

Fire Truck Replacement

Grand Forks Fire Rescue is due for replacement of their 1992 E-One Superior 50 foot Aerial Ladder Truck. The Ladder Truck is 20 years old and is due for replacement in 2013 as it is ending its service life. In a consultant's report from 2011, the recommendation is to replace it with a 100 foot platform ladder truck.

There are many reasons for the need to replace the existing ladder truck with a 100 foot platform truck. There are a growing number of seniors residing in many apartments in the community. The platform ladder truck will increase accessibility and safety in rescue operations in the event of fire in these facilities. The new Silver Kettle assisted living complex that is being constructed has a large overall footprint. The 100 foot reach of the platform is necessary for rescue and firefighting operations to be performed safely and efficiently. Industry in the community is expanding and must be encouraged to continue. Having the ability to protect their investment and reduce the risk of loss supports investment and attracts other industry to the community.

The Fire Underwriters insurance grade rating requires a front line pumper (meaning a fire engine with a rated pump, to be 15 years old or newer) within an 8 km response area to respond to first alarms. If the age of the pumper is beyond 15 years, the insurance grade rating for the municipality may be lowered. A result of a lower grade rating would be increased fire insurance costs.

The current front line pumper at the City Fire Hall will be 15 years old next year. The new ladder truck purchase would satisfy this requirement and allow the extended use of the current front line pumper to be used as a reserve pumper until the age of 20 years. The purchase of a fire engine is a long term investment. When a fire engine is purchased it is with the needs of the community in mind for the next 20 years.

The purchase of a 100 foot platform ladder truck will ensure sufficient protection while enhancing growth in the community for the next two decades.



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR THE BALANCE 2012

Monday, June 11th, 2012	Tuesday, October 9th, 2012
Monday, June 25th, 2012	Monday October 22nd, 2012
Monday, July 23rd, 2012	Monday November 5th, 2012
Monday, August 20th, 2012	Monday November 19th, 2012
Tuesday, September 4th, 2012	Monday December 3rd, 2012
Monday, September 17th, 2012	Monday December 17th, 2012

Please note there is only one Regular Meeting in the months of July and August. All Regular Meetings of Council are held in Council Chambers at City Hall, beginning at 7:00pm, unless otherwise advertised.

Following is a listing of scheduled Primary Committee Meetings of Council for the City of Grand Forks for the year 2012.

Primary Committee Meetings are scheduled to follow the Regular Meeting of Council.

Monday June 25th, 2012	Monday October 22nd, 2012
Monday July 23rd, 2012	Monday November 19th, 2012
Monday August 20th, 2012	Monday December 17th, 2012
Monday September 17th, 2012	

WATER RESTRICTIONS ARE NOW IN PLACE

Sprinkling shall be restricted to the following days and times:
"EVEN" numbered civic addresses may sprinkle on "even" numbered days (02,04,06,etc)
"ODD" numbered civic addresses may sprinkle on "odd" numbered days (01,03,05,etc)

MANUAL SPRINKLERS
From 7:00 am until 9:00 am
And
From 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm

On the 31st day of any month:
MANUAL SPRINKLERS:
"ODD" numbered civic addresses may sprinkle in the mornings from:
From 7:00 am until 9:00 am
And "EVEN" numbered civic addresses may sprinkle in the evening from:
From 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm

Flower, vegetable gardens and newly planted lawns & landscapes may be hand watered at any time using a hand held nozzle. ie. No manual sprinklers.

