



Discover Clearwater



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IMAGINE a place...

... where you can step out your backdoor with your coffee, and within minutes, be **walking in a forest or sitting on the beach**. Where you can take a break from weekend chores and go **skiing at the ski hill** down the street. Where, on a hot summer evening, you can go for a **canoe on the lake or a kayak in the river** without even leaving town. Where you can drop your blanket on the grass for **music in the park**, where your kids can be part of the team and where you don't have to get up at 4am for ice time. This place is **Clearwater, BC** and we call it **home**.

In the center of town is **Dutch Lake**, an often mirror calm jewel that both locals and visitors alike enjoy for its swimming, fishing and watersports. **The Raft, Clearwater and North Thompson rivers** come together here in the traditional territory of the Simpcw people, with iconic **Raft Peak** and the alpine meadows of **Trophy Mountains** framing out an impressive picture.

Clearwater has several recreation facilities as well as **biking, hiking and skiing, healthy living programs, and a transit system**. A long list of volunteer, arts, and community groups will keep you as social and as busy as you desire.

Clearwater is also the gateway to world famous **Wells Gray Provincial Park**, a vast wilderness full of outdoor adventure and spectacular scenery.

This summer, Love Where You Live and enjoy what Clearwater has to offer.

We live in a beautiful part of this world with an amazing backyard to explore. There is a little bit for everyone and enough space to roam freely.

Enjoy this summer at home and be surprised at what Clearwater has to offer.



Your Mayor Merlin Blackwell



Community Parks & Trails

DRAGONFLY SPLASH PARK

Located behind the Buy Low Shopping Mall. Its natural setting, large playfield with playground equipment, swings, picnic tables and Splash Park make it a great spot for playdates, get togethers, and outdoor birthday parties. A walking trail connects the park to the Weyerhaeuser Subdivision.

MCMAHON PARK

This park is located along Clearwater Village Road right by the river. The two picnic tables invite to a scenic picnic or just a place to rest during a walk, or to have a tailgate get-together.

WYNDHAVEN PARK

Located approximately 1km north of the Wells Gray Information Centre just off Clearwater Valley Road on Wyndhaven Drive. This neighbourhood park hosts a playground area, large playing field and offers access to walking trails.

CHAD PARK

Located across from the Clearwater Fire Hall on Clearwater Village Road. This park was established in memory of fallen Volunteer Firefighter Chad Schapansky and offers a sitting area with a great view of Raft Peak.

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DUTCH LAKE BEACH

Located on Old North Thompson Highway right in the middle of Clearwater, this park is a jewel. The 10.5 acres shoreline park offers a beach house, picnic shelter and swimming wharf. Popular activities include swimming, picnicking, canoeing, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, and outdoor birthday parties. In the winter it is extensively used for ice fishing; the lake is stocked.

RAFT RIVER VIEWING PLATFORM

Located approximately 5km north of the Wells Gray Information Centre just off Highway #5. This park serves as a cultural icon to the Simpcw First Nations. Visitors enjoy watching the annual salmon run in late August and early September from the viewing platform. This is an ideal spot for a picnic.



REG SMALL PARK

Located on the Old North Thompson Highway by the river, home to the Cenotaph. This park offers you a nice spot for a picnic or a break.

CAPOSTINSKY BALL PARK

Located on Kurylowich Drive, this park has two full sized diamonds, grand stands, area for beer gardens and washrooms. It is open for Drop In Slo-Pitch on Wednesdays and Fridays. Gatherings of 50 people or more are prohibited and subject to change by the PHO restriction.

PARK RULES

Please follow posted rules.

- Stay home if sick
- Practice physical distancing
 - stay 6 feet / 2 metres from others
 - avoid gathering in groups
- Wash your hands frequently
- Use at own risk
- Smoking, vaping, and drinking is not allowed
- Use garbage cans
- No dogs
- Play structures are not sanitized



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Tailgating!

A great way to socialize while physically distancing is a tailgate coffee/tea meeting. Meet with your friends outside at a nice spot with enough space to park your vehicles, hang out on your tailgate and do not miss out on social interactions while being safe. Try it out!



