



GRAND FORKS COMMUNITY CIRCLES

Welcome to your Grand Forks Community Circles Kit, an interactive way to get engaged with your Official Community Plan (OCP). The City of Grand Forks is currently undergoing an OCP update, and we want to hear from you! We have included several different activities to get involved and give us your feedback, whether you only have 15 minutes or want to have a lively discussion around the dinner table. All opinions and ideas are welcome - so get involved in this once-in-a-generation opportunity to influence the future of Grand Forks!

In addition to updating the OCP, the City is taking on several other initiatives which will be rolling out in the following months. These other projects include:



The community will be engaged on these important projects and topics in the coming months either alongside the OCP Update project or separately. Stay tuned to City updates as it's sure to be a busy year!

WHAT IS AN OCP?

An Official Community Plan (OCP) is a long-term vision for a community. An OCP is the key plan for the future of the City of Grand Forks. An OCP is a series of policies and objectives that guide future decision-making of the City and has legal status as the highest-level plan in the City. The OCP sets forth the vision through policy and the Zoning Bylaw implements that vision through more detailed regulations on development and land use. A Zoning Bylaw regulates how land, buildings and other structures may be used. The Zoning Bylaw is the major implementation tool for the Official Community Plan.

HOW DOES ENGAGEMENT WORK DURING COVID-19?

COVID19 has had profound effects on our communities, the way we live, and the way we interact with others. It is also an opportunity to reflect on the type of community we want to live in and how we define resilience. Normally, gathering with others in our community provides the opportunity for lively discussion on important topics, and we understand this can be challenging during the Covid-19 pandemic. We encourage you to reach out to others while respecting social distancing rules, and this is a great time to take advantage of technology such as video conferencing, a phone chat, or even discussing within your social bubble during your favourite outdoor activity. Everyone who is connected to Grand Forks is encouraged to participate in this consultation process, and we ask that you please make sure to follow official health guidelines during this challenging time.

This Community Circles Kit provides you the opportunity to think critically and give us all your ideas and thoughts. The OCP can affect many aspects of your community. Some of the areas of focus for this update include:

-  Housing choice and affordability
-  Infrastructure (sewer, water and roads)
-  Active transportation (walking & biking routes/trails)
-  Environmentally sensitive areas and natural hazards
-  Vibrant market district / downtown core.

This kit includes the following:

1. Bingo debate board
2. Blank sheet to accompany the bingo board, for writing down your ideas
3. Create your Vision of Grand Forks Map
4. Community Survey

HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR KIT



The OCP Update project team will listen to all voices during the project. The team will gather all feedback into a comprehensive understanding from citizens of the local values and priorities for the future of Grand Forks that will assist in guiding the policy updates in the OCP. The team has the exciting challenge of bringing together a host of ideas, best practices and perspectives, including: community values and priorities, Council direction, staff direction, consultant team member expertise, and latest best practices in community planning.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR COMMUNITY CIRCLES KIT

In-person: Drop off at City Hall reception (Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, excluding holidays)

Electronically (scanned or photos): OCP@grandforks.ca

Want to share with a friend? Download the digital version here: www.grandforks.ca/OCP

Questions? Email OCP@grandforks.ca with your question or to be added to our mailing list. Stay tuned with us! www.grandforks.ca/OCP

BINGO DEBATE BOARD

The idea behind the bingo debate board is to get your creative ideas flowing. Each square represents an idea or aspect of your community. The questions are intended to be one-sided in order to solicit a response from you and get your mind thinking of ideas and solutions.

When responding, keep the following ideas in mind:

- **What are your thoughts on this idea?**
- **What are your innovative solutions to this problem or ideas to make it better?**
- **Are there things you love about it? Things you want to change?**
- **How do you see this idea evolving in the future?**

Try to respond to as many squares as you can, no matter what the ideas are. Once you have an idea, mark your square - let's see if you can get the full card!

<p>The City of Grand Forks needs more innovative rental housing options (e.g. garden suites / laneway homes, basement suites, multi-unit housing variety).</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Commercial areas should focus only on the Highway.</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Adding _____ will create a more vibrant downtown core.</p> <p>3</p>
<p>We need to do more to protect environmentally sensitive areas.</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Grand Forks would be better with more tourists</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Trails and pathways should be treated seriously as a means of transportation to/from jobs and other destinations and need more investment.</p> <p>6</p>
<p>Celebrating our City's heritage should be a top priority.</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Parking downtown is a nightmare.</p> <p>8</p>	<p>It is important to have more flexible rules for new developments.</p> <p>9</p>
<p>The look and character of Grand Forks is just fine the way it is.</p> <p>10</p>	<p>The City should provide tax breaks for new developments.</p> <p>11</p>	<p>The City's ideal population is _____.</p> <p>12</p>

CREATE YOUR VISION OF GRAND FORKS MAP

What kind of community do you want to live in? Let's create your ideal Grand Forks!

A few ideas to get you started/keep in mind:

- What kind of **housing** do you want to live in? What about your parents? What about the next generation?
- What kind of **transportation** do you take to get to amenities? To get to a friend's house across the City?
- What kind of **downtown** do you want to see? What types of amenities and businesses fit here?
- What kind of **amenities** do you use? Where do you see them?
- Where do you see **future business** growth and expansion?
- How do you **connect** with others? Where do you socialize? Where do you recreate?
- Where and how do you **work**?
- Where do you **spend your weekends** or down time?
- What is your **favourite nature space**, and how do you get there?

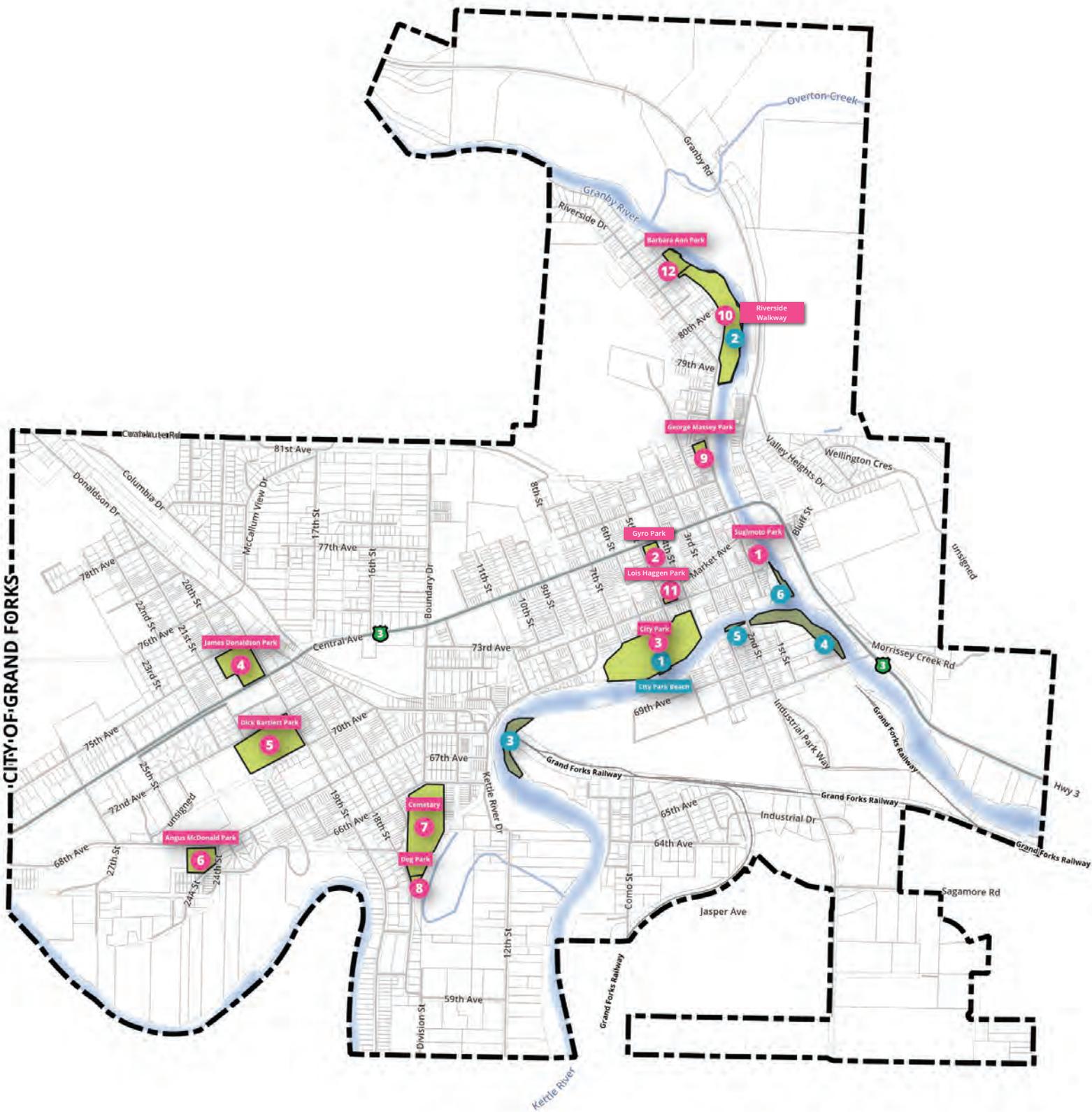
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Mark these on the map with a number or star and note them on the page beside the map.



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Metres



NORTH

COMMUNITY SURVEY

1. What age range do you fall into?

0-12

30-49

13-19

50-64

20-29

65+

2. What is your relationship to Grand Forks? (more than one may apply)

Resident

Retiree

Business owner

Employee/working professional

Student

Other: _____

Visitor

3. What do you value the most about living in Grand Forks?

4. Please RANK your top priorities (1 = top priority | below are 4 identified by City Council):

Market district concept (a vibrant downtown core)

Housing, including social and supportive housing and infill options (e.g. allowing garden suites / laneway homes)

Form and character definitions and expectations (the look and feel of your community)

Active transportation policies and objectives (e.g. trail networks)

5. What is your vision for the future of development along the Highways and gateway areas into the City?

More Questions at the Next Page →

COMMUNITY SURVEY

6. Housing in Your Neighbourhood:

a. