# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NORTH

THIS WEEK · TUE NOV. 10 TO MON NOV. 16 · FSJ · DC · TAYLOR · HH · CHETWYND · FN

**This week:** Tuesday Nov. 10 to Monday Nov. 16. We reprint every Monday for Tuesday delivery. FREE marks no-cost admissions. Organization events only. Confirm with each organizer. The full multi-week calendar is online via the All events QR below.

## HOCKEY IN THE PEACE · THIS WEEK

DC · Thu Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m. · Amanda Marshall, Dirty 30 Tour · Ovintiv

DC · Sat Nov. 14, 9:30 p.m. · Canucks vs Fox Creek · Memorial Arena

DC · Fri–Sat Nov. 13–14 · Makers Market Christmas Edition · Ovintiv

DC · Sun Nov. 15, 2 p.m. · Kodiaks vs La Crete · Ovintiv Events Centre

*No FSJ Huskies home this week. FSJ Flyers (NPHL) on leave 2026–27. No Fort Nelson or Chetwynd league homes. Times from Ovintiv and NPHL listings.*

AMANDA ON CALENDAR

MAKERS ON CALENDAR

### TUE NOV. 10

- **FSJ** · 7:00-10:00 AM · 2026 Poppy Donuts · 9315 100 Ave
- **FSJ** · 9:00 AM-3:00 PM · NLC Open House – Fort St. John Campus · Northern Lights College, Fort St. John Campus
- **FN** · 11:00-11:30 AM · Sign & Play

### WED NOV. 11

- **FSJ** · 10:30 AM · Remembrance Day Parade & Ceremony · Fort St. John Royal Canadian Legion Branch 102
- **FSJ** · 4:30-9:00 PM · Potluck & Court Whist Tournament · FSJ Seniors Hall, 10908 100 St
- **Taylor** · 10:30 AM · Remembrance Day Ceremony · Taylor Community Hall
- **HH** · 10:45 AM · Remembrance Day Ceremony · District Office parking lot, 9904 Dudley Drive
- **Chet** · Remembrance Day ceremony · confirm Legion FREE
- **FN** · Remembrance Day ceremony · confirm Legion FREE

### THU NOV. 12

- **FSJ** · 11:00 AM · NPHS Annual Photo Contest · Fort St. John (specific venue not listed)
- **DC** · 7:30 PM · Amanda Marshall, The Dirty 30 Tour · Ovintiv Events Centre

### FRI NOV. 13

- **FSJ** · 3:00-4:30 PM · FSJ Teen Drop-In FREE
- **Chet** · 6:00-8:00 PM · Library Loungers Silent Book Club · Chetwynd Public Library, 4522 North Access Road

### SAT NOV. 14

- **DC** · 9:30 PM · Dawson Creek Canucks vs Fox Creek Knights (NPHL) · Dawson Creek & District Memorial Arena
- **Taylor** · 9:00 AM-4:00 PM · Taylor PAC Fundraiser · Taylor Community Hall
- **FN** · 6:00 PM · Snowball 2026 · Fort Nelson (specific venue not listed)

### SUN NOV. 15

- **FSJ** · PETRONAS Free Skate, Pomeroy Oval FREE
- **DC** · 2:00 PM · Dawson Creek Kodiaks vs La Crete Lumber Barons (NWJHL) · Ovintiv Events Centre
- **DC** · 5:15-6:45 PM · Memorial Arena Sunday Public Skate FREE

### MON NOV. 16

- **FSJ** · 11:00 AM · Louis Riel Day – FSJ · Northern Lights College, Fort St. John Campus
- **DC** · 11:00 AM · Louis Riel Day Dawson Creek · Northern Lights College, Dawson Creek Campus

## WEEKLY REGULARS · CONFIRM BEFORE YOU GO

- Every Tue and Thu · Fort St. John · Seniors Centre luncheon
- Every Tue and Thu · Fort St. John · Seniors Centre weekly games (cards, floor curling, carpet bowling, table tennis and pool)
- Every Tue · Fort St. John · Seniors Centre Music Jam, 2:00-4:00 PM
- Every Wed · Fort St. John · Seniors Centre Scrabble, 11:00 AM
- Every Mon and Wed · Hudson's Hope · Pottery Drop-in, 5:00-9:00 PM
- Every Tue and Thu · Hudson's Hope · Senior Chair Stretch, 10:00 AM
- Every Tue · Hudson's Hope · Senior Craft Club, 1:00 PM
- Every Tue and Thu · Chetwynd · Senior Swim, 12:00-1:00 PM
- Every Fri · Fort Nelson · Knit & Crochet Club, 1:30-3:30 PM
- Every Tue · Fort Nelson · Adult D&D Club, 5:30-7:30 PM
- Every Tue · Fort Nelson · Homeschool Hangout, 9:30-11:00 AM

## THIS WEEK · HANDY NOTES

**Tickets.** Amanda Marshall and Kodiaks via lakeviewtix.com. Canucks at Memorial Arena. **Remembrance Wed.** FSJ/Taylor 10:30 a.m. · HH ~10:45 a.m. **Free skates Sun.** PETRONAS Oval (FSJ) · Memorial Arena 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. (DC). **Next print** Monday for Tuesday delivery.

FSJ · MARKETS

### Christmas markets hit FSJ and Cecil Lake

Farmers' Market Christmas at the Pomeroy Hotel, plus Cecil Lake Country Christmas with Santa.

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B.C. · PRIVACY

### Crime Stoppers tip data under review

B.C.'s privacy commissioner is investigating a tipster data breach. Anonymous tips only work if they stay anonymous.

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## VENUES · CONFIRM BEFORE YOU GO

**FSJ · DC**
Lido · Cultural Centre · Foundry · PAC markets · Ovintiv · Memorial Arena · Pomeroy

**Taylor · HH · Chet**
Community halls · PAC bingo · arts drop-ins · Library Loungers · District Office

**Fort Nelson**
Knit Club · Adult D&D · Homeschool Hangout · Snowball Sat Nov. 14

HUDSON'S HOPE

### VOTERS APPROVE BORROWING FOR A NEW COMMUNITY HALL

Hudson's Hope will borrow up to $10 million for a new community hall after a close Oct. 17 referendum (174 to 156, about 43 per cent turnout). The project is expected to cost more than $34 million.

*Sources: District of Hudson's Hope, CBC News. Rewritten.*

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FORT ST. JOHN

### OLD HOSPITAL SITE MOVES TOWARD 70 NEW HOMES

FSJACL and Blueberry River First Nations signed a partnership for a proposed 70-unit mixed-use building on former hospital land the city donated. A step toward homes on a long-empty downtown site.

*Sources: FSJACL, Blueberry River First Nations, City of Fort St. John. Rewritten.*

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MACKENZIE · HIGHWAY 39 · UPDATED

# 15 RELEASED, 5 STILL IN HOSPITAL

Northern Health says 15 of 20 crash patients are home. Five remain in care after Wednesday's Highway 39 shuttle crash. No deaths. WorkSafeBC and RCMP still investigating. Details page 2.



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**15** RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL

**5** STILL RECEIVING CARE

MACKENZIE · UPDATED NOV. 5

## 15 RELEASED, 5 STILL IN HOSPITAL AFTER HIGHWAY 39 CRASH

Northern Health says 15 of the 20 people treated after Wednesday's shuttle crash south of Mackenzie have been released. Five remain in care. Four are still being treated locally and one was airlifted to another facility in the province. No deaths have been reported.

B.C. Emergency Health Services said six air ambulances and six ground ambulances treated and moved 20 patients with injuries ranging from minor to serious. One patient left the scene by air in serious condition. Six went by ground and were later flown. Thirteen stable patients rode a bus with advanced care paramedics.

A northbound white shuttle left Highway 39 and ended in a ditch about four kilometres south of Mackenzie shortly after 9 a.m. Wednesday. Police were called about 9:10 a.m. B.C. Highway Patrol Sgt. Michael McLaughlin said the scene was chaotic. The cause is unclear. Nothing has been ruled out and no arrests have been made.

Northern Health declared Code Orange at Mackenzie and District Hospital and at UHNBC in Prince George. Both codes have been lifted. WorkSafeBC is investigating alongside RCMP. Australia-based data centre company Iren said the bus was chartered by one of its contractors. Mackenzie Secondary said it was not a school bus. B.C. Highway Patrol wants dash-camera video and witnesses. Call Prince George Highway Patrol at 250-649-4004 and quote file (3100) 2026-956.

*Sources: CBC News patient update Nov. 5 (citing Northern Health: 15 released, 5 still in care), Prince George Citizen Nov. 5 (five remain in hospital), RCMP B.C. Highway Patrol Nov. 4 (about 20 injured at scene), BCEHS via CBC and CTV (20 patients treated). Cross-checked Nov. 5 night. Rewritten summary.*

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CRIME · NOV. 5

### HOME-INVASION BAIL HEARING MOVES TO NOV. 9

Michael James Broad, 34, remains in custody on charges tied to an alleged Oct. 27 Fort St. John home invasion, including sexual assault with a weapon. None of the allegations have been proven in court. CJDC-TV reported Thursday that defence sought more time. The virtual hearing is now set for 9:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 9.

*Sources: CJDC-TV (Joe McCue, Nov. 5), Energeticcity citing BC Prosecution Service, Courts Canada register. Rewritten.*

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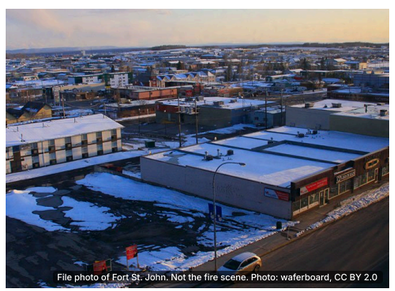
WINTER FEST

### UP TO $1,000 FOR FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Fort St. John is offering micro grants of $200 to $1,000 for Winter Fest 2027 events between Feb. 1 and 28. Apply by Nov. 20 at midnight. Results by Dec. 18. Past hits include ice fishing, dog sledding and Charlie Lake car races. Organizers need a business licence and $2 million liability coverage.

*Sources: City of Fort St. John Winter Fest grants page, CJDC-TV (Michael Popove, Nov. 4).*

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File photo of Fort St. John. Not the fire scene. Photo: waferboard, CC BY 2.0

FIRE

### FAMILY ESCAPES 94TH STREET DUPLEX FIRE

Fifteen firefighters fought a fully involved blaze just before midnight Oct. 30. No one was hurt. Strong winds made the fight hard. An online campaign is helping the family, who are expecting a baby. Fire officials urge everyone to test smoke alarms as space heaters come out.

*Source: CJDC-TV, Michael Popove, Nov. 2, 2026.*

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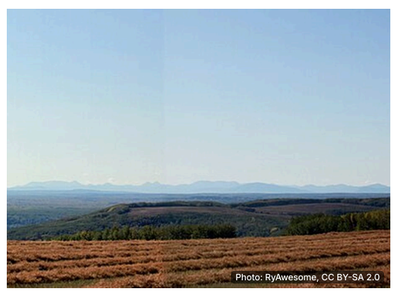
PRRD

### $640,319 TELUS FIBRE AND CELLULAR DEAL

The regional district awarded TELUS a five-year contract for offices, staff mobiles and remote water and landfill links. Staff said Rogers failed a permanent-roaming requirement for fixed modems at pump stations. The TELUS bid includes a $53,164 construction waiver and a $10,000 cellular credit.

*Source: Energeticcity.ca, PRRD RFP 19-2026, board meeting Oct. 29.*

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OLD FORT

### PHASE 2 LANDSLIDE STUDY UNDERWAY

The province repealed the order that forced a landslide study after Phase 2 began. The deeper look is fully funded and will gather sub-surface data on slopes above the community. Old Fort Road is still the only way in and out. PRRD also adopted Areas C and D water and community-space bylaws after assent votes.

*Sources: Energeticcity.ca, PRRD releases, Nov. 4.*

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TEEN CULTURE · SAMPLE

## WHAT THEY ACTUALLY PLAY

**A quick brief for Peace Region parents and grandparents on what teens and tweens are playing, using and saying. Warm help, not meme chasing.**

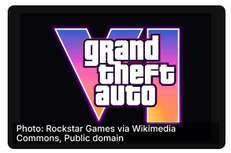


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BIG GAMES RIGHT NOW

### GTA VI · FORTNITE · BLACK OPS 7 · ROBLOX · MINECRAFT · SWITCH 2

**GTA VI** launches Nov. 19, 2026 on PS5 and Xbox. ESRB M 17+. Talk before launch day. **Fortnite** Treasure Hunters mini-season is live (ESRB T). Cap spend in Epic parental controls. Chapter 8 is reported for Nov. 28. **Black Ops 7** out since Nov. 14, 2025 (ESRB M 17+). Limit voice chat. **Roblox** stays always on. Link a parent account, set spend caps and age-check chat. **Minecraft** still tops Twitch watch lists (ESRB E10+). Use Microsoft Family Safety. **Nintendo Switch 2** with Mario Kart World is the easy family race night (Mario Kart is ESRB E).