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ROTARY SPORTS PARK

Located on Murtle Crescent, across from the North Thompson Sportsplex, adjacent to the Ace Western Motel. This park has **four tennis courts (with pickle ball lines)**, a **skateboard park for BMX, scooters and skateboards** and a **basketball court**. Just show up and play! Washroom are open down to dusk.





Walk to the Wells Gray Community Forest trail... Enjoy a walk along Park Drive from the Roundabout to the Hospital Rim Trail. Make sure to check out the view of the flats and admire the painted rocks along the way.



Walk the Hospital Rim Trail and enjoy the view of the river. Park at the old hospital on Park Drive and find the trail head. The short walk through trees reveals a stunning view of the river and benches invite for a break. There are geocaches along the way and the trail pops out just behind Evergreen Acres.

Connect from Wyndhaven to grocery shopping... The new multi-use trail connects the subdivision to the Buylow Mall, Medical Centre, Library and other amenities.



Hike the River trail... Park your vehicle at the end of Dutch Lake Road (turn left at stop sign off Dutch Lake Road and park in the graveled lot just past the cul-de-sac) and take the trail along the river. You will come across beautiful beaches and if you continue the hike, after approximately 7km you will reach Triple Decker Falls. Continue on the hiking trail just below Triple Decker and end up at First Canyon (Wells Gray Park). Refer to the map on Page 8.

WALK

ENJOY

CANOE

CONNECT

DISCOVER

HIKE

BEACH

DRIVE

Walk the Ski hill... Park at the Clearwater Ski Lodge and hike to the top of the ski hill. Be rewarded by the view of Clearwater. You can even see Dutch Lake!

Enjoy a match of tennis, play pickle ball or enjoy some one on one basketball at the Rotary Sports Park. Refer to Page 3.



Admire Lone Tree Island in Dutch Lake... Take a paddle board, canoe or kayak and visit the lonely tree on the island in Dutch Lake. Don't forget to paddle around Turtle Island and with luck, you will see the Painted Turtles sunbathing.

Discover the trails up Road 1 across from the Eco Depot... Plenty of space for a walk, a run or a hike (watch for vehicle traffic). Be aware of wildlife.

Get your steps in on the school field... either fields located at Clearwater Secondary, Raft River Elementary, or Dutch Lake Community Centre.

Enjoy a peaceful moment at the lake... In the morning, before the first beach goers arrive, sit at the end of the dock at Dutch Lake and relax your mind and body.

Raft Mountain viewing spot... Drive up to the parking lot and enjoy the view of the valley.



We love where we live and we hope you do, too. Anywhere you walk—please take your garbage out, be respectful of others, be aware of wildlife even in town and respect nature. Follow posted etiquette where applicable and use common sense so the next person gets to enjoy our community just as you have.

Try something new: Geocaching!

What is Geocaching?

Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location.

What are the rules?

If you take something from the geocache, leave something of equal or greater value. Log cache logbook and log your find online www.geocaching.com.

What do I need to geocache?

The only necessities are a GPS device or a **GPS-enabled mobile phone** (so that you can navigate to the cache), the app downloaded on your phone and an account on geocache.com. You have the option to create a free account which is sufficient to try if geocaching is for you.

There are lots of great caches around Clearwater, some require a walk or hike, others are easy to reach by car. The app will show the location of the caches, a short description and sometimes even give you a hint. Some caches are tupperware containers containing tradable items, other caches are hidden in logs or rocks or hanging in trees. There is no limit to the imagination of some cache owners.



Please be respectful of the caches and return everything the way you found it. Do not move or take the cache. When trying to find a cache, beware of 'muggles', and avoid to have the cache 'mugged' (discovered by non-geocacher). When a cache has been "mugged", it usually means it was dismantled or removed by an unsuspecting non-player.

Why should I try it?

Geocaching lets you explore the area you thought you knew all over again. It gets you outside having fun while being active. Geocaching is for the entire family. You will be surprised by the creativity of some geocache hiders and you will look at logs and rock piles a different way. And who knows, you might like it that much that you'll start hiding caches around your favourite spots!

Source: geocaching.com



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Boat Launch

Located at the end of Lakeview Road.
Limited parking available.
Locals enjoy this spot to put in kayaks, paddle boards and canoes. Please respect posted rules.





