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City News

Message from the Mayor



On behalf of my City Council colleagues, I'm delighted to present our City of Quesnel 2024 Capital Projects Plan. Please take a few minutes to read through our plan and learn how your hard-earned tax dollars are being diligently directed to fund needed capital projects for the betterment of our great little City.

The 2024 construction season will see improvements to streets, sidewalks, and crosswalks. The Quesnel School District's construction of the new Carson Elementary School is underway, along with the accompanying road and access improvements. The first phase of the long-awaited Johnston Bridge rehabilitation project is commencing this year with utility line replacements and associated road and sidewalk improvements. Nearby, demolition and removal of the former City works yard buildings has taken place as we prepare to include that area in our ever-expanding Waterfront Plan. And adjacent to all of that, our new Quesnel Downtown RV Park and Campground is now into its second year of welcoming RV and tenting guests.

Look for ongoing improvements to Lhtako Dene Park as we continue our commitment toward meaningful Indigenous

reconciliation. We're pleased that major improvements to the Ritchie Avenue playground in West Quesnel are a part of this year's plan. Local bikers will be happy to see continuing improvements and additions to our new Bike Park. Other bike and hike trails are progressing in partnership with our North Cariboo neighbours in the Cariboo Regional District.

A much needed replacement trash compactor for our landfill was purchased this year, and the old Dragon Hill water reservoir was demolished. Watch for many other capital improvements for our streets, sidewalks, bridges, storm drains, water, sewer, parks, landfill, etc. Our pending water treatment project is high on our "to do" list as well.

Remember that planned capital improvements to our recreation facilities and some parks are not covered in this report, as they are shared with the Cariboo Regional District through North Cariboo Sub-regional Recreation. Be sure to periodically check out our "Let's Connect – Quesnel" web portal at www.letsconnectquesnel.ca to answer your questions and receive your input about City initiatives! Also, our 2023 Annual Report is definitely worth appreciating and can be found at bit.ly/4cABpdV.

In closing, Council and I thank our hard-working staff and workers in all departments, because without their dedicated service, the projects and services that we so proudly provide would not be possible. Thank you all. Well done!

- Mayor Ron Paul



Ritchie Avenue Park Playground Upgrade

The current playground structure at Ritchie Avenue Park was built in 1993, making it one of the City's oldest playground structures.

In 2024, the playground equipment will be updated, bringing vibrant colours and new fun features to this neighbourhood park.

Project cost: \$190,000, funded by the City's general capital budget and Canada Community Building Fund.



Old Public Works Yard Demolition

The lunchroom and covered parking bays located at the old Public Works yard on Davie St were demolished in June 2024. This newly vacant space is included in the City's Waterfront Plan, focusing on improved public access to and vibrant spaces along the Quesnel and Fraser rivers and Baker Creek. In 2024-25, this area will be used as a construction lay-down area for the Johnston Bridge rehabilitation project.

Johnston Bridge Utility Upgrades - Phase I

Phase I of the Johnston Bridge rehabilitation project is set to start in 2024, including the installation of approximately 90 metres of watermain and sanitary main, a new fire hydrant, and road restoration. Phase II is expected to start in 2025 and will include the replacement of the bridge bearings, plates, light bracing, railing and sidewalk, along with structural repairs of the girders and cross bracing.

Subscribe to the City news to stay informed about bridge closures coming in 2024 and 2025: www.quesnel.ca/subscribe

New Well in West Quesnel

A new well was drilled next to the Sugarloaf Dog Park in June 2024. It is currently undergoing a testing phase. If successful, the well will produce and contribute water to the City's water system by fall 2025, replacing the #3 and #6 city wells located on Rolph St. These wells are at the end of their life cycle with reduced capacity.

Project cost: \$2.5 million



Quesnel Bike Park

In June 2024, trail building continued at the Quesnel Bike Park, adding two new black trails and a blue technical trail. This free bike park is located behind the Quesnel Arts and Recreation Centre, offering trails and features for all ages and skill levels.

Bikes and safety gear can be rented from the Arts and Recreation Centre.

New Landfill Compactor

The City is continuing to follow the Fleet Replacement Policy, which included the purchase of a new landfill compactor in 2024 to improve efficiency and productivity at the landfill.





