

CLEAN AND SAFE FOR ALL

In recent years, the City of Prince George has implemented several initiatives aimed at improving and ensuring the health and well-being of everyone who works, lives and visits the area.

CITY INITIATIVES

- Dedicated and increased RCMP presence
- Bylaw Compliance Officers patrolling daily, and assisting with clean-up of illegal camps, discarded belongings, syringes, and other paraphernalia
- Removal of derelict buildings
- City-funded graffiti removal services on private property from May to Oct
- Business license suspension or cancellation for failure to comply with specified terms and conditions
- Increased security presence at Civic facilities

PARTNER INITIATIVES

- Mobile mental health crisis response team staffed with Northern Health and RCMP (Car 60)
- Increased number and presence of Outreach workers connecting the homeless with housing and services
- Sharps container service for businesses
- New initiatives, such as temporary storage for the homeless, that contribute to cleanliness and safety
- Facilitation of partnerships enabling the development of housing with on-site health services including specialized mental health and substance use services
- Downtown Clean Team managing litter pick up six days a week

WORKING TOGETHER

The City of Prince George is creating a clean and safe environment that facilitates new developments, thriving businesses, and engaging events. As such, the City uses its powers to incent development, establish parks and trails, improve infrastructure, and provide landscaping, lighting, and other amenities.

However, local government cannot independently address the impacts of problematic substance use, like homelessness, drug related property crimes, discarded drug paraphernalia, and mental health issues. So the City is continuing to facilitate partnerships and work with other levels of government to ensure there are adequate resources to manage the current public health emergency in a comprehensive and coordinated way.

SERVICE REQUESTS

Call 911 when lives are in danger, a crime is in progress or, if the police are needed immediately

Service	Contact	Notes
Bylaw Complaint Graffiti Removal Discarded Needle Retrieval	City of Prince George: Call 311	Online service requests can be submitted at www.princegeorge.ca or download the cityofpg mobile app.
Sharps Containers	Northern Health: Call 250-565-7478 or visit On Call at the Northern Interior Health Unit (1444 Edmonton St.) M-F 9:00-3:30	Sharps Containers for safe needle handling can be picked up and full containers can be exchanged.
Car 60 (Mental Health Crisis Response Team)	RCMP: Call 911 or RCMP non-emergency line: Call 250-561-3300	Car 60 can be requested. Attendance will be dependent upon availability.
Outreach Services	AWAC: Call 250-562-6262 PGNFC: Call 250-563-1982	Outreach workers connect homeless individuals with housing and services.



BUILDING MOMENTUM IN THE CITY CENTRE

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A FOCUS ON THE CITY'S CORE

A decade ago, Prince George City Council set the revitalization of the city centre in motion when it approved the concept plan known as Smart Growth on the Ground. This plan expressed a commitment to a sustainable downtown with thriving businesses and lively neighbourhoods. By prioritizing the Concept Plan, Council is working towards a goal that has been discussed for many years in Prince George and advancing development objectives outlined in the Official Community Plan and recent City Annual Reports.

Progress is being made. There are multiple developments in Prince George's city centre and in the areas around downtown. There's incentive programs for housing, enhancements to parks and trails, and aging infrastructure is being updated for the future. This includes the Gateway – the entry to downtown – which is sporting new landscaping, lighting, and signage.

Private sector developers and entrepreneurs have also taken an active role in revitalizing the area by opening new businesses, developing residential properties, and helping to ensure more people are going into the heart of our community to work, live, shop, and play.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

This aerial photo, from May 2019, depicts the locations of numerous projects either underway or planned.



Other developments in the city centre include a new entrance to the Bob Harkins Branch of the Prince George Public Library, a student housing project along Patricia Boulevard beside the Library, and a condominium project on 3rd Avenue at the site of the former Columbus Hotel.

CULTURE AND EVENTS

Events help to attract residents and tourists to the downtown year round.

PRINCE GEORGE FARMERS MARKET: The development of the new parkade and Park House condo project instigated the move of the Farmers Market to 3rd and Quebec, in the heart of downtown. The new location has been more popular, and the market is part of plans to develop an arts-based community hub in the facility.



FOODIE FRIDAYS: Foodie Fridays is a weekly lunch-hour event held in the downtown during the summer, providing local food and outdoor live music in one place. 2018 saw more than 5,000 people attending the event at Canada Games Plaza. This year, Foodie Fridays will again be held in the Canada Games Plaza.



SUMMERFEST: One of Downtown Prince George's signature festivals! Every year you can 'take to the streets' and join the party with fun, food, activities, and entertainment.

WINTERFEST: With snow and ice carvings, mini snow golf, street hockey, and an ice slide, this festival was designed to celebrate winter in Prince George. Attendees can browse the winter market and indulge at the outdoor winter food court.

COLDSNAP: Coldsnap is one of the few music festivals in British Columbia that takes place during the winter. The festival lineup includes exciting, diverse performers from across the world, as well as talented artists from the community.

CROSSROADS STREET FESTIVALS: Presented by Prince George's downtown craft brewery, these events feature displays and demonstrations showcasing local outdoor recreation pursuits. By night, adults can enjoy the live music, local craft beer, street food, and outdoor party games.