*Rockstar · Epic · Activision · Roblox · Microsoft · Nintendo · ESRB · Piper Sandler · TwitchTracker. Sample brief.*

### SLANG DECODER

**Cooked** current In big trouble or finished. Example: forgot the test, I am cooked.

**Lock in** current Focus hard on a task. Example: exams tomorrow, time to lock in.

**Rizz** current Charm or flirting skill. Example: that kid has rizz.

**Cap / no cap** current Lie, or "no lie." Example: no cap, the homework took an hour.

*Merriam-Webster · BBC CBBC · Playpit*

### HOW TO ASK ABOUT IT

Skip "what is cooked." Try "who do you play with after school" and "does anyone ask you to move the chat."

Ask what they would do if a stranger offered free V-Bucks or a gift link. One calm question beats a lecture.

Listen first. End with "I am glad you told me." Keep the talk under five minutes the first time so they come back.

*Common Sense Media · Cybertip.ca*

### APPS TEENS USE · AGE FLOORS AND ONE SAFETY NOTE

**YouTube** 13+ for a full account. Prefer a supervised account. YouTube Kids only for younger siblings.

**TikTok** 13+. Turn on Family Pairing and a daily screen-time limit.

**Instagram** 13+. Teen Accounts start private. Supervision shows contacts, not DMs.

**Snapchat** 13+. Family Center shows friends, not message text.

**Discord** 13+. Turn on Family Center. Not a first app for under-13s.

**Roblox** Any age with a parent account. Cap spend and lock chat age settings.

**Console parties** Xbox / PlayStation. Use family accounts and disable open multiplayer with strangers.

**Switch 2 / Mario Kart** Easy family race night. Watch online spend on the console. Mario Kart World is ESRB E.

### SCREEN-TIME SETTINGS TO CHECK THIS WEEK

- Turn on a nightly downtime window on phone and tablet accounts
- Cap App Store / Google Play and console spend to a weekly limit you both know
- Review who can message them on Discord, Snapchat and Roblox
- Keep bedroom chargers downstairs on school nights
- Ask which game voice chat stays on after 9 p.m.
- Require approval for new app installs on their device
- Check YouTube Restricted Mode and TikTok Family Pairing together
- Set a shared rule for phones at the dinner table

*Pew Research · Piper Sandler · Common Sense Media · platform family settings · Nintendo · SAMPLE*


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PROTECT YOUR KIDS · SAMPLE

### LOCK DOWN ROBLOX CHAT AND SPENDING

Most Roblox trouble starts in open chat or surprise purchases. Open the parent account linked to the child's profile. Set who can chat to friends or no one, not everyone. Turn on spending controls and set a weekly cap before the next play session.

Tell the child that strangers in a game are still strangers. If anyone asks to move the chat to Discord, Snapchat or a phone number, the answer is no and a parent hears about it. Practise the line once before the next play session so it sticks.

**Do this today:** Open Roblox parental controls, set chat to Friends or Off, and set a spend cap.

### Also this week

**Spot Fortnite and V-Bucks scams**
Fake gift sites and free V-Bucks links are common in game chat. Ask which gift links they have seen this week. Bookmark only the official Epic or console store.

**Stranger chat rules that stick**
No sharing full name, school, address or phone. No meeting anyone from online. No moving a chat to a private app without telling a parent. Write the three rules on a fridge card.

**Privacy settings on the apps they use**
Default settings favour sharing. Change them once, then check monthly. Pick the one app they use most and finish its family or teen safety setup together.

*Cybertip.ca · RCMP / Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre · Common Sense Media · Roblox and Epic help*

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NIGHT SKY

## AURORA WATCH FOR THE PEACE

Dark skies north of Fort St. John still give the best shot. Beatton Provincial Park and the Charlie Lake shoreline open a clear northern view. Dawson Creek watchers use farmland north of Mile Zero and Highway 97 pullouts with a north horizon. Hudson's Hope looks north from quieter valley roads. Fort Nelson has some of the darkest sky in the booklet towns. Stay on public pullouts only.

Near 56°N, a Kp of 3 can put a glow low on the northern horizon. A Kp of 5 or more can bring lights overhead. Check spaceweather.gc.ca and the NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center before you drive out. Dress for standing still, tell someone your route, and pack out what you pack in.

**NOTE** SAMPLE guidance, not a live alert. Confirm the outlook the night you go.



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FORT ST. JOHN

## CO-OP PUTS ITS NAME ON THE SPORT CENTRE FOR $1.5 MILLION

The City of Fort St. John announced Oct. 28 that the Pomeroy Sport Centre is now the Co-op Community Centre under a 15-year naming deal with Fort St. John Co-op worth $1.5 million. City officials say the partnership helps cover facility costs without leaning harder on the tax base.

The deal replaces Pomeroy Lodging's expired naming contract. Arena users will see new Co-op branding on the building while programs and ice bookings stay with the city.

*Sources: City of Fort St. John, CJDC-TV. Rewritten.*



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### WINTER DRIVING CHECKLIST

✓ Block heater overnight · ✓ Winter tires cold-checked · ✓ −40 washer fluid · ✓ Blanket, cables, shovel, snacks · ✓ DriveBC on Hwy 97 and 29 · ✓ Charged phone and paper map · ✓ Tell someone your route · ✓ Fuel before empty stretches · ✓ Clear roof snow · ✓ Slow for bridge ice

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FORT NELSON

## TOWN STUDIES ITS OWN CLINIC FOR THE DOCTOR SHORTAGE

The Northern Rockies Regional Municipality is moving ahead with Phase 2 of a business case for a town-owned Northern Rockies Health Partnership Clinic. Fort Nelson is not waiting on Victoria to fix local access to doctors.

CJDC-TV and CBC News reported the Oct. 22 announcement. A municipal clinic would sit beside existing recruitment work and give the north a facility it can staff and schedule on local terms.

*Sources: Northern Rockies Regional Municipality, CJDC-TV, CBC News. Rewritten.*



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COMMUNITY

## NLC GIVING DAY AIMS FOR $15,000

Chip in by Dec. 1 for health care students across Peace campuses. Cookie kits and 50/50 tickets help busy households give.

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*Sources: CJDC-TV, Energeticcity.ca, NLC. Rewritten.*

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HUDSON'S HOPE

## EMERGENCY ROOM CLOSES AGAIN ON STAFFING GAPS

Northern Health listed another Hudson's Hope ER diversion in late October, set to reopen 8:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 2. Energeticcity.ca reported the Oct. 30 notice. Earlier diversions hit Oct. 13 and ended Oct. 21, CJDC-TV reported.

