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Upgrades Include Resource Centre at Dawson Creek Office

DAWSON CREEK — The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) Dawson Creek office has undergone upgrades, including installation of a display, to transform the lobby into a Resource Centre where residents, stakeholders and industry can learn about the history of the oil and gas industry and related developments taking place in northeast B.C.

The office was temporarily closed for renovations, and is now re-opened to the public.

The Resource Centre is an educational, visual experience detailing the history, development and regulation of B.C.'s oil and gas industry. Features of the exhibit include a well-casing model detailing the cement and actual casings used in drilling, and a display of core samples. There are also three audio-visual touch screens embedded into the display showing a First Nations elder's perspective on oil and gas development, a drilling demonstration and a horizontal shale gas drilling video.

The display helps fulfill the Commission's mandate to undertake programs of education and communication to advance safe and efficient practices. The Commission is dedicated to maintaining a strong presence in northeast B.C. and contributes to the communities in which it works and operates.

Photographs of the Resource Centre can be viewed here.

Quotes

Paul Jeakins, Chief Operating Officer, BC Oil and Gas Commission

"The BC Oil and Gas Commission believes in supporting and investing in the communities it works in – and the Dawson Creek Resource Centre is a shining example of that commitment."

Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and Peace River South MLA "It's important to have the BC Oil and Gas Commission's presence here in Dawson Creek and this Resource Centre serves as a great opportunity for people to learn more about British Columbia's oil and gas industry."

Mike Bernier, Mayor of Dawson Creek

"With the continued expansion of the oil and gas industry in the South Peace, this is a great addition for Dawson Creek in the ongoing efforts of gathering and sharing information for our citizens.".

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