AUTOMATIC TIMED UNDERGROUND SPRINKLERS
EITHER
From Midnight until 4:00 am
OR
From 7:00 am until 9:00 am
And
From 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm
BUT NOT BOTH

On the 31st day of any month:
AUTOMATIC TIMED UNDERGROUND SPRINKLERS:
EITHER
From Midnight until 4:00 AM
OR
"ODD" numbered civic addresses may sprinkle in the mornings from: 7:00AM to 9:00AM
"EVEN" numbered civic addresses may sprinkle in the evening from: 7:00PM to 9:00 PM
BUT NOT BOTH

FOR NEW PLANTED LAWNS AND LANDSCAPES FIRST MONTH ONLY
Newly planted lawns and landscapes may be sprinkled twice a day everyday from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM for the FIRST MONTH using either manual sprinklers or automatic timed underground sprinklers.
Automatic timed systems can be used to water up to 5 minutes per zone at a time, with total watering time NOT to exceed 4 hours.
Newly planted lawns and landscapes may be hand watered using a hand held nozzle at any time i.e. No manual sprinklers

City Parks and Cemetery will adhere to the same numbers of hours as residential water sprinkling.

This Schedule change Bylaw will be introduced by Council in May and will be effective June 1st, 2007. ALL previous sprinkling variances will be cancelled on May 31st, 2007.

The reason for the cancellation is that there is no way of effectively monitoring these variances without major expense to the City.

This will provide the same number of sprinkling hours for all taxpayers.

The City has authority to shut water off at the property line to those residents refusing to comply with sprinkling regulations.

Sprinkling will be monitored by Commissionaires.

The first offense will result in a warning letter.

The second offense will result in your water being shut off.

A reconnection fee of \$50.00 will be required before your water is reconnected.

Compostable Yard & Garden Waste Collection Dates For 2012

Once a month yard and garden waste will be collected for the months of March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, and November. This program is only available to City residents receiving curbside garbage collection.

North Side of Highway 3 between Riverside Drive and North Fork Road
(current Wednesday garbage pick up)

Yard & Garden pick up will be Mondays
July 2, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 22, Nov. 19

Ruckle Addition and Valley Heights
(current Tuesday garbage pick up)

Yard & Garden pick up will be Tuesdays
July 3, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 23, Nov. 20

South Side of Highway 3 between Riverside Drive and Spraggett Road
(current Thursday garbage pick up)

Yard & Garden pick up will be Fridays
July 6, August 17, Sept. 14, Oct. 26, Nov. 23

Kettle Valley Waste
1-877-447-9265

How Much and Type of Container

Three cans or bags or bundles. Can be any combination as long as it is a volume equal to three cans per month. Cans to be set out without the lid. If plastic bags are used, they must be clear and you must be able to see what is inside the bag. Waste will be picked up if it is in a regular garbage can (no lid), in a clear plastic bag, (or in the case of tree prunings) bundled.

Acceptable Yard and Garden Waste

Grass, lawn and hedge clippings, grass sod, flowers, weeds, leaves, vegetables, stalks, shrubs and tree branches less than three inches in diameter.



7th ANNUAL COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

COUNCIL POLICY: VOLUNTEER OF THE CITY

In the past, the City used to mail out invitation letters to organizations that generated volunteers, but this process was flawed due to the fact that many individuals and groups for which the City may be unaware, would not have received a much deserved invitation. In 2009, Council adopted a new policy that publicly announces the event as opposed to invitations to organizations.

POLICY:

Council may give recognition to a volunteer or a group of volunteers for service above and beyond of those generally performed in the Community."

POLICY PROCEDURE:

When Council is giving consideration to the recognition to an individual or group, it shall make its deliberations "in camera" and when a decision to give recognition has been made, it shall then be announced by the Mayor at the Annual Community Volunteer Recognition Evening.

CRITERIA:

- The individual or group should be honoured for its volunteer work in the City of Grand Forks or for volunteer work that has had an impact on the City of Grand Forks;
- The individual or group should not have been paid or received any form of financial remuneration for the work or activity for which the volunteer is being considered;
- The individual or group should have made a significant commitment to the community to be considered for the recognition;
- There is substantial support from the Community through letters of recommendations outlining the volunteerism history and the impact on the community;
- A special volunteer recognition may be given after the passing of the individual;
- Prior to giving any recognition of volunteer of the year, the City must call for nominations publicly in a Regular Council Meeting and through the City's Newsletter.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:

At their Regular Meeting on June 25th, 2012, Council adopted the resolution that publicly announced this year's volunteer appreciation evening and the call for nominations. Individuals or groups may nominate another individual, group or organization by obtaining and completing the City of Grand Forks Nomination Form for Exceptional Volunteer Service.

