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City of Dawson Creek Launches an Official Community Plan Update

Dawson Creek, BC To set direction towards a bright and sustainable future, the City of Dawson Creek has just launched a comprehensive update of its Official Community Plan (OCP).

The OCP Update is 6-month long policy review and planning and engagement effort that seeks to update the OCP to reflect what the City has learned from citizens over the past few years about greenhouse gas management, social issues, affordable housing and long term community sustainability.

An Official Community Plan (OCP) is an important document that sets direction for growth, transportation, housing, services and infrastructure while considering health, diversity, the natural environment, climate change, and the local economy. This review will be an open and inclusive process, engaging the community throughout the process in order to develop a long term vision for the Dawson Creek's future, and a means to achieve it.

The first of two community events will be held June 17th as a way to raise awareness of the OCP update, and to present 'possible future directions' for Dawson Creek for community review and input. Other important outcomes of this work will include a comprehensive affordable housing strategy and a sustainability checklist for new development. An additional opportunity for public input will be provided in an August open house to present a draft plans and policies.

The Open House will take place, as follows:

“Our Future” – Wednesday, June 17, 6:00-9:00 PM, LOCATION - KPAC

Possible future directions for will be presented. Begin thinking and talking about the future of your community. Provide your opinion.

City staff will be at this event to raise awareness about the OCP process and answer questions.

For more information on the OCP process, or to preregister for an event, visit the City's Official Community Plan website at www.planningforpeople.ca; call 250.784.3664 or e-mail mturcotte@dawsoncreek.ca

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