Try this too! Disc Golf

WE HAVE TWO DISC GOLF COURSES IN CLEARWATER!

One course is on the ski hill, and the second location is at the Clearwater Secondary School —which is the only disc golf course in our school district! The CSS Disc Golf Course is open to all from dawn to dusk in the summer, and during the school year from 4:00pm until dusk. Courses are free; there is no supervision; and players need to bring their own discs. Discs can be rented at the Bigfoot Trading Co.

Course Etiquette

- Whatever you take in, you take out.
- Trees, including branches, are part of the course; do not break or remove any vegetation.
- Forest fires are a serious concern in the dry season, so use extreme care while you are on the course.
- If a group of players is faster than your group, let them go ahead of you.
- If there is a group behind you, clear the basket area ASAP after you finish your putt.
- Make sure that everyone within striking distance is aware that you are throwing, so nobody gets hurt.
- In a nutshell, be respectful and considerate of other course users.

Rules

1. The game of disc golf must be fun and enjoyable and safe (all others rules can be bent to respect rule #1)
2. Tee throws must be completed within the designated tee areas.
3. After teeing off, the player whose disc is farthest from the hole always throws first. The player with the fewest strokes on the previous hole is first to tee off.
4. Fairway throws must be made with the foot closest to the hole on the spot where the last throw came to rest. The other foot may be no closer to the hole than the foot on this lie.
5. A run-up and normal follow-through, after the release, are allowed more than 10 meters from the hole. Inside 10 meters, a player may not step past his/her lie.
6. "Falling" or "jumping" putts are not allowed inside 10 meters.
7. A disc that comes to rest inside the Disc Pole Hole® basket or chains constitutes successful completion of that hole. A disc that comes to rest on top of the pole does NOT constitute a successful putt.
8. A disc that comes to rest more than 2 meters above the ground is considered unplayable. The disc must be thrown from the ground directly below the disc. 1 stroke penalty.
9. A throw that lands out-of-bounds must be played from the point where the disc went out-of-bounds. 1 stroke penalty is incurred. Out of bounds are indicated on the map.
10. Never throw until the players ahead of you are out of range, and until the fairway is completely clear of spectators and park guests.

Source: <https://clearwaterskihill.com/wp/disc-golf-rules/>

Wildlife!

Be aware that even within the District of Clearwater boundaries you may encounter wildlife such as deers, bears, etc. and inform yourself about how to avoid or deal with an encounter. Head to wildsafebc.com to learn more.

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Wells Gray Outdoors Club



Family friendly
easy trails near
the parking lots

SUMMER

Hiking and Mountain Bike Trails

Candle Creek has an established hiking and mountain biking trail network of 22 km. The network offers a full range—from green family friendly riding to a few black downhill trails. Many of the trails are rideable in both directions creating the opportunity for different loop options. For shuttle access to the top of the network use Road 9 and Road 90.

Green Difficulty = 7.3 km

Blue Difficulty = 12 km

Black Difficulty = 3 km

Trails are accessible from either:

