem.

Better at Home is a program geared towards helping seniors in their daily lives and is intended to make help seniors remain in their own home.

The Professional Resources Program is run in partnership with four other organizations in the Peace region. The program provides professional services and training for individuals over the age of 19 who have been identified as having a developmental disability, their family members, and service providers.

South Peace Community Resources Society

South Peace Community Resources Society is a non-government organization providing social services in the Peace Liard. Governed by a nine-member Board of community representatives, "Spickers" responds to the social needs of the communities in which it provides services. We are your community resource.



Dawson Creek Society for Community Living

Dawson Creek Society for Community Living assists people with disabilities to become full community participants through training, education, support, and advocacy. The Society began as a parent driven organization providing schooling for developmentally disabled children and has grown into the diverse organization it is today, providing self help skills, employment services, home support services, residential services as well as low income housing to persons with disabilities, families and the elderly.

Seniors Citizen Hall

The Seniors Hall offers a wide variety of year-round activities for Dawson Creek's senior citizens. Floor curling, carpet bowling, bingo, wellness exercises, card games and dancing are just a few of the programs offered.

For more information, call: 250-782-7620

Volunteer Programs

Volunteers are one of the greatest health care assets. The South Peace Hospice Palliative Care Society provides professional and social support for terminally ill individuals, their families and friends. The Society for Acquired Brain Injury has developed programs to support recovery and chronic care for individuals with brain injuries and the Step Up 'N' Ride Society offers door-to-door transportation for those unable to use the public transportation system. The Canadian Cancer Society, the Heart & Stroke Foundation and numerous other organizations and volunteers help make Dawson Creek a caring community.



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Parks

The City of Dawson Creek's Community Services
Department has successfully partnered with various
community groups in providing the community with
many beautifying/citizen friendly projects. Examples of
this include the new rotary covered bridge, installation of
a toddler playground at Rotary Lake with Success by Six
and construction of a senior's fitness facility in Kin Park
with the provincial government. We implemented the
Tree Hazard Evaluation program, the Dawson Creek Urban
Forestry Policy, as well as an irrigation scheduling program
and continuing with planting a number of caliber trees
throughout the city.

Xeriscaping is not new to the City; look around the community and take in the many beautification beds which enhance our community. The Traffic Circle bed was designed for low maintenance, reducing costs by using products and materials such as topsoil, compost and wood mulch, which is recycled and reused from other areas of the city. The efficiency of the new bed

design lowers maintenance costs while providing a clean, sustainable and aesthetically enhanced appearance to our community.

The city purchased self-watering planters for flowers and vegetables that require less watering. They reduce watering time, conserve water and provide enjoyment and nourishment with garden fresh tomatoes.

Dawson Trail Walking Path

Kin Park is host to the Dawson Trail, a 2.8 miles/4.5 km walking path that winds through scenic Kin Park from 8th Street to the Mile 0 Campground. Memorial Benches and Rocks of Interest are placed along the trail for you to use and enjoy. This path, which is used year round, was built through the partnership of the Oilmen's Association, the Rotary Club, the Kin and Kinsmen Clubs of Dawson Creek and the City of Dawson Creek.



The Kin and Memorial Arenas provide skating opportunities and is home to Junior Canucks hockey team. The ice is used for a variety of skating programs including figure skating, public skating, speed skating, minor hockey, women's and men's hockey and learn to skate programs.

The arenas also host special events year round, such as trade fairs, concerts, conferences, circuses and for more information please contact Community Services at 250-784-3604



Positioning the South Peace as a place to live, work, and build business



SOUTH PEACE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The SPEDC is an economic development commission established by the municipalities and rural areas of the South Peace region of the Peace River Regional District. It was established and given core funding through an economic development bylaw and thus is formally supported by the municipalities of Pouce Coupe, Dawson Creek, Chetwynd and Tumbler Ridge, as well as Area 'D' and 'E' of the PRRD.



The SPEDC will pursue the role of facilitator, develop partnerships and leverage internal resources with those from government and the private sector in such a way as to advance the economic development interests of the region. Core program areas will include promoting and marketing the South Peace region, attracting new businesses, investment, workers and families, and helping existing businesses and entrepreneurs strengthen and expand their operations.

The SPEDC will work with member municipalities and the Regional District in serving those stakeholders dedicated to pursuing community, social and economic development in the South Peace. This will include businesses, community organizations, residents and First Nations.

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Sports Fields

The Multiplex sports fields offer facilities for soccer (Paul Loiselle Soccer Fields) and slow-pitch/baseball (Harry Morrow Diamonds). Additionally there are sports fields located throughout the city. Outdoor opportunities to join teams or do it on your own are abundant. The only provincial soccer league run totally by volunteers, the South Peace Junior Soccer (SPJS) has grown since the opening of the Paul Loiselle Soccer Fields at the Multiplex. We also have an adult soccer league which allows men and women of all ages to stay active. The park offers three full sized soccer pitches and six midsized or three mini fields which have allowed the league to compete on a provincial scale.

For more information, call: 250-784-3604

Community Services Programs

The City of Dawson Creek Community Services
Department operates four season programming with a
variety of activities for all ages. These activities include
co-ed and ladies volleyball leagues, recreational
gymnastics, Everybody Active, NCCP coaching theory
courses and summer sports camps. Community Services
also hosts special events such as Skate with Santa, Toonie
swim and Toonie climb and teen and pre-teen dances.
Seasonal publications for all of the programs offered can
be obtained at city hall or at www.dawsoncreek.ca.

For more information, call: 250-784-3604

View all of the City's programs and courses online at https://online.activecommunities.com/dawsoncreek

3 ways to register for City of Dawson Creek Community Services programs and courses:

- Online at https://online.activecommunities.com/ dawsoncreek
- In Person at City Hall or Kenn Borek Aquatic Centre
- By Phone: City Hall at 250-784-3604 or Kenn Borek Aquatic Centre at 250-782-7946



Leisure Access Program

Sponsored by the City of Dawson Creek, the intent of this program is to help economically disadvantaged individuals or families access City-sponsored Recreation Programs.