Mayor Travous Quibell told My Peace Region Now the notices weigh on families who need emergency care close to home. The district is pushing Northern Health on nurse-practitioner and virtual-care options while physician recruitment continues.

If the ER is on diversion, call 911 for life-threatening emergencies. Check Northern Health's ER status before you drive. Fort St. John Hospital and Dawson Creek Emergency are the usual backups.

*Sources: Energeticcity.ca (Areli Nuñez, Oct. 30, 2026), CJDC-TV (Michael Popove), My Peace Region Now (Celestia Niemvo, Quibell interview), Northern Health ER status. Rewritten.*

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ENERGY

## COPPER THIEVES HIT IDLE PEACE GAS SITES

Thieves are stripping copper from idle gas sites around Tumbler Ridge, Chetwynd and Fort St. John. One producer put losses at $4 million to $5 million. Mark McDermott, an operations superintendent with a smaller northeast gas producer, told CJDC-TV on Oct. 30 that inactive facilities are easy targets.

Producers want scrap yards pressed harder on where metal comes from. Idle sites still hold wire, valves and equipment worth stealing when copper prices climb.

*Sources: CJDC-TV (Oct. 30, 2026). Rewritten from the online story.*



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# AROUND THE REGION

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CHETWYND

## TRAILER AND STARLINK FOR EMERGENCY CREWS

Chetwynd wants an enclosed trailer and a Starlink unit so Emergency Support Services can set up a reception centre wherever an evacuation, wildfire or long outage hits. The PRRD board agreed Oct. 29 to back the district's UBCM grant bid.

CAO Steve McLain said the gear would let volunteers work where cell and landline service fail. Mayor Allen Courtoreille called it "very important stuff." The Chetwynd landfill also shifts to Tuesday-Saturday hours starting Nov. 17.

*Source: Energeticity.ca, District of Chetwynd. Rewritten.*

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DAWSON CREEK

## UP TO $100,000 FOR ART GALLERY AND AIRPORT SOLAR

Northern Development Initiative Trust approved grant funding for solar at the Dawson Creek Art Gallery and the regional airport. Peace Energy Cooperative is installing a 10-kilowatt array on the gallery's new entrance roof.

General manager Ryan MacIvor said the gallery project was about 65 per cent complete as of Nov. 4, with install expected early this week if weather holds. The airport array is still in design. Taxpayers cover any cost above the grant.

*Sources: CJDC-TV (Joe McCue), City of Dawson Creek, Art Gallery. Rewritten.*

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TAYLOR

## REMEMBRANCE DAY AT THE COMMUNITY HALL

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 10:30 a.m. at Taylor Community Hall. Colour Guard, wreath laying, speakers and a community lunch. Organizers still need speakers through the Community Services Hub.

Anyone laying a wreath should arrange one through the Fort St. John Legion or the Hub and deliver it by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10. Call 250-789-2828. Fort St. John's parade and ceremony are also set for the morning of Nov. 11.

*Sources: CJDC-TV, Energeticcity, District of Taylor, Fort St. John Living. Rewritten.*

**ON THE CALENDAR**
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FORT NELSON

## NATION TAKES THE LEAD ON DENE HANDGAMES

After nearly a decade of hosting tournaments, the Fort Nelson Handgames Society has dissolved and handed the Dene tradition to Fort Nelson First Nation. More than $20,000 raised by the society goes to the Nation's recreation department, and a handgames co-ordinator has been hired.

Chief Curtis Dickie, a player who helped found the society, said it started small and grew into strong ties for young men and women. CBC News reported the handoff Nov. 4.

*Source: CBC News, Tom Summer, Nov. 4, 2026. Rewritten.*

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TUMBLER RIDGE

## MAYA GEBALA RECEIVES YOUTH HEROISM AWARD

The 13-year-old, hurt in the Feb. 10 school attack, is the first recipient outside the U.S. of the Youth Heroism Award from the Youth Peace and Justice Foundation. Family accounts say she tried to secure the library door to protect other students.

Foundation president Daniel Chapin said she showed courage in an unimaginable situation. Maya was released from BC Children's Hospital last week, more than eight months after she was shot three times.

*Sources: CJDC-TV, The Canadian Press, Energeticcity.ca, Nov. 3, 2026.*

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PROVINCE

## THE REST OF B.C. IS FINALLY ON PEACE TIME

As of Sunday, Nov. 1, most of B.C. stayed on year-round Pacific time, a permanent UTC-7 standard. The northeast has run that clock for decades. Winter calls from Fort St. John to Victoria now line up the same way they do in July.

Alberta still changes clocks, so Grande Prairie matches Dawson Creek all winter and jumps ahead in March. Update your phone and check calendar apps for the first few weeks while booking systems catch up.

*Sources: CBC News, Province of B.C., The Canadian Press. Rewritten.*

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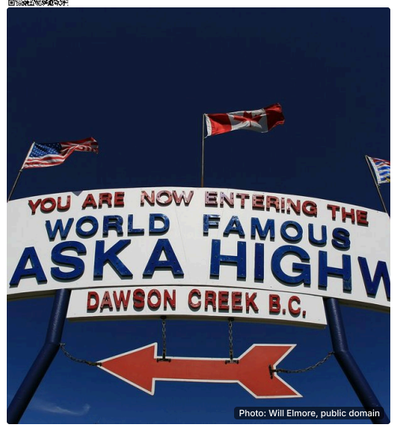



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ELECTIONS BC · FINAL COUNT STARTS FRIDAY

# PEACE SEATS STAY CONSERVATIVE AS FINAL COUNT BEGINS

Elections BC begins counting mail-in, absentee and assisted telephone ballots Friday, Nov. 6, running through Nov. 10. Nobody in the northeast expects a flip. Both Peace ridings went B.C. Conservative by wide margins on Oct. 24, and the province's first change of government in nine years is now on a fixed timeline.

In Peace River North, which takes in Fort St. John, Taylor, Hudson's Hope and the Northern Rockies, newcomer Curtis Whitford took 8,957 votes, or 85.7 per cent, in the initial count. Independent incumbent Jordan Kealy had 1,489. In Peace River South, covering Dawson Creek, Chetwynd, Tumbler Ridge and Pouce Coupe, Larry Neufeld won a second term with 6,070 votes, about 77.7 per cent.

Whitford, born and raised in Fort St. John and from the oil and gas industry, told supporters at the Legion he would represent everyone, "whether you voted for me or not." Conservative MLAs swear in Nov. 19. Premier-designate Lorne Doerkson swears in cabinet Nov. 20. For the first time in years both Peace MLAs sit on the government side, putting resource permitting, rural ER staffing and Highway 97 and 29 upkeep inside the caucus room. Cabinet is the next watch. Northern voters will look for anyone from north of Prince George at the table.