Old Dragon Hill Reservoir Demolition

Of the six water reservoirs in use in Quesnel, the original Dragon Hill reservoir is in the poorest condition. In 2023, the construction of a new reservoir was completed to improve water quality, and improve water pressure, helping with fire flows. In June 2024, the old concrete reservoir was demolished. The site will be restored to its natural state.

More projects

Barlow Ave and arena crosswalk upgrade	\$15,000
Overlay paving	\$475,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lhtako Dene Park parking lot• Paley Ave• Picard Ave• Rolph St	
Barlow Ave/McLean St parking lot paving and lighting upgrade	\$111,000
Valhalla Rd/Richard Rd/Jason Pl paving	\$463,000
Sidewalk upgrade on North Fraser Dr, from Edkins St to Fuller Ave	\$62,500
Lewis Dr water main and resurface	\$485,000

All things events

www.tourismquesnel.com/events



Plan your event

Make planning your event easier with our online toolkit.



Submit your event

Add your event to the community events calendar.



Events calendar

Visit the events calendar to see what's happening in Quesnel and area.



Construction ahead!



Major construction projects will begin in the coming weeks, including the Johnston Bridge utility upgrade and Moffat Bridge repairs, and Quesnel School District's construction of the new Carson Elementary School. Road access and commute times will be impacted in various parts of the community. Watch the City of Quesnel website and social media for updates.

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Voyent Alert! Emergency Notification System

The City of Quesnel uses Voyent Alert! as its platform for emergency alerts and notifications. This service is free, easy to use, and most importantly, secure. With this system, we can provide access to trusted, timely, and accurate information about emergency incidents impacting your property, and you can list important addresses to receive notifications about emergencies impacting other places, including your home, work, school, cabin, or a relative's address.

Our emergency notification system works across multiple devices such as your mobile device, computer, or landline.

Learn more and register:

www.quesnel.ca/notification



Accessible Quesnel

In 2023, the Accessibility Committee was established to provide advice to Council to ensure that buildings, sites, and facilities are safely accessible, and that the community is inclusive, supportive, and accommodating.

The Committee is conducting a survey to gather community input about Quesnel's accessibility successes and challenges. This information will be used to help create an Accessibility Plan to identify ways to better communicate accessibility within the community. Upon completion, the plan will be shared on the Let's Connect Quesnel page. Learn more and complete the survey:

www.letsconnectquesnel.ca/accessible-quesnel



Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing (SSMUH)

Small-scale multi-unit housing (SSMUH) refers to a range of dwelling unit configurations that are intended to provide options for more affordable and attainable housing for middle-income households. They can include but are not limited to secondary suites, detached accessory dwelling units, duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes.

The new provincial legislation requires a zoning bylaw amendment to permit up to 4 dwelling units on parcels of land with zoning currently restricted to single-family detached dwellings and/or duplexes.

The City updated its Zoning Bylaw to comply with the new provincial legislation on June 25, 2024.

Learn more: www.quesnel.ca/ssmuh



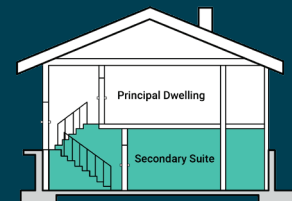
Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) help create a variety of housing options within our community. ADU's include secondary suites, carriage houses, and secondary dwellings. The City has FREE pre-reviewed, energy-efficient design plans for ADUs available. Learn more: www.quesnel.ca/adus



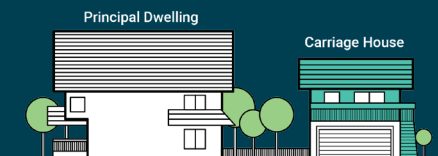
Secondary Suite

A secondary suite is a separate, self-contained living area within a dwelling unit. Only one secondary suite is permitted per principal dwelling unit.



Carriage Homes

A carriage home is an attached home located in conjunction with an accessory building (e.g. a garage). It must have access to a lane-way.



Secondary Dwellings

A secondary dwelling is a freestanding detached single-family home located on the same parcel as the principal dwelling (sometimes called a coach house).



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