Details and application form can be found at www.dawsoncreek.ca or by calling 250-784-3604

Sports and Rec Clubs

There are numerous sports and recreation clubs in Dawson Creek, including curling, badminton, volleyball, softball, swimming, martial arts, hockey leagues and indoor and outdoor soccer for all different ages and abilities, figure skating, motor sports, snowmobiling, downhill and cross country skiing and a lot more.

To find a comprehensive list and contact information, visit Tourism Dawson Creek's website at www.tourismdawsoncreek.com/community

Outdoor Fitness Park

The Outdoor Fitness Park is located at Kin Park. The Park has a total of 16 pieces of exercise equipment designed to improve individual health and wellness not just for seniors, but all individuals. Situated along the Dawson Trail Walking Path, next to the tennis courts; this park promotes multigenerational activity and social inclusion while providing a cost effective means to stay healthy.

For more information, call: 250-784-3604

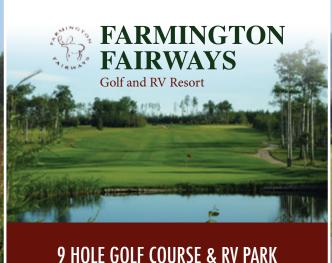
Golfing

Half the fun of golfing is the walk across a picturesque landscape. Farmington Fairways, 10 miles (16 kms) north of town on the Alaska Highway, is a challenging 9-hole course with a 300 yard driving range and RV Park tucked in the trees. Farmington Fairways is the perfect place to meet friends and family for a day or a weekend. Call ahead to reserve your tee time, golf cart, club rentals and camping site. With a licensed restaurant and lounge, this can be a truly relaxing weekend. www.farmingtonfairways.com, 250-843-7774.

The greens and fairways of the par 72 Dawson Creek Golf and Country Club are nestled in the junction of the Hart and Alaska Highways amid rolling hills, meandering creeks and lush forest at the west end of town.

The golf course offers enjoyment for the average golfer and a challenge for the experienced. Make sure to reserve your tee time a day in advance and leave time to browse the fully stocked pro shop and hit a few on the driving range. Finish your round on the 19th hole in the golfers' lounge then stay for lunch or dinner in the dining room or covered patio. www.dawsoncreekgolfclub.ca, 250-782-7882.

Hillside Greens Par 3 Golf, is a few minutes drive north on 8th street. With a beautiful view of the Dawson Creek Valley, you can play a little or play a lot. Call ahead to book your tee time, 250-782-3971.



- Full practice facility
- Pro Shop / cart & club rentals
- Licensed restaurant
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- Open firepits
- Laundry
- Several different types of sites (power / water / dry camp / group camping)
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Climbing Wall Have you tried the "Climbing Wall" in the lobby of the Kenn Borek Aquatic Centre? The City of Dawson Creek Climbing Wall was transformed from a vision by Mayor and Council, and local community groups, into reality. The end result features a free-standing boulder and cave with a 46' top rope Imprint Wall. This multi-skilled, multigenerational addition has further enhanced the recreation Library opportunities for all ages in the already impressive South Peace Community Multiplex. New to the climbing wall is The Dawson Creek Municipal Public Library over 17,000 the "Rock Warrior's" Youth Climbing Club for youth and an registered patrons including City and Rural residents. evening designated for ladies. The library offers regular programs for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and seniors. Periodic programs and events are held for elementary school age children, teens Skateboard Park and adults. In addition to books and programs, our library offers a variety of reference books, newspapers, The Skateboard Park is located next to Dawson Creek's magazines, audio books, music, DVD's, ESL books, adult curling rink. This facility has about 10,000 square feet of literacy and access to free eBooks. Provide free use of skating area within the 14,000 square foot park. Users of computers for internet use. Loan hundreds of books every the park are encouraged to play safe using proper safety year to BC libraries and we belong to the Interlibrary equipment, be courteous to others, keep the park clean Loan and BC OneCard system which is second to none and have fun. worldwide.



Bear Mountain Ski Hill

Located just minutes southwest of the city, Bear Mountain features 10 ski runs for all levels. The hill offers a 500 foot vertical drop and a total length of about 800 meters. The ski hill has modern snowmaking equipment, night-time skiing, pro-shop and ski lessons. The chalet is available for skiers and hosting of social events.

Bear Mountain Nordic Ski Club

Located a short drive from Dawson Creek, Bear Mountain Nordic Ski Club offers 23 km intersecting ski trails. Trails are groomed and track set for both classic and skate skiing throughout the winter season. In 2009, an additional seven kilometres of walking and viewing trails were added. There is an active Junior Ski League and a number of social events for members.

Paradise Valley Snowmobile Club

If you are a snowmobiler, Paradise Valley Snowmobile Club maintains 330+km of groomed trails around the area. Join in the group fun on poker rides, bonfires, and mountain rides.

Recreation Contacts:

Bear Mountain Ski Hill

1950 Ski Hill Road P. 250-782-4988 www.bearmountainskihill.com

Community Services Department

10105 12A Street P. 250-784-3604 www.dawsoncreek.ca

Dawson Creek Curling Rink

1113 106 Avenue P. 250-782-4080

Dawson Creek Library

1001 McKellar Avenue P. 250-782-4661

Kenn Borek Aquatic Centre

300 Highway 2 P. 250-782-7946 (SWIM) www.dawsoncreek.ca

Kin Arena

1101 106 Avenue P. 250-782-6441

Memorial Arena

1107 - 106th Avenue P. 250-782-2229

Senior Citizens Hall

1101 McKellar Avenue P. 250-782-7620



Dawson Creek Branch

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4729 - 51st St., PO Box 925 Ph: 250-788-9227 **Tumbler Ridge Branch**

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TRANSPORTATION

Dawson Creek Regional Airport

Just minutes from downtown, Dawson Creek's modern airport facilities keeps the city and surrounding area connected to the world. Central Mountain Air provides direct scheduled service to and from Vancouver and direct flights to and from Fort Nelson. Charter services are also available into Dawson Creek through several airlines.

The comfortable, up-to-date terminal provides secure and easy access for arriving and departing passengers. Featuring free Wi-Fi, free parking, no improvement or user fees, and a home-style restaurant which serves an excellent menu — be sure to pack your appetite!