Mail ballots and assisted telephone votes can still move a tight riding. These two Peace seats are not tight. The practical story is who sits at the cabinet table for rural health, forestry and highway maintenance once Doerkson takes the oath. Whitford and Neufeld both campaigned on jobs and permitting. Final-count tallies land by Nov. 10, then the focus shifts to who gets a seat in the room.

*Sources: BC Ballot / Elections BC, CJDC-TV, Energeticcity.ca, CBC News final-count story Nov. 5. Transition notes credit Thompson Current. Rewritten.*

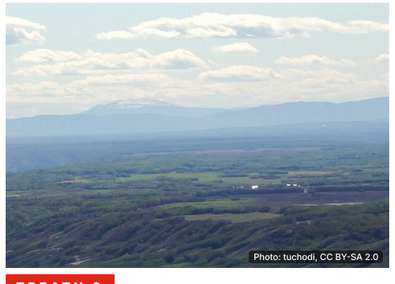
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**85.7%**
WHITFORD, PEACE RIVER NORTH

**Nov. 6-10**
FINAL COUNT WINDOW

**Nov. 19**
MLAS SWORN IN

**77.7%**
NEUFELD, PEACE RIVER SOUTH


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TREATY 8

## BLUEBERRY RIVER WILL DEAL DIRECTLY ON DRIPA

Blueberry River First Nations congratulated Doerkson and both Peace MLAs, and said it is ready to work with Victoria while flagging concern about a DRIPA repeal. "Restoring the land and building a strong economic future must go hand in hand," the Nation said. It will engage directly to make its priorities clear.

The 2023 Implementation Agreement still shapes forestry and oil and gas on a large North Peace land base. Repealing DRIPA does not, on its own, cancel that agreement. UNBC's Daniel Sims said repeal would at minimum stop work aligning B.C. laws with the UN declaration.

*Source: Energeticcity.ca, Ed Hitchins, LJI, Nov. 3, 2026. Rewritten with short quotes.*

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OTTAWA

## ZIMMER BACKS TANKER-BAN REPEAL

MP Bob Zimmer voted for Bill C-264 to lift large tanker restrictions off B.C.'s north coast. The bill failed at second reading. He also pressed the government over a CRA security contract that went to a U.S. firm instead of the Commissionaires, who employ many veterans.

That motion failed 163 to 155 on Nov. 3. On Nov. 4 he backed an industrial heat recovery tax credit that was also defeated. The tanker ban matters here because every barrel that cannot reach tidewater sells at a discount or stays in the ground.

*Source: House of Commons Hansard, Nov. 2, 2026, and vote record. Rewritten.*

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TRADE

## DOERKSON: MIDTERMS WILL NOT END THE TRADE WAR SOON

The premier-designate said Wednesday he does not expect a quick end to the U.S. trade fight, even after Democrats took both houses of Congress. His focus is taking over Nov. 20, protecting local industry and building partnerships with anyone who wants to do business with B.C.

American liquor stays off provincial liquor store shelves for now. Softwood duties hit mill towns from Mackenzie to Chetwynd. Faster permits and a clear open-for-business message are things Victoria still controls, whatever happens in Washington.

*Source: The Canadian Press via Victoria Times Colonist and Energeticcity.ca, Nov. 4, 2026.*

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# REMEMBRANCE DAY · WED. NOV. 11

Ceremonies across the Peace. This week's listings (Tue Nov. 10 to Mon Nov. 16) are on page 12. New print edition each Tuesday.

**Fort St. John** · Parade 10:30 a.m. from the cenotaph, Legion service after. Free transit on a reduced schedule.

**Taylor** · Community Hall, 10:30 a.m. Colour Guard, wreaths, lunch.

**Hudson's Hope** · District Office, about 1:50 p.m. Confirm with the district.

**Dawson Creek** · Cenotaph service mid-morning. Legion lunch after. Confirm Legion Branch 84.

**Chetwynd** · Community ceremony. Check District and Legion notices for time.

**Fort Nelson** · Legion ceremony. Confirm Branch for parade and service times.


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*Sources: City of Fort St. John, District of Taylor, District of Hudson's Hope, Legion notices. Photo is a file image.*

ON THE CALENDAR
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## SUDOKU · MEDIUM

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Solution on page 12

## PEACE REGION TRIVIA

1. Which city is Mile 0 of the Alaska Highway?
2. What river runs near downtown Fort St. John?
3. Which Peace town sits nearest the W.A.C. Bennett Dam?
4. Tumbler Ridge is famous for which prehistoric finds?
5. What does NPHL stand for?
6. Which highway number runs south from Mackenzie to Highway 97?
7. What does PRRD stand for?
8. Which First Nation signed the 2023 Implementation Agreement often in the news?

Answers: 1 Dawson Creek · 2 Beatton · 3 Hudson's Hope · 4 Dinosaur tracks and fossils · 5 North Peace Hockey League · 6 Highway 39 · 7 Peace River Regional District · 8 Blueberry River First Nations

## PEACE WORDS IN THE GRID

ALASKA
AURORA
BEATTON
BOLIN
CANUCKS
CENOTAPH
CHETWYND
DAWSON
FIBRE
FORTNELSON
HOPE
HUDSON
KODIAKS
LNG
MACKENZIE
MONTNEY
PEACE
PIPELINE
POMEROY
TAYLOR
WEMBLEY
WINTER

*Circle these in the word-search spirit. Peace word list for seniors and kids to share.*

## THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

1. How many patients were still in care after the Mackenzie crash update?
2. What date is Broad's adjourned bail hearing?
3. DC Canucks record after four games?
4. When does Elections BC final count start?
5. How much is the NLC Giving Day goal?
6. Which page has this week's events list?

Answers: 1 Five · 2 Nov. 9 · 3 4-0 · 4 Nov. 6 · 5 $15,000 · 6 Page 12



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REMEMBRANCE DAY · WED. NOV. 11

## WHERE TO PAY RESPECTS ACROSS THE PEACE

Ceremonies land Wednesday across the region. Fort St. John Legion Branch 102 parades from the cenotaph on 102 Street and 105 Avenue at 10:30 a.m., then a Legion service. Free BC Transit runs a reduced schedule 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Taylor gathers at the community hall at 10:30 a.m. with Colour Guard and lunch. Hudson's Hope lists a ceremony at the District Office about 1:50 p.m. Confirm times with each organizer.

This week's day-by-day listings (Tue Nov. 10 to Mon Nov. 16), including free city recreation, sit on page 12. New print edition each Tuesday.