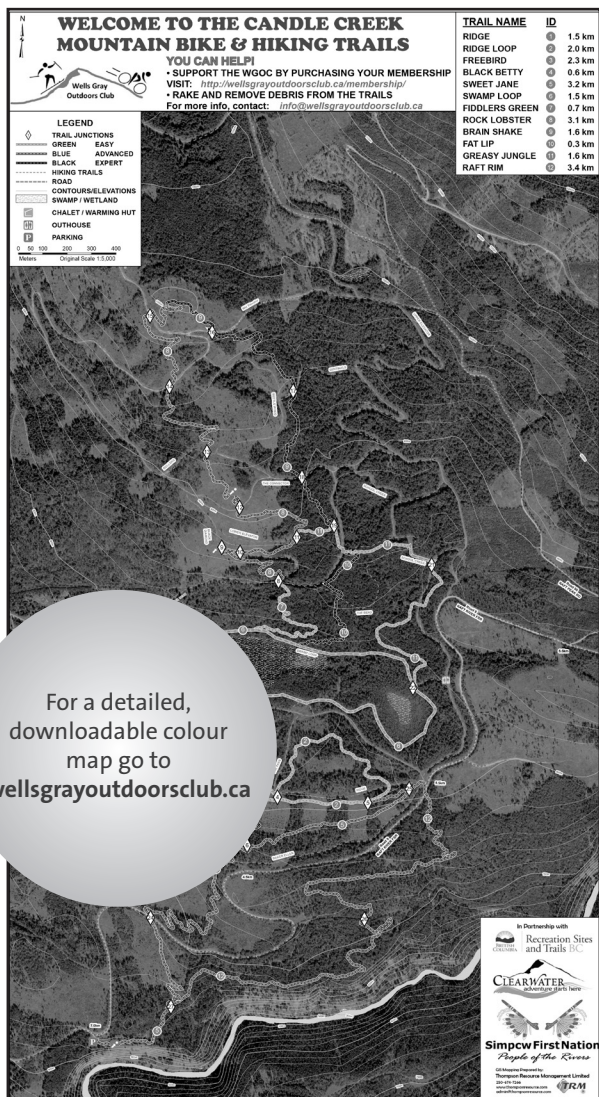
1. The Candle Creek parking lot at the end of Barber Road; travel north on Highway 5 about 2 km past the Info Centre or Dairy Queen, then turn left onto Candle Creek Road. Follow this up for 2 km and turn right on Barber Road. The parking lot is right at the end of Barber Road.

OR

2. The Raft Canyon Rim viewpoint at the bottom of the network at 2 km Road 9. Travel north of Clearwater about 4 km, turn left at Wadleggers Mill.

Visitors are always very welcome. There is a \$10 trail donation required per visit which goes towards our trail building costs, payable at the 'honour-boxes' at the trailhead, by email transfer to: payments@wellsgrayoutdoorsclub.ca or via Paypal. Consider becoming a member to have unlimited trail access.

Trails are user maintained and the Club is always looking for volunteers to help with maintenance. This year, the Club is expanding the network with an easy green trail connecting the Raft viewpoint parking lot to the Candle Creek parking lot, a downhill shuttle trail from the top of the network and is also developing a simple campground with RSTBC in the future at the Raft viewpoint.



For a detailed,
downloadable colour
map go to
wellsgrayoutdoorsclub.ca



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Wells Gray Outdoors Club

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WINTER

Explore the 28km of gorgeous groomed classic and skate ski trails once the snow flies! For more info, check out the website.



Explore Local

Tourism Wells Gray's Executive Director, Stephanie Molina, gives her take on some family friendly adventures as well as off-the-beaten sights for the more adventurous hiker.

FAMILY FRIENDLY ADVENTURES

Clearwater is an ideal place to find easy family and budget friendly adventures that delight parents and child alike. World-class scenery and vacation worthy experiences are just in our backyard here in Clearwater. This is a place where adventure begins and is also the gateway to one of B.C.'s largest natural and protected areas, Wells Gray Provincial Park.

Looking for family friendly adventures that you and the kids will talk and reminisce about for years to come?

Consider experiencing Clearwater like a visitor and be a tourist in your own town. Did you know that many of the rafting companies in town offer family friendly float trips down either the Clearwater or North Thompson Rivers? Grab the family and hop on a raft to cool off on a hot summer and navigate these expansive and historic rivers. The easy float is relaxing and exhilarating—giving you a chance to enjoy Clearwater from an entirely different perspective, while watching birds overhead and wildlife on the bank.

Swap your neighborhood bike ride for a trip to the **Candle Creek Trail System** in Clearwater that is managed by the Wells Gray Outdoors Club. Located in town, this network of mountain biking trails offers something for everyone in your family. For those new to mountain biking, the green trails offer easy and fun rides through lush old-growth forests. 'Fiddler's Green' is an excellent first trail for new bikers. "Greasy Jungle", another green trail provides a little more excitement and rollercoaster like fun as you weave through the forest. A warming-hut and picnic tables by the parking lot make a great spot for refueling and taking a break.

For a new twist on your visit to **Dutch Lake** this summer, consider stopping first at the **Clearwater Fish Hatchery** to learn about how B.C.'s lakes are restocked with fish and try your hand at fishing.

A lesser known, but a great easy option for families with some hiking experiences is the **West Lake Loop** is located in the upper corridor of Wells Gray Park. This mostly flat 6 km loop trail offers the chance to see salmon jumping at Bailey's Chute, walk through cathedral-like ancient rainforests and enjoy wide rocky beaches at Marcus and Myanth Falls later in the summer (two of 41 named waterfalls in the Park).

For more information or for maps, please visit the Wells Gray Park Visitor Information Centre.



OFF-THE-BEATEN-PATH ADVENTURES

There are many hidden gems in Canada's "Waterfall Park". Road 80, or the access point for **Trophy Mountain** on the Wells Gray Park Road (Clearwater Valley Road) has several world-class hikes that make it a must-do for anyone who enjoys driving down dirt roads in search of their next big adventure. Trophy Mountain Meadows are Canada's largest sub-Alpine flower meadow and a featured and favourite hike for locals and tourists alike. Along the well-travelled access to Trophy Mountain, is a hidden gem of a waterfall called **Silvertip Falls**. This waterfall is a gorgeous cascading waterfall that is the tallest waterfall in Wells Gray Park that is not a continuous drop. For access to Silvertip Falls, stay right on Road 80 at fork in the Road for Trophy Mountain access. Continue on to the Silvertip Falls Recreation Site. This short hike meanders along a creek and achieves modest elevation alongside the creek and over roots and rocks. Sturdy footwear is recommended.

For a truly spectacular view of the amazing community and town that we live in, see Clearwater from the top of **Raft Peak**—the uniquely pointed mountain peak that is a defining feature for Clearwater. This peak towers over town at 2,450m or 8,038ft. The Overlanders expedition to the Cariboo goldfields rafted down the North Thompson River in 1862. When they arrived at the mouth of the Clearwater River, they noticed this prominent peak and named it for their rafts. Following a drive up Forest Service Road Nine, you can follow signs for the Raft Peak Trail. Proficient hikers can complete the steep 3km hike to the mountain summit within about 1.5 hours (one-way). Those visiting in August can catch the spectacular rainbow coloured flowers of the second Alpine flower bloom. Once you arrive carefully at the ridge and summit, you will be rewarded with stunning views of town of Clearwater below as well as to views of the Trophy Mountains and Dunn Peak, which also form part of the Shuswap Highland.

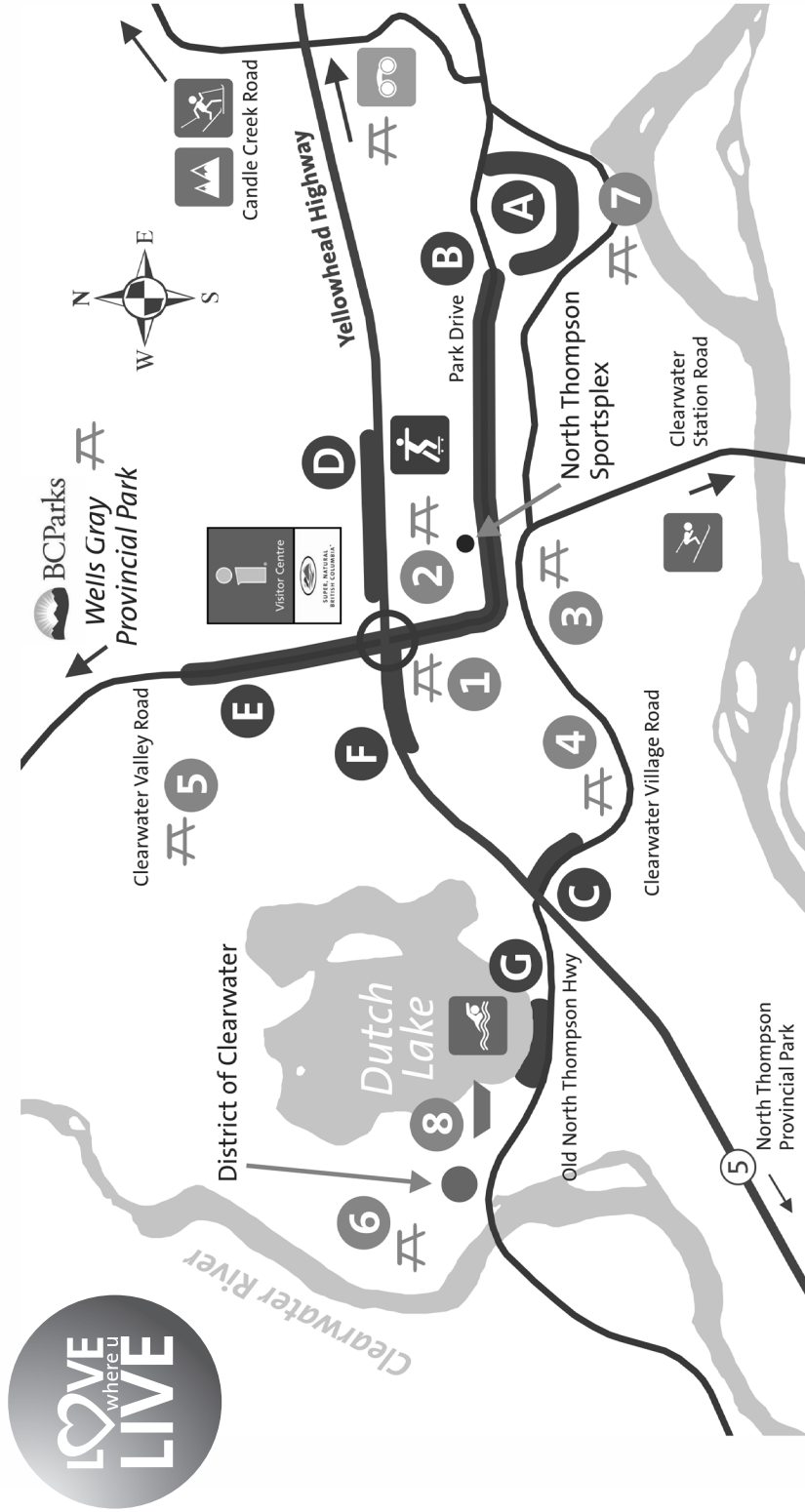
For a detailed map and directions, stop at the Wells Gray Park Information Centre.

Remember to
adventure smart,
and adventure safely.



District of Clearwater Trails & Parks

DOC Trails Committee is a volunteer group using grant money to establish walking paths in Clearwater. For more info: districtofclearwater.com



- Cross Country Skiing
- Ski Hill
- Lookout
- Skate Park
- Swimming
- Mountain Biking
- Park | Playground
- Boat Launch

- A** Hospital Loop
- B** Wells Gray Community Forest Trail (bike & walk)
- C** Multi-Purpose Trail
- D** Eden Road Trail
- E** Wyndhaven to Roundabout path
- F** Path connecting Weyerhaeuser to Shopping Centre
- G** Wheelchair & Stroller Access Trail to Dutch Lake Beach

- 1** Weyerhaeuser Park / Splash Park
- 2** Rotary Sportspark
- 3** Capostinsky Ball Park
- 4** Chad Memorial park
- 5** Wyndhaven Park
- 6** Reg Small Park
- 7** McMahon Riverside Park
- 8** Boat Launch





Physical Distancing Measures, follow instructions.
 Do not enter building if you feel sick. Services available subject to change.

Welcome to the Dutch Lake Community Centre (DLCC)

SERVICES:

- Municipal Hall
- Motor Vehicle / ICBC
- Council Meetings in Council Chambers
- Community Recreation Healthy Living Program
- Wells Gray Community Forest
- Clearwater and District Chamber of Commerce
- Tourism Wells Gray
- Wells Gray Services Coordinator (TNRD Area A)
- TRU Satellite Campus
- Senior's Drop In Centre
- Clearwater Preschool
- Service Canada Outreach
- Ministry of Social Development —Trusted 3rd Party
- Literacy
- Food Security
- Early Years Programs and Services
- Indigenous Early Years Programs and Services

BUSINESS HOURS:

MUNICIPAL HALL
 Monday—Friday 8:30am—4:30pm

DLCC RECEPTION
 Monday—Thursday 8:30am—12:00pm & 1:00—4:30pm
 Fridays 8:30am—11:00am & 1:00—4:30pm
 Closed all weekends and statutory holidays.

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