Dawson Creek Regional Airport offers a 5,000 foot runway, flight planning, competitive fuel rates, under wing camping, hanger and modern fully operational pilots' lounge without charging General Aviation Fees. Bailey Helicopters, Medivac Services, Civil Air Search and Rescue Association, freight services, and corporate aircraft also make use of the Dawson Creek Regional Airport. In addition, the Dawson Creek Flying Club offers flight training for the adventurous at heart.

Highways

Centrally located in the Peace Region at the junction of four major highways: 97 South (Hart Highway), 97 North (Alaska Highway), 49 East to Northern Alberta, and 2 to Southern Alberta, Dawson Creek is easily accessible from all directions throughout the year.

The Province of British Columbia continues to invest millions in South Peace highways and roads each year. This investment will greatly improve the conditions and safety of local roads for visitors, industry and South Peace families.

City Transit

Operated by Diversified Transportation Ltd. and funded by the City of Dawson Creek and BC Transit, Dawson Creek's transit system operates in three loops (north side, south side and central) throughout the city to get riders to their destinations. The buses are all low floor and wheelchair accessible. They also kneel to provide easy access for seniors and disabled passengers. Schedules, maps and fares are available online at www.bctransit.com

Other Transportation

Numerous trucking and three moving companies operate out of the city as do pilot car services, three taxi companies and several vehicle rental agencies. Greyhound Canada conducts daily bus services in all directions.

CN Rail

CN – Canadian National Railway Company and its operating railway subsidiaries spans Canada and mid-America, from the Atlantic and Pacific oceans to the Gulf of Mexico, serving the ports of Vancouver and Prince Rupert in BC, across the country to Montreal, Halifax, Toronto and into the United States across a 21,000 mile network with connections to all points in North America.

CN operates in Dawson Creek with connections north to Fort Nelson, west to the port of Prince Rupert and south to either the port of Vancouver or east to the North American interior. CN's North American railway network provides shippers with direct access to markets throughout the continent. Major commodities transported through Dawson Creek are Grain, OSB Fibre board and lumber.

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ENERGY

OIL & GAS

The northeastern region of the province has been a focus of petroleum exploration and development since 1952. The region is located in the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin, and the focus of natural gas interests includes the Montney Play, Horn River Basin, Liard Basin and Cordova Embayment. The northeast is currently the only area of BC producing commercial quantities of oil and gas.

Renewable Energy

Peace Energy Cooperative (PEC) promotes the development, adoption and education of clean, renewable energy resources in the Peace Region and is committed to providing its 400+ cooperative members the opportunity to participate in, and profit from, investment in renewable energy developments. The first large focus for PEC was the development of the Bear Mountain Wind Park, 15 kilometers from Dawson Creek, which was commissioned in the fall of 2009.

Bear Mountain Wind Park

To the west of Dawson Creek you can see them for miles in every direction; a line of tall, white wind towers along Bear Mountain Ridge. If you think they look big from the road, wait till you're standing beneath one of them.

Among the largest wind turbines in the world with a generating capacity of 3 mega watts, each turbine stands 255 feet (78 metres) tall at the hub.

Just 20 minutes from town, a trip to the park is an enjoyable half-day of hiking with spectacular views all the way to the Rocky Mountains. Be sure to wear your boots or sneakers and pack some water. Before you go, drop by one of the cafés in town for a picnic lunch to enjoy as you take in the magnificent views from the Rim Rocks Hiking Trail.

The gravel road to the towers is easily accessible. Although it can be a bit rough in spots, trucks and cars will have no difficulty. Pick up the brochure and map, and check road conditions at the Visitor Centre before you head up.



FORESTRY

Dawson Creek's 2.9 million hectare portion of the Peace Forest District provides an estimated 1,700 jobs, including truck drivers, equipment operators and camp crews.

Spruce, pine, balsam, and aspen are harvested in quantities large enough to build more than 33,000 homes annually.

The local Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource

Operations staff administers and implements forest and range regulations and license agreements in addition to providing forest protection against fires, insects and disease. An extensive silviculture program is in place in the forests surrounding Dawson Creek. In addition, the local office is now responsible for Water Stewardship, as well as the local FrontCounter BC office.

MANUFACTURING

The area's resource base is further supported by a number of value-added manufacturing plants.

Louisiana Pacific Canada Ltd. has been operating a manufacturing facility in Dawson Creek since 1987, and currently manufactures TechShield® radiant barrier at this plant. TechShield® is a cost effective way to increase the energy efficiency of homes in hot southern climates, preventing up to 97% of the sun's radiant heat absorbed through the roof from entering attics. The product is made by laminating aluminum onto Oriented Strand Board (OSB), and then perforating for venting.

CONSTRUCTION

Development can be seen across the city and one of the places where it seems to be growing extremely quickly is the area around the airport on Highway 2. For the most part these developments are industrial/commercial with trucking companies and oil & gas sector companies being built.

Total value of construction permits issued by the City of Dawson Creek for 2015 was \$30,370,774.00. Of the 107 permits issued 75 were new residential units created. 75 permits sold broke down into residential permits realizing \$15,935,709.00 while non residential came in at a value of \$9,755,300.00.

For more information on Dawson Creek construction and property values refer to the Dawson Creek Community Profile & Investment Guide which can be picked up at City Hall or downloaded at www.dawsoncreek.ca/business

AGRICULTURE

Dawson Creek is centrally located in the Peace Region and is naturally the service and sales centre for the agriculture community.

Large portions of the city's businesses directly service the agriculture industry. Farms in the region enjoy somewhat of an advantage due to relatively mid to low land prices and the versatile Peace Country soil presents opportunities for production of a variety of grain, oil seed, and grass seed. The area's close proximity to West Coast grain terminals is also a significant cost advantage relative to some areas of the Prairie Provinces.

Crops

The dominant annual crops are the traditional prairie crops; wheat, oats, barley, and canola. Almost 90% of BC's grain and 95% of BC's canola are produced in the Peace, as well as 90% of the dry field peas and 95% of forage seeds.

The Peace is a prime area for producing exceptional quality grass seeds. As one of Canada's most northern farming regions, the Peace benefits from long daylight hours during the summer, allowing for the production of crops which benefit from the special long day length conditions.

BC Grain Producers Research Facility

One goal of the BC Grain Producers Association (BCGPA) is to improve the viability of the grains and oilseed industry in the BC Peace River region.

The BC Grain Producers Association have been conducting field crop research in the area for over twenty years and opened an excellent new research facility in Dawson Creek in 2009. The researchers now have access to offices, a spacious warehouse, and labs. One lab is used for seed handling and features proper vacuum ventilation for working with treated seed, and the second lab is designed for handling harvested materials.

Current field research studies the potential of crops new to the region and ways to improve yield and maturity for existing commodity crops. Such work involves partnering with a dozen public and private plant breeders across Canada.

With this new high-quality research facility, the BCGPA can continue to carry out important research for the betterment of agriculture in the Peace Region.

Organic Crops

The pristine environment in the Peace makes it very suitable for taking advantage of North America's growing interest in organic crops. The Peace River Organic Producers Association (PROPA) reports that a growing number of farms across the Peace bio region are now producing certified organic beef, bison, poultry, hogs, eggs, wheat, barley, herbs, hay, oil seeds, peas, as well as table and seed potatoes, with more than 50,000 acres in the organic certification program.

Livestock

Of all the agricultural production in the Peace, livestock operations show perhaps the greatest potential. The abundance of space and quality feed have boosted the traditional beef cattle industries; with the Peace River cow/calf herd now one of the largest in BC. Peace livestock production also includes horses, dairy cattle, bison, sheep, and goats.

Areas of potential growth and diversification include livestock finishing, dairy and eggs, and expanded game farming. The only inspected livestock slaughter facility in the region is located in Dawson Creek.



The Village of Pouce Coupe is a quaint historical Village, located in the northeast corner of British Columbia. Also know as the "Pioneer Capitol of the Peace Region", the amenities are all within walking distance and visitors are encouraged to take time to stroll through the Village with a self-guided walking tour booklet. This friendly Village is nestled north of the Pouce Coupe River amongst golden fields of grain.



Pouce Coupe Museum Our History

The Pouce Coupe Museum offers visitors a chance to journey back to a period long ago, with permanent displays from the very founding of the village, including a heritage house, trapper's cabin, caboose, and the original Northern Alberta Railway Station built in the 1930's, which now houses the museum. The majestic wooden train trestle whispers its stories through the cracks of time, located a short walking distance from the museum.

Taking a page out of history, the Hart Hotel which opened in 1928 still operates with its old world charm.

Pouce Coupe is best known in the Peace River block as being the first municipality in northeastern British Columbia; it was the center for Government offices, post office, bank and the police barracks for the region.



Pouce Coupe Park A Piece of Recreation

The Pouce Coupe Park keeps its promise as a place to visit in luxury. The green wonderland is speckled with BBQ pits tempting the mind with visions of juicy burgers and warm summer songs. Sheltering those that require it is a covered cookhouse, lending itself for family reunions. All that enter the Pouce Park have picnic tables, washrooms, coin showers, and a bandstand. For those that are in need there are RV electrical hookups.



July 1st Canada Day Celebration

Rich with tradition, Pouce Coupe holds its annual July 1st Celebration with the enthusiasm bringing the historical village to life. This celebration brings laughter and full stomachs to all who volunteer or attend the annual parade and the famous BBQ. After all the festivities, magnificent fireworks sends all home with smiles and lasting memories.



Truck Light-up Parade and Food Drive

Recently added, the Truck Light Parade utilizes the local businesses to put on a show in the dark winter night. Cozy fire pits blaze just waiting for a hot dog or marshmallow to roast and the sound of fun and delight waft through the chill air. The loop of the Town Square is illuminated by twinkling lights which swath the host of trucks. People are encouraged to bring nonperishable items to the event or weeks prior to celebrate a time of giving.



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Dawson Creek offers a full range of restaurants, boutique shopping and big box stores, a bustling Farmer's Market, fine quality accommodations and famously friendly locals.

We're proud of our monumental history and love to share it with visitors through historical and cultural experiences that define the Peace River region. The past comes alive when you start your journey in Dawson Creek and the iconic relics of the original highway can still be found — if you know where to look.

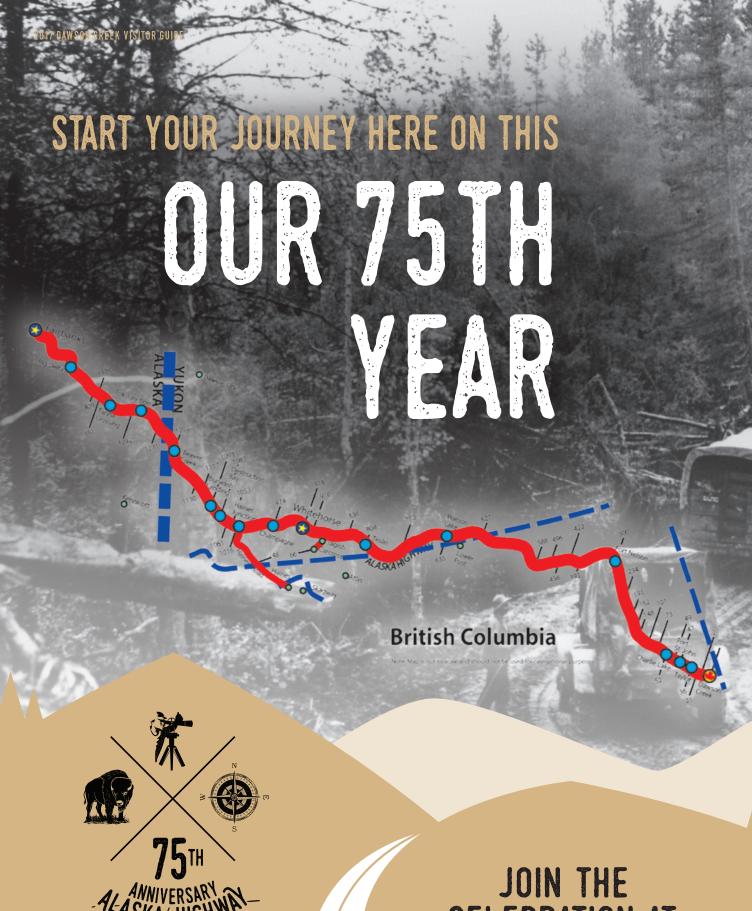


2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dierks Bentley	February 4
3rd Annual Health and Wellness Expo	February 18
FMX World Tour	February 25
The Big Chill Music Fest	March 18
Dawson Creek Sportsman's Club 40th Annual Gun Show and Sportsman Show	April 1 - 2
Home, Garden & Leisure Show	April 28 - 30
Art Auction Gala	May 5
Dean Brody	May 27
Sweetwater905 Music & Arts Festival	June 16 - 18
Walter Wright Pioneer Village Grand Opening & Jamboree	June 23 - 25
Canada Day Parade BBQ & Celebration	July 1
Mile 0 Cruisers Summer Cruise Show & Shine	July 7 - 9
Dawson Creek Exhibition Pro Rodeo & Fall Fair Parade	August 9 - 13
2017 U-17 World Hockey Challenge	October 29 - November 4
Christmas Tree Light Up	November 17
South Peace Arts Society Christmas Show and Gift Fair	November 18
Dawson Creek Farmer's Market – Saturdays, 9am - 2pm	February - December

WANDER LIST **Visitor Centre** Mile 0 Post **Train Station Museum** Alaska Highway Command Centre **Grain Elevator Art Gallery Walking Trail** Mile 0 Cairn **Outdoor Fitness Park Self-Guided Historic Walking Tour** Kenn Borek Aquatic Centre **Guided Historic Walking Tour** Walter Wright Pioneer Village Alaska Highway House **Bear Mountain Wind Park** Get more information at the Visitor Centre or the Tourism Dawson Creek website at www.tourismdawsoncreek.com





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Alaska highway QUICK FACTS

- 1,523 miles/2,450 km from Dawson Creek to Fairbanks
- 11,000 U.S. troops
- 16,000 American and Canadian civilians
- 7,000 pieces of equipment
- 133 bridges constructed
- 8,000+ culverts installed
- 8 months, 12 days to construct
- Opened to the public in 1948
- Over the years, road improvements have shortened the highway by approximately 35 miles/56 km



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These were the ingredients of the Alaska Highway that changed the north forever and shaped the people of Dawson Creek forever. The stories today are as enduring as the highway itself.

Check out the boney fingered man standing right in the middle of Dawson Creek's main traffic circle. This location marked the beginning of one of the world's largest and hardest construction jobs in 1942.

Help Wanted 1942: There's Plenty of Work on the Alaska Highway

"Men hired for this job will be required to work and live under the most extreme conditions imaginable. Temperatures will range from 90 degrees above zero to 70 degrees below zero. Men will have to fight swamps, rivers, ice and cold. Mosquitoes, flies and gnats will not only be annoying but will cause bodily harm. If you are not prepared to work under these and similar conditions, do not apply."

- Recruitment poster for the Alaska Highway Construction Project

Built for War

The Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941 forced the American and Canadian governments to re-evaluate the security of North America. They needed a secure supply route to haul military goods and materials from the lower states to Alaska and it had to be completed in less than one year. The story of the men, the equipment, and their triumphs over nature to open the northern passage is as legendary as the men who risked their lives to build the highway.

From Calm to Chaotic

In the spring of 1942, the peaceful agricultural town of Dawson Creek was home to 600 people. Their connection to the bigger world was by rail. Arriving from the south, this provided transportation for the grains and cargo that sustained the community.

Then, without warning, this quiet small town burst at the seams, literally overnight! US troops and Canadian civilians began arriving with their equipment, supplies and plans for the construction of the highway. In a matter of weeks, the town's population swelled to 10,000! There were soldiers and equipment and noise and mud everywhere! The people of Dawson Creek never looked back; their future was being constructed right before their very eyes.

Punching through 1500 miles (2414 km) of Canada's most untamed wilderness, the construction plans for the Alaska Highway were astonishing.

Even with today's equipment, the project would be challenging. But in 1942 the harsh climate, crude equipment and hardships of the land made the reality and scope of the project unbelievable.

Permafrost, muskeg, mosquitoes, gnats and extreme cold were common problems. In the summer months, the insects were so horrific that the men wore netting at all times.

In one of the earliest and coldest autumns ever recorded, the heavy equipment took a beating. Harsh temperatures of -70 Fahrenheit, froze lubricants, seized transmissions, and snapped axles. Equipment had to be kept running 24 hours a day, shutting them off was out of the guestion.

The combination of brutal cold weather and the scarcity of spare parts meant many vehicles were abandoned and left to the elements where they broke down. For environmental reasons, today most wrecks have been removed, but there are still collections of antique heavy equipment

to be explored along the highway. The 'Must See' collection of these relics is in the Fort Nelson Heritage Museum, 282 miles/454 km north of Dawson Creek.

The cold temperatures not only froze the equipment, it brutalized the men too. There were many instances of frostbite that year and several deaths were attributed to the freezing cold.

Yet, in a little over 8 months of grueling construction, the Alaska Highway was completed. On November 20, 1942, Mile 1061 (known as Soldier's Summit) celebrated the official opening of the "Alcan" Highway with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

If you love history and construction and are curious about the men who built the highway, or if you have a connection to the military the Alaska Highway House, Dawson Creek's main attraction, is the #1 source of insight and inspiration.

Located across the street from the famous Mile O Post, in downtown Dawson Creek the full-feature PBS Documentary and carefully preserved artifacts are yours to explore at your own pace. See for yourself what day-to-day life was like for those who opened the north with the Alaska Highway.

Want to learn even more? Stories can be found in various locations throughout our community including the Visitor Centre, the Art Gallery and the lobby of the George Dawson Inn.

The Northern BC App can be downloaded to your smartphone and help direct you to all the sights. You can even take the story home with you. Staff in our Visitor Centre and other businesses in town can help you choose just the right keepsakes to share with your family and friends.

Welcome to the Dawson Creek Visitor Centre

Drop in for everything you need to complete your travel plans, our knowledgeable staff can answer all your questions and help you organize your trip and put together a terrific list of activities and must-sees in Dawson Creek. Whatever your interests, we can point you in the right direction. Get the most current road condition report and weather forecast plus brochures, maps and upto-the-minute information about conditions and services along the highway. You may be on a schedule or traveling with a tour group; we can organize your time so you don't miss out on anything along the way.

Relax and check your emails with our wireless internet. Browse our well stocked gift shop where you'll find the largest selection of Mile 0 Alaska Highway and Dawson Creek clothing, a great selection of books on the Alaska Highway and the north and many souvenirs for the folks back home.

Ask for the Historic Walking Tour guide. The booklet is filled with vintage images and stories and will guide you to the many historic spots and buildings that defined Dawson Creek since its beginning. Enjoy great photo opportunities with the famous Mile 0 Post, Alaska Highway Cairn, hand painted murals and metal statues.

Purchase your tickets for our Signature Experiences (Alaska Highway Command Centre, Guided Historic Walking Tour, Alaska Highway House) at the Visitor Centre. Be sure to sign the guestbook in the Visitor Centre!

Mile 0 Cairn

Your journey starts here with a photo at the cairn, the sign that marks the beginning of the Alaska Highway. Stand on the very spot the military surveyors placed their transit as they plotted the route the highway would take. All mileage along the Alaska Highway route is measured from this very spot. More than one million travelers have had their photo taken at the cairn so don't miss your opportunity.

Alaska Highway House A stroll through Alaska Highway House will take you back The interactive exhibits are designed to give you a to the 1940s and the life of the soldiers and civilians who glimpse into the hardships and challenges experienced worked to build the highway in nine very intense months. by the crews. Their stories are told through first-hand accounts, film, Hum along to those favorite old 40s era tunes. music and replicas of the equipment that was used. Enjoy tunes from the era, climb into an actual 40s era military Try to imagine minus 60 degrees Fahrenheit (-50 C) then imagine living in a tent with just a barrel jeep and step into the Quonset hut where meals were served and soldiers warmed up at the end of the long hard stove for heat! days. Don't miss the powerful and emotional one hour- Or brush your hand across the coarse woolen army long PBS film about the construction of the highway. issue clothing — pretty rough. • Find out what a corduroy road is, what it looks like and what it was used for. "Brutal, harsh & unimaginable." Have a close look at the construction details on the scale model of the famous Kiskatinaw Curved Wooden Bridge. Hear the Alaska Highway Opening Ceremonies - This is how the soldiers / builders taking place at Contact Creek at the completion described conditions on the Alaska Highway construction project. of the highway. Pick up a free collectors pin to remind you of your history moment. Tickets: \$7.00 at the Visitor Centre or Alaska Highway House TourismDawsonCreek.com



Railway Station Museum

All Aboard! Step into the Railway Station Museum and walk in the footsteps of the US soldiers who arrived in the cold spring of 1942 to build the Alaska Highway. Tour the stationmaster's quarters for a glimpse into the lifestyle that began when the rail arrived in 1931. And don't miss the natural history museum that includes artifacts from the First Nations who lived here before European settlers arrived.

The museum has a small theatre where you will sit and watch a one hour movie about the construction of the Alaska Highway.

Dawson Creek was a tiny agricultural community when the railroad arrived to help deliver the finest grain and largest harvests in the Commonwealth from the prairies of the Peace River Region to markets overseas. When WWII began, there were still only a few hundred people calling Dawson Creek home. Between March and May of 1942, tens of thousands of troops stepped off the train and hiked west to the tent city that was the staging ground for the construction of the highway. Overnight, Dawson Creek was on the map!

The track behind the station is still in use, shipping grain from the region, but no longer taking passengers. Operated and maintained by the volunteers of the South Peace Historical Society, the Museum is open year round.

Admission is by donation. Bus and Tour Groups are welcome, and we are also

Surveyor Statue

A tribute to the tens of thousands of men (yes, tens of thousands!) who arrived in Dawson Creek in the spring of 1942 to build the Alaska Highway, the Iron Surveyor statue stands as a reminder of the amazing feat and of those who lost their lives in the effort. Standing above the traffic circle that leads you onto the famous highway, the surveyor points northwest along the path that became first a mud track and finally the paved highway you will travel today.

Created by local sculptor, Karl Mattson, whose family has ranched in the region for generations, the statue is welded from scrap metal from local farms. The clothing and surveyor's transit are true to the style of the 1940s.



Kiskatinaw Bridge

A short drive north of Dawson Creek (15 miles, 25 kms) and just off the Alaska Highway, is the beautiful wooden curved Kiskatinaw River Bridge. As you wind your way into the valley, watch for the unmarked roadside pull off on the north side of the river where you get a great view of the bridge.

The bridge is a marvel of engineering that took as long to build as the whole Alaska Highway. It is still load bearing and can be easily driven or walked across.

The provincial park on the south side of the river is a great place to appreciate the bridge construction.

With 28 campsites, there's plenty of room to overnight, hike the heights of the riverbanks or enjoy an evening of fishing in this tranquil natural spot.

Kiskatinaw Bridge QUICK FACTS

- "Kiskatinaw" means "Cutbank" in Cree, one of the local Aboriginal languages.
- Approximately 500,000 board feet of creosoted British Columbia fir was used in the construction, shipped from coastal BC.
- The bridge was destroyed early in construction by ice jams that broke loose and crushed it.
- More than 100 men worked to build the bridge
- During construction, a workman slipped and fell to his death on the ice below
- A new bridge that bypassed the old Kiskatinaw Curved Wooden Bridge was built in 1978 when the highway was straightened.



SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

Want to learn about our rich history? Treat yourself to a couple of hours exploring Tourism Dawson Creek's Signature Experiences.

Alaska Highway Command Centre

Relax in an authentic Military Tent while you listen to our storytellers reveal how the construction of the Alaska Highway changed Dawson Creek forever.

Contact Visitor Centre for show times (250-782-9595) (1/2 hour weather permitting) Tickets: \$6.00 Tickets at the Visitor Centre



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Guided Historic Walking Tour

Join our visitor centre staff on the short interpretive Downtown Historic Walking Tour. Wrap up your journey back in time with a visit to the Alaska Highway House.