*Sources: City of Fort St. John, District of Taylor, District of Hudson's Hope. Rewritten.*

**ON THE CALENDAR**
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HOUSING

## OLD HOSPITAL SITE MOVES TOWARD 70 HOMES

Fort St. John and its housing partners took another step on the former hospital lands. The plan points to about 70 new homes. Timing still depends on servicing and provincial pieces.

*Source: City of Fort St. John / local reporting. Rewritten.*

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MARKETS

## CHRISTMAS MARKETS LAND IN FSJ AND CECIL LAKE

Farmers' Market Christmas Market hits the Pomeroy Hotel Nov. 20 and 21. Country Christmas Market returns to Cecil Lake Community Hall Wednesdays Nov. 18 and 25, 4 to 7 p.m. Northern Artisan Makers Market Christmas Edition fills Ovintiv Nov. 13 and 14.

Peace Country Craftman's Association also runs a two-day Christmas sale Nov. 13 and 14 in Fort St. John. School PAC markets and the Robert Ogilvie Christmas Market fill the same weekend. Makers Market is this week at Ovintiv. More market dates and times are on page 12 and online. Arrive early for parking.

*Sources: City of Fort St. John events, Ovintiv listings. Rewritten.*

**ON THE CALENDAR**
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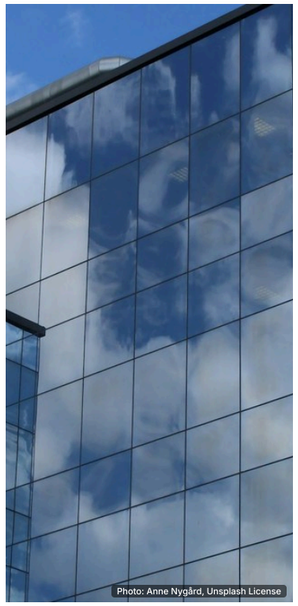


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GALA

## BE AN ANGEL AIMS FOR $160,000

Fort St. John Hospital Foundation gala Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Pomeroy Hotel. Tickets through the foundation.

*Source: FSJ Hospital Foundation / Energeticcity.ca.*

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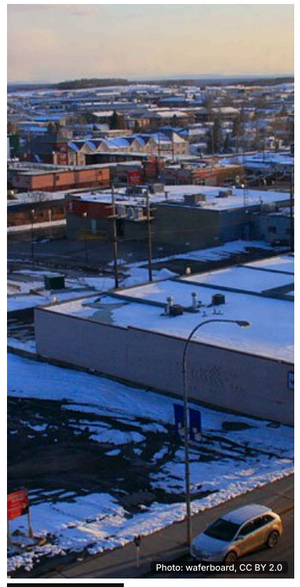


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PETRONAS

## $25,000 A YEAR FOR NORTH PEACE CHARITIES

PETRONAS finished a $500,000 endowment that now pays about $25,000 a year to local charities. The gift is permanent.

*Source: City / foundation notices. Rewritten.*

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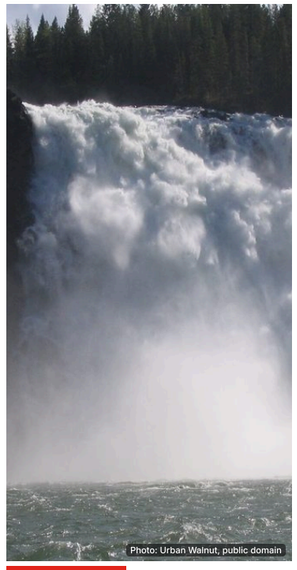


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OUTDOORS

## $400,000 OUTDOOR RECREATION FUND OPENS

Outdoor Recreation Council of B.C. opens its largest grant intake. Peace trail and outdoor groups that have won before can apply again. Deadline Jan. 20.

*Source: ORCBC. Rewritten.*

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TUMBLER RIDGE

## ONE-MAN NEWSROOM GETS NATIONAL CREDIT

Tumbler Ridge's local reporter earned national attention as the town's council table turns over. Small newsrooms still punch above their weight.

*Source: local / national mentions. Rewritten.*

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EDITORIAL · SAMPLE

# 303 SPOILED BALLOTS ARE A MESSAGE. THE FIX IS MORE CHOICE

Peace River North voters made their choice clear on Oct. 24. Curtis Whitford won about 85 per cent. That is a mandate.

But CBC News reported 303 rejected ballots, 2.82 per cent of votes cast. In 2024 there were 18. UNBC political scientist Jason Morris told CBC it looked more like a message than a mistake. Peace River North was the only B.C. riding where neither the NDP nor the Greens ran.

Those 303 people showed up. They did not stay home. The fix is not to scold anyone. The fix is competition. A strong riding is one where every party has to earn votes, including the winner.

Whitford won fair and square and has said he will represent everyone. We take him at his word. Next time, more names on the ballot would be good for everyone, the winner included.

> *"Those 303 people showed up. They did not stay home. That is worth something."*
>
> SAMPLE EDITORIAL

*Facts from CBC News (Matt Preprost), BC Ballot, CJDC-TV. Opinion is SAMPLE content. Disclosure: The NEBC Current has no ties to any candidate or party in this race.*

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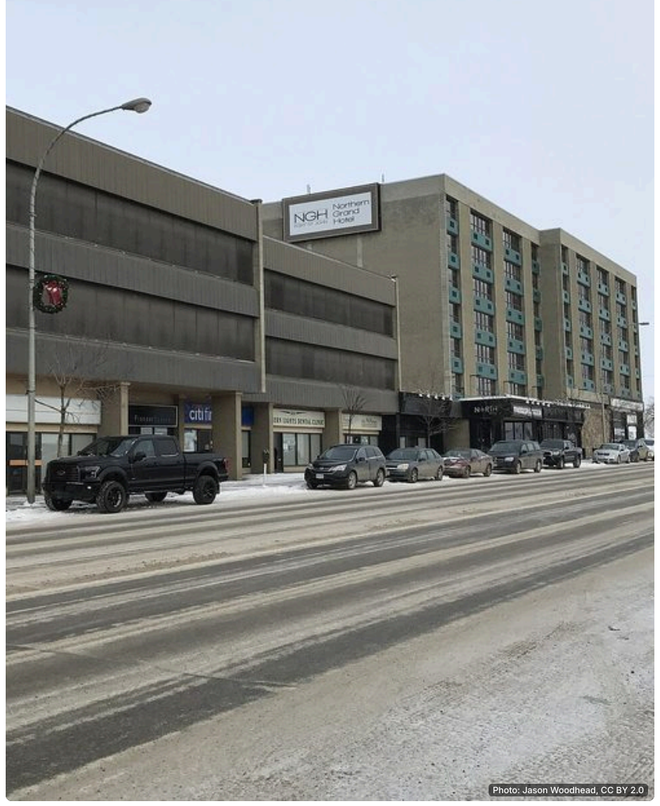



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## LETTERS · SAMPLE

Fictional letters written to show the format. Names are invented.