The nomination forms are available at the front counter at City Hall and also via our City's website at: <http://www.city.grandforks.bc.ca/index.php/2012/06/26/call-for-nominations-for-volunteer-of-the-city/>. Returned, fully completed forms can be either dropped off in person, mailed to: City of Grand Forks, P.O. Box 220, Grand Forks, BC, V0H 1H0 or emailed to: info@grandforks.ca as a PDF format.

Completed forms must be returned to City Hall by 4:00 pm on August 24th, 2012.

THE EVENT:

This year's event is scheduled for:
Thursday, October 11th, 2012

**Grand Forks Art Gallery
(Heritage Courthouse) on Central Avenue 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Refreshments will be served.**

The Volunteer(s) who are the recipients for this year's Certificate of Merit will be honoured at the evening event. In addition, Mayor, Council and the City of Grand Forks are extending the invitation to attend the festivities to all of our community's volunteers to this year's recognition evening. Many of our community events and programs would not be possible if it weren't for those individuals and organizations who donate their selfless time, involvement and efforts through the year.



SMALL APPLIANCE & POWER TOOL RECYCLING PROGRAM

Recycle Your Small Electrical Appliances, Power Tools & More

ElectroRecycle gives British Columbians an environmentally friendly recycling alternative for a wide variety of household electrical products including small appliances, power tools, electric exercise equipment and sewing machines.

Products can be recycled for free at over 100 recycling drop-off locations across British Columbia.

Convenient

ElectroRecycle accepts more than 300 different types of small electrical appliances, power tools, and other household electrical products, including hand-held drills, sewing machines and treadmills. **For a full list of accepted products, visit www.electrorecycle.ca.**

Easy

The province-wide program makes it easy to recycle your small electrical appliances, power tools and other household electrical products. **Simply go to www.electrorecycle.ca to find a FREE drop-off location near you.**

Funding the Program

ElectroRecycle is a non-profit program funded by a recycling fee applied on the sale of new electrical products in B.C.

The fee covers all program costs, including collection, transportation and recycling, and may be included in a product's price or displayed as a separate charge at check-out.

Accepted Products

Product Category	Recycling Fee
Kitchen Countertop	
Motorized (e.g. Blender)	\$ 2.25
Heating (e.g. Toaster)	\$ 2.25
Coffee/Tea (e.g. Coffee maker)	\$ 2.00
Microwaves	
Large (1 cubic foot or larger)	\$10.00
Small (Less than 1 cubic foot)	\$ 7.50
Floor Cleaning	
Large (e.g. Carpet cleaner)	\$ 5.25
Small (e.g. Hand-held vacuum)	\$ 1.00
Power Tools	
Test & Measurement Tools (e.g. Laser level)	\$ 0.75
Hand-held (e.g. Hand-held drill)	\$ 1.25
Free-standing/Bench-top (e.g. Table saw)	\$ 2.75
Measurement	
Time (e.g. Clock)	\$ 0.75
Weight (e.g. Scale)	\$ 2.75
Garment Care (e.g. Iron)	\$ 1.00
Air Treatment (e.g. Air purifier)	\$ 2.25
Desk & Tabletop Fans	\$ 1.25
Personal Care (e.g. Hair dryer)	\$ 1.00
Sewing & Textile (e.g. Sewing machine)	\$ 2.75
Exercise Machines (e.g. Treadmill)	\$ 4.25
Leisure, Arts & Crafts Devices (e.g. Electric binoculars)	\$ 0.75
Very Small Items (e.g. Electric air fresheners)	\$ 0.25

Not all drop-off locations will be able to accept large products. Drop-off locations may differ based on size of product being recycled.

For more information or to find a **FREE** drop-off location near you, visit www.electrorecycle.ca or call the Recycling Council of B.C.'s Hotline at 1-800-667-4321, or 604-732-9253 in the Lower Mainland.



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