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Alaska Highway House

Stroll back to the 1940s and glimpse into the lives of the soldiers and civilians who worked to build the Alaska Highway through interpretive exhibits, artifacts and movie.

Summer Hours 7 days a week, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Winter Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (approx. 1 1/2 hours)

Tickets: \$7.00 Tickets at the Visitor Centre or Alaska Highway House

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Our Downtown Shopping District has plenty of shops designed for the visitor, the connoisseur, the casual shopper, and everyone in between. You are in for a treat when you shop in Dawson Creek!

Farmers' Market

10300 – 8th Street Saturdays, March to December: 9 am to 1 pm

Lots of free parking for cars, motorcycles, RVs and camper trailers.

Saturday mornings are a big event in Dawson Creek. That's when local producers and artisans showcase their wares at the Farmers' Market. Locals and visitors alike gather to enjoy the friendly atmosphere and selection of fresh, locally grown produce and homemade delights. Bring your re-usable shopping bags and stock up on fresh local foods.



LOVE DAWSON CREEK

For a full listing of all participating businesses, please visit: www.lovedawsoncreek.com/map

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MILE O PARK

Mile 1 of the Alaska Highway

Turn into the Mile 0 Park and turn off your engine. This is the place to take a break from driving and wind down while you stroll through the Walter Wright Pioneer Village, cool off the kids in Rotary Lake or saunter under the trees in the Mile 0 RV Park and Campground.

Rotary Lake

Seasonal Hours: June 15 to Sept. 2, 11 am to 8 pm No admission fee. Wheelchair accessible.

Mile 0 Park / Rotary Lake P. 250-782-7144



Walter Wright Pioneer Village

1901 Alaska Avenue P. 250-782-7144

If you love history, you'll love Pioneer Village. Pick up a copy of the self-guided walking tour, step through the doors and step back in time. You will learn about the life and times of our agricultural community. A time when a living was made from the land, milk came in glass bottles (or straight from the cow),

clothes were dried outside on a line and meals were cooked on a wood stove.

Wander through the village of original buildings at your own pace. From a time long before the highway, most of the buildings even pre-date the railroad that came through in 1931. Each building is appointed with furnishings from the era and there is an impressive collection of vintage cars, trucks and farm equipment as well as an old smithy and shoeing shop. There's a

Seasonal Hours: June 1 to Sept. 2, 10 am to 5 pm Admission by donation. Wheelchair accessible.

> see anymore. Beautiful gardens maintained by local volunteers, large old shade trees and a boardwalk — Pioneer Village is a pleasant way to spend a couple of hours taking in the reality of life at the turn of the last century.

real harmonium you can play and the old school house has original wooden desks and chalkboards, something you just don't



ACCOMMODATIONS

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Mile 18/Km 28 Alaska Highway P. 250-843-0074

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13274 Highway 2 P. 250-786-5139 poucecoupe.ca/park

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35 km SE Highway 2 2 km gravel access P. 250-964-2243

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Visitor Centre

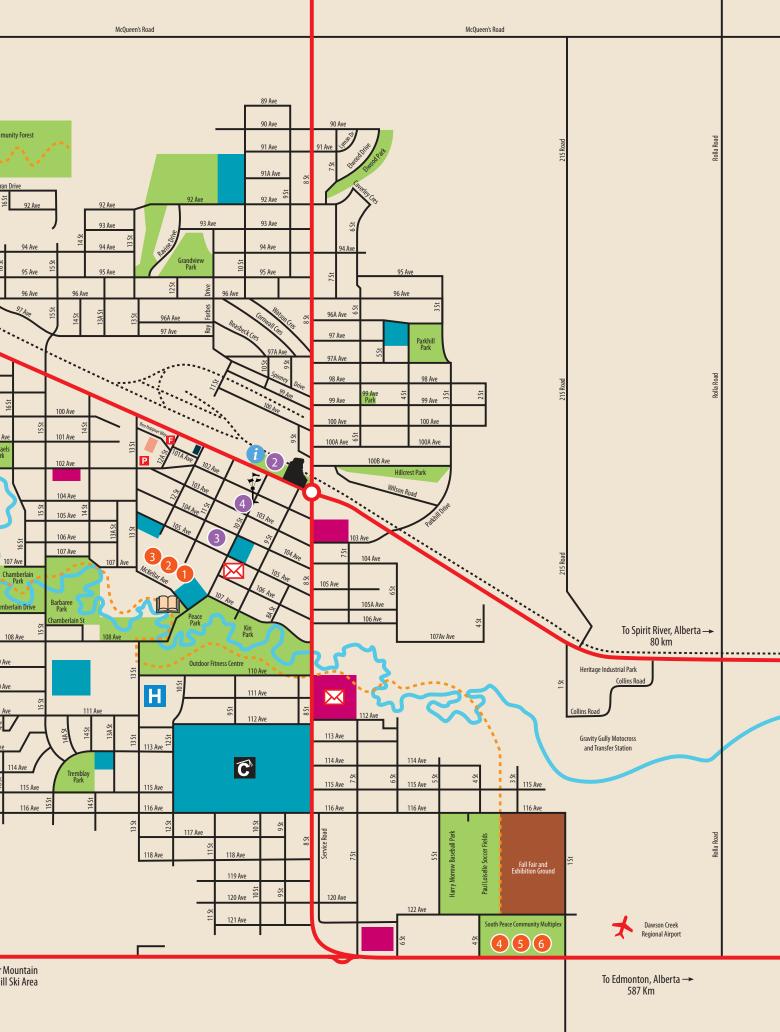
Points of Interest

- Mile "0" Post
- Walter Wright Pioneer Village
- N.A.R. Park / Art Gallery Museum / Visitor Centre
- 3 Historical Society Archive
- 4 Alaska Highway House

Recreational Facilities

- 1 Kin Arena
- Memorial Arena
- 3 Curling Rink
- 4 Kenn Borek Aquatic Centre
- EnCana Events Centre
- 6 Lakota Agri Plex
- Golf Course
- ▲ Campground
- Public Library
- Postal Outlet
- Shopping Mall
- Parks
- Fall Fair and Exhibition Grounds
- Schools
- Northern Lights College
- P RCMP Detachment
- Fire Department
- H Hospital
- ★ Airport
- Bus Depot
- -- Walking Path (Dawson Trail)
- City Hall



