



City councillors Mitch Vik, Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, Martin Runge, and Quesnel School District Trustee Julie-Anne Runge joined members of the Quesnel Pride Society including Karen Edwards, Kassondra Schwab, Ashley Rodgers, Ellen Facey and Emily Ingram, to christen the new rainbow crosswalk installed in downtown Quesnel. The crosswalk was installed with funds donated by RBC and will be maintained by the City of Quesnel. (Cassidy Dankochik Photo - Quesnel Cariboo Observer)

Quesnel installs crosswalk, raises flag at LeBourdais to mark beginning pride month

The crosswalk was installed by the city after the pride society received a \$3,000 grant

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Pedestrians in Quesnel are getting a splash of colour in downtown Quesnel.

A pride crosswalk was installed on the intersection of Reid Street and St. Laurent Avenue. The crosswalk was made possible after The Quesnel Pride Society received a \$3,000 grant from RBC. The city of Quesnel is also lending support by maintaining the crosswalk.

City councillors, school board trustees, and Quesnel Pride Society members were at the intersection to celebrate the installation on May 30.

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“It’s important for a small community, for LGBTQ+ members to be represented, celebrated and see themselves respected,” Pride Society member Karen Edwards said.

“Especially in a place where you might not have the ability otherwise.”

The crosswalk was installed just in time for pride month in June. While events have been put on hold because of COVID-19 health rules, the pride society was on hand at LeBourdais park.



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The Quesnel Pride Society is very excited to announce that the Pride flag will fly for the whole month of June, except on National Indigenous Peoples Day! We are happy to have worked with the City of Quesnel to provide this month-long flag celebration since we are still navigating covid restrictions. The Pride flag will be flown at half-mast in honour and respect to the 215 Indigenous children who did not survive the residential school in Kamloops. Our hearts are mourn... [See More](#)

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The pride flag will be flying inside the park for the entire month. It will be flown at half mast to honour the 215 children found in unmarked graves at a former residential school in Kamloops.

Candidates from the Quesnel Ambassador Leadership Program and Mayor Bob Simpson were on hand to help raise the flag.

The pride society has been running programming when allowed throughout the pandemic out of their space in the West Park Mall.

Further installations are planned for the intersection, which is near the newly finished Spirit Square downtown.

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