

# CITY HALL TOURS

## Discover How the District Works

The District of Vanderhoof offers tours of the municipal hall and Council Chambers to learn the inner workings of Council proceedings and municipal operations. This is a perfect opportunity for school fields trips, groups who are new to town, or simply anyone interested in local government.

Tours are led by the Mayor and can be tailored to your group's special needs and interests. Each participant will receive a District of Vanderhoof goose pin!

### About the Tour

The Group will be led to assemble in Council Chambers where they will have the opportunity to meet the Mayor and participate in a Q&A or a short presentation from representatives of one or more District departments.

Tours run approximately 30-45 minutes and are led by the Mayor and Corporate Staff. Organizers and group leaders may choose up to three (3) presentations or activities (see below). Each presentation runs between 5-10 minutes and includes a Q&A.

Tours will visit active areas of City Hall, so participants are asked to be respectful of staff and patrons who are working and conducting business.

*Please note tours are booked based on the availability of the Council Chamber and Mayor/Staff schedules within City Hall. Due to meetings and other events availability may change.*

### Presentations & Activities

Each tour group can choose up to three (3) presentations or activities:

- 1. Legislative Services** - The Legislative Services presentation highlights the function of municipal government and the importance of active citizenship. Presenters provide information on how council meetings are run, how decisions are made, and the voting process.
- 2. Community Partnerships / Events** - This presentation is full of fun facts and history about Vanderhoof as well as information about the programs offered through our Community Partners and the events happening in our community.
- 3. First Nations** - Find out why the District of Vanderhoof flies the Saik'uz First Nation flag outside of City Hall and learn about the relationship between the District of Vanderhoof and the Saik'uz First Nation and the initiatives we are working on together.
- 4. If I Were Mayor** - Students take turns sitting in the Mayor's Council Chambers Chair and promote one idea that they would carry out as Mayor.
- 5. Mock Council Meeting** - Group fills the elected official and staff roles, selects topics of meeting and proceeds through a council meeting.
- 6. Current Events** - This activity provides students an opportunity to get a brief overview or update on topics of interest that have been discussed during recent council meetings. The activity is followed by a Q&A.

### Contact Us

Call 250 567 4711 or email [corporate@district.vanderhoof.ca](mailto:corporate@district.vanderhoof.ca)

If a group would like to try a specific activity or cover a specific topic, please include the information in your request. District Staff will work with organizers to customize the tour.