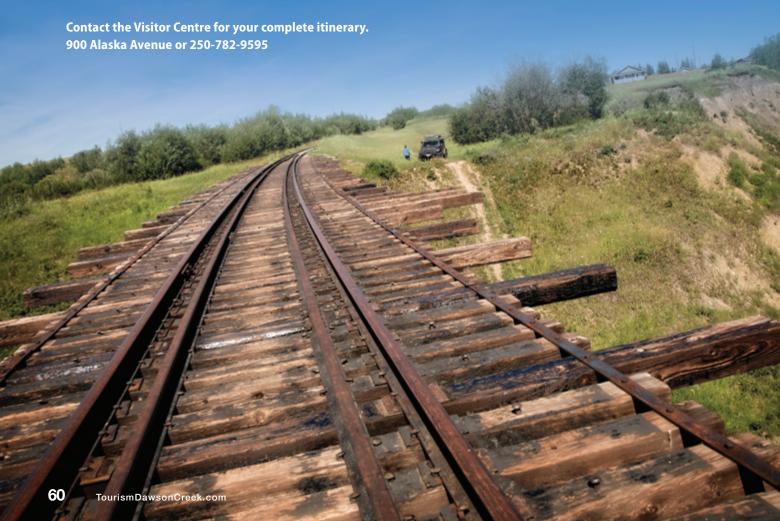


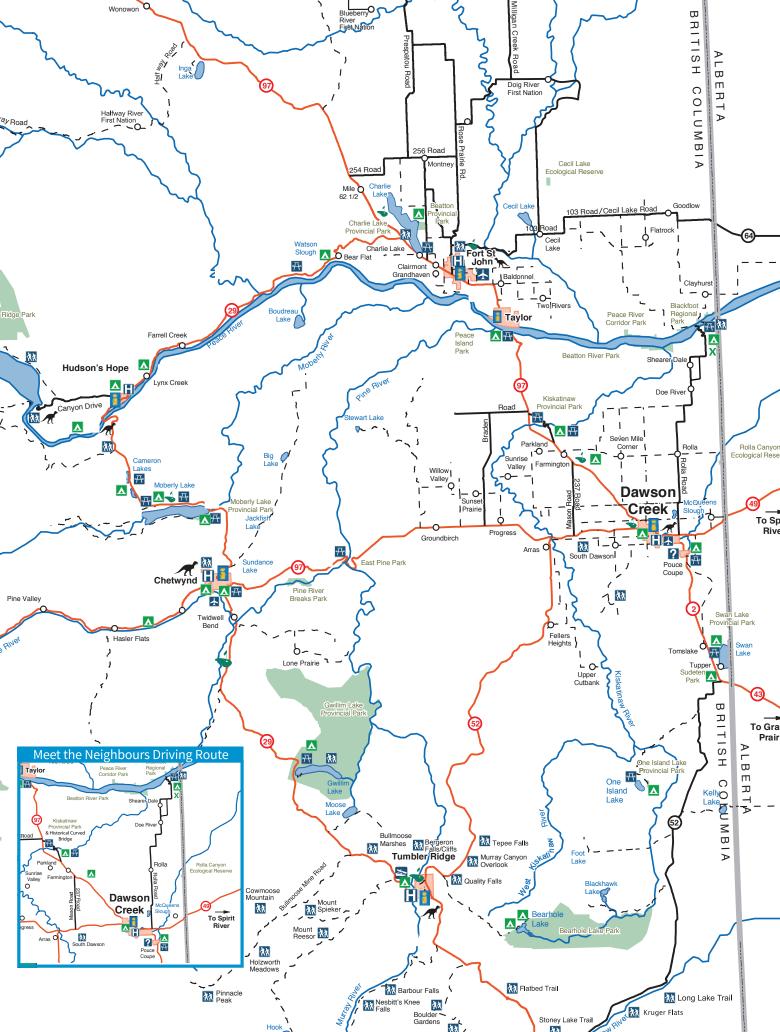
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WHAT TO SEE AND DO IN TUMBLER RIDGE

- Visit the Dinosaur Discovery Gallery to view the world's only Tyrannosaur trackways.
- Take a Dinosaur Lantern Tour to discover in situ dinosaur footprints, complete with skin impressions.
- · Treat the kids to day or week long Dinosaur Camps.
- · Drive the self-guided interpretive tour, learning about the fascinating history of the Monkman Pass Highway through free brochures.
- Be inspired by Kinuseo Falls drive and hike to Monkman Provincial Park to view the impressive falls from the flat accessible platform. Hikes range from easy to moderate.
- Visit the Visitor Centre to connect with an exhilarating jet boating tour to Kinuseo Falls.
- · Explore the Monkman Pass Trail along the historic Monkman Pass Highway and discover the Cascades; a challenging multi-day hike with a series of 10 waterfalls in succession, Monkman Lake and the Monkman Tarns. Also accessible by helicopter.
 - · Visit Bergeron Falls, the tallest accessible waterfall in Northern BC. This moderate hike features the possibility to see dinosaur footprints in the creek bed.
 - Explore 37 maintained trails within the Geopark.

- Go off-road in your 4x4, ATV or side by side on the Grizzly Valley ATV Club's established routes.
- · Take in live music at Grizfest, with world class rock and country musicians on the long weekend in August.
- · Camp, hike, canoe, motor boat and fish at beautiful Gwillim Lake Provincial Park, 45km (28mi) northwest off Hwy 29 or one of the many other recreation camp sites within the region.
- · Golf at Tumbler Ridge's scenic and challenging nine-hole course.
- · Moderately accessible in both summer and winter, Shipyard Titanic boasts interesting geology and rock formations.
- Take the family skating and sledding here in the winter for free at the outdoor rink and hill.
- Snowmobile the vast winter landscape on over 300km of maintained trails.
- · Cross-country ski on over 10km of groomed trails, or explore the Geopark's many snowshoeing, skiing and ice climbing opportunities.



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