**More parties on the ballot.** If you skip the Peace, do not be surprised when people spoil a ballot. *Sample letter, Fort St. John*

**Thanks, first responders.** Thinking of the Highway 39 crews and the Mackenzie hospital staff this week. *Sample letter, Mackenzie*

**Keep Highway 97 crews safe.** Slow down in the work zones. Those flaggers have families too. *Sample letter, Taylor*

**Winter Fest ideas welcome.** Glad the city is funding local organizers again. *Sample letter, Charlie Lake*

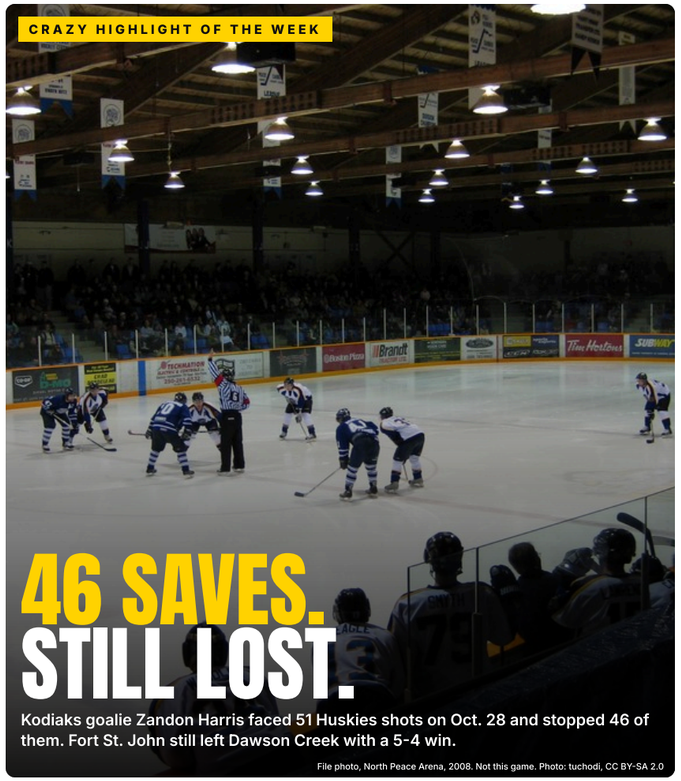


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### HAVE YOUR SAY

Letters under 200 words, with your name and community. Letters are not being collected.

CRAZY HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK



# 46 SAVES. STILL LOST.

Kodiaks goalie Zandon Harris faced 51 Huskies shots on Oct. 28 and stopped 46 of them. Fort St. John still left Dawson Creek with a 5-4 win.

File photo, North Peace Arena, 2008. Not this game. Photo: tuchodi, CC BY-SA 2.0

BOX SCORE · NWJHL · WED. OCT. 28 · OVINTIV EVENTS CENTRE

| HUSKIES | 5 | FINAL | 4 | KODIAKS |
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| | FSJ | DC |
|---|---|---|
| Shots | 51 | 24 |
| After 2 periods | 4 | 3 |
| Third period | 1 | 1 |

FSJ Grayden Alexander 1G 1A, Nic Gordon 1G 1A, Xavier Burgher 2A
DC William Tymchuk, Bryce Ganson and Jaxon Bouchard 1G 1A each
Goal DC Zandon Harris 46 saves on 51 shots

*Source: CJDC-TV, Oct. 29, 2026. Huskies goalie for this game not listed in the report.*

## NWJHL NORTH DIVISION

| Team | GP | W-L-OTL | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|
| La Crete Lumber Barons | 12 | 11-1-0 | 22 |
| **Fort St. John Huskies** | 14 | 6-5-3 | 15 |
| Fairview Flyers | 11 | 5-5-1 | 11 |
| Dawson Creek Kodiaks | 9 | 2-7-0 | 4 |

*Source: EliteProspects, before the Oct. 28 game. CJDC-TV reports the Huskies now have 17 points in 15 games and the Kodiaks 4 points in 10. South leader: Grande Prairie Wheat Kings, 13-0, 26 points.*

**5**
HUSKIES LEAGUE TITLES SINCE 2018

**51**
HUSKIES SHOTS ON OCT. 28

FORT ST. JOHN HUSKIES · NWJHL

## THE PUPS ARE ROLLING AGAIN

After opening the season on a five-game slide, the Huskies won six straight. The best of the run came Oct. 16 at North Peace Arena. Down 3-1 to Dawson Creek midway through the first, they scored six unanswered goals and won 9-5. Captain Grayden Alexander and Xavier Burgher scored twice each.

Two nights earlier Sam Watson won it 3-2 in overtime over Fairview as the Huskies outshot the Flyers 42-18. Fairview ended the streak Oct. 18 with a 5-4 shootout win.

### RECENT HUSKIES RESULTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Oct. 28 | at Dawson Creek | W 5-4 |
| Oct. 24 or 25 | vs Beaverlodge | L 6-5 |
| Oct. 18 | at Fairview | L 5-4 SO |
| Oct. 16 | vs Dawson Creek | W 9-5 |
| Oct. 14 | vs Fairview | W 3-2 OT |
| Oct. 4 | at Slave Lake | W 8-3 |

*Beaverlodge result from EliteProspects only, date not confirmed by a second source.*

### NEXT UP

**Fri. Nov. 6** at Grande Prairie Wheat Kings, the league's only unbeaten team
**Dec. 12** NWJHL All-Star Game, Sexsmith
Home dates at North Peace Arena: scan for the team schedule.

*Sources: Energeticcity.ca (Oct. 19, 2026), CJDC-TV (Oct. 29, 2026), EliteProspects. Rewritten summaries.*

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FORT ST. JOHN FLYERS · NPHL

## SENIOR FLYERS SIT OUT THIS SEASON

The Flyers asked for and got a one-year leave from the North Peace Hockey League for 2026-27. Club president Paul van Nostrand said the club could not secure enough capable, committed players. The club plans to return for 2027-28 and the NPHL plays on with eight teams.

*Sources: CJDC-TV (Oct. 8, 2026), Energeticity.ca.*

## AROUND THE PEACE

**Canucks 4-0.** Dawson Creek stays perfect in the NPHL after a 3-2 overtime win in Valleyview. Aiden Craig-Steele scored unassisted 18 seconds into overtime. Next: Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Manning Comets.

**How they got there.** Home opener 8-2 over High Prairie with a Kris Desjarlais hat trick. At Fox Creek they were outshot 52-33 but won 4-3 as Nathan Proulx made 49 saves.

**Kodiaks fall.** Dawson Creek's junior club lost 5-1 to Fairview earlier and went 0-for-14 on the power play. Goalie Zandon Harris later made 46 saves in the 5-4 loss to Fort St. John.

**Senior Flyers.** Fort St. John's NPHL club is sitting out 2026-27 after asking for a one-year leave. The league plays on with eight teams. The club plans to return in 2027-28.

*Sources: CJDC-TV (Oct. 8, Oct. 18, Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, 2026). Rewritten.*

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## STAR TURNS

**Kris Desjarlais** hat trick plus an assist in the 8-2 home opener. Dawson Creek outshot High Prairie 55-27.

**Nathan Proulx** 49 saves on 52 shots at Fox Creek, named first star, then 27 of 29 in Valleyview. He has been the backbone of the 4-0 start.

**Aiden Craig-Steele** OT winner 18 seconds into extra time Oct. 31, the second straight overtime win.

**Alex Hanson and Branden Rowley** each had a goal and an assist in Valleyview. Hanson opened the scoring. Rowley answered after the Jets tied it.

Next road test is Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Manning Comets. A fifth straight win would keep Dawson Creek alone atop the early NPHL table.

*Source: CJDC-TV (Oct. 18, Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, 2026).*

DAWSON CREEK CANUCKS · NPHL

# PERFECT START: CANUCKS 4-0

Dawson Creek has not lost yet. On Saturday in Valleyview, Alex Hanson scored first and Branden Rowley added a second-period goal, but the Jets tied it twice. Aiden Craig-Steele ended it unassisted 18 seconds into overtime. Nathan Proulx stopped 27 of 29 shots. Hanson and Rowley each had a goal and an assist. Next: Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Manning Comets.

*Source: CJDC-TV, Michael Popove (Nov. 2, 2026). Rewritten.*

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### SEASON SO FAR · 4-0 · 8 PTS

Oct. 17 vs High Prairie **W 8-2** (Desjarlais hat trick) · Oct. 24 at Fox Creek **W 4-3** (Proulx 49 saves) · Oct. 29 vs Grande Prairie **W, OT** · Oct. 31 at Valleyview **W 3-2 OT**

## KODIAKS WATCH · NWJHL

Dawson Creek's junior club sits last in the North at 4 points through 10 games after the 5-4 loss to Fort St. John. Goalie Zandon Harris made 46 saves in that game. Earlier the Kodiaks lost 5-1 to Fairview and went 0-for-14 on the power play.

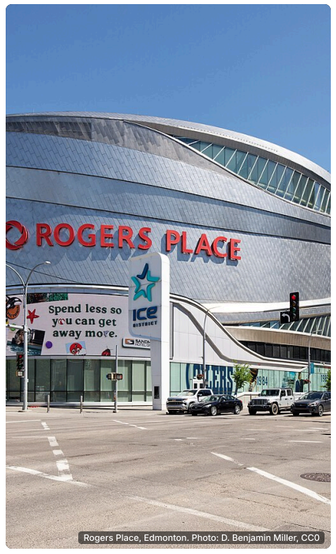
**4** POINTS
**10** GP
**46** HARRIS SAVES

*Sources: CJDC-TV (Oct. 29, 2026), EliteProspects.*

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NHL

# NHL: OILERS AND CANUCKS




Rogers Place, Edmonton. Photo: D. Benjamin Miller, CCO

### McDAVID'S RUN

McDavid stretched his NHL-record season-opening assist streak, per NHL.com. The clubs meet Saturday at Rogers Place. Times are Fort St. John time.

### OILERS · 11-2-3 · 25 PTS

1ST PACIFIC · TOP OF THE WEST

**Recent:** Nov. 3 at New Jersey **L 3-4 SO** · Nov. 1 at NY Rangers **W 4-1** · Oct. 31 at Islanders **W 4-0** · Oct. 28 vs Calgary **W 4-0** · Oct. 26 vs Detroit **L 3-4 SO**

**Leaders:** Connor McDavid 40 pts (9G, 31A), points in all 16 games · Leon Draisaitl 29 pts, team-high 13 goals · Evan Bouchard 28 pts from the blue line

**16** McDAVID POINT STREAK
**7-0-1** ROAD RECORD

Edmonton is rolling at home and on the road. McDavid's assist streak is the NHL story of the month. Peace fans will catch the Vancouver visit Saturday night at Rogers Place.

Stuart Skinner has stacked shutouts into the early run. Depth scoring from Ryan Nugent-Hopkins and Zach Hyman keeps the attack honest when McDavid draws two defenders. The Pacific lead is real, but a back-to-back week with Anaheim and Vancouver will test the bench.

#### NEXT · FSJ TIME

Thu Nov. 5 vs Anaheim, 6 p.m.
Sat Nov. 7 vs Vancouver, 8 p.m.
Mon Nov. 9 vs Rangers, 6 p.m.

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### CANUCKS · 3-13-1 · 7 PTS

8TH PACIFIC · LOST 3 STRAIGHT

**Recent:** Nov. 3 vs Anaheim **L 4-5** · Oct. 31 vs Toronto **L 2-4** · Oct. 29 at San Jose **L 2-3** · Oct. 27 at Anaheim **W 6-5 OT** · Oct. 25 vs Minnesota **L 2-4**

**Leaders:** Elias Pettersson 18 pts · Brock Boeser 14 pts · Jonathan Lekkerimäki team-high 6 goals. Jake DeBrusk scored twice in the third Nov. 3 in a rally that fell short.

**1-12-1** LAST 14 GAMES
**2** DeBRUSK 3RD-PERIOD GOALS

Vancouver is searching for answers after another late collapse. Saturday in Edmonton is a measuring stick against the Pacific leaders, and a chance for Peace fans to pick a side.

Special teams and third-period leads keep slipping away. Pettersson needs help on the top line, and the blue line still leaks odd-man rushes. A win in Edmonton would not fix the standings overnight, but it would quiet the panic for a week.

#### NEXT · FSJ TIME

Thu Nov. 5 at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.
Sat Nov. 7 at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Mon Nov. 9 vs Flyers, 7:30 p.m.

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*Sources: NHL.com, ESPN, Sportsnet (retrieved Nov. 4–5, 2026). Standings may drift after press time.*