

# Fatal shooting at Site C presentation in Dawson Creek

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DAWSON CREEK – A BC Hydro Site C open house in Dawson Creek turned deadly Thursday night when an unidentified male was shot by an RCMP officer outside Fixx Urban Grill.

According to an RCMP press release, at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Thursday July 16 Dawson Creek RCMP responded to calls of a disturbance at the open house at the restaurant in the 500 block of Highway #2.

RCMP were told that a male was causing a disturbance and damaging property.

When police arrived at the scene, they found a masked individual outside the building whom the release states is “believed to be connected to the event”, and although police officers on scene attempted to de-escalate the situation, “a confrontation occurred and the individual was shot.”

The male suspect was then transported to hospital, and is now deceased.

It is not clear if the suspect succumbed to his injuries at the scene of the shooting or later at the hospital.

No members of the public or other officers were injured during the incident.

The BC Independent Investigations Office (IIO) has been deployed to investigate the occurrence, and took jurisdiction of the case on Thursday night, according to Cpl. Dave Tyreman of the North District RCMP.

IIO resources will include a Team Director, several investigators and a Forensic Specialist. In addition to analyzing the scene, the team will be locating witnesses and securing video from the area.

RCMP and IIO press releases have both stated that no further comment will be available until the IIO takes control of the scene.

No comment will be made in regards to number, gender or years of service of any of

the officers involved.

RCMP North District Major Crime is overseeing the investigation into the initial disturbance call.

“The question is, is this person linked to the original disturbance call? We don’t know that at this time. For all we know it could be two separate individuals,” Tyreman told Northeast News on Friday morning.

He did make clear however that once IIO secures the scene sometime on Friday, RCMP will be stepping back from the investigation.

RCMP will be providing no further comment.

Any witnesses or anyone with any information is asked to contact the IIO toll-free information line at 1-855-446-8477 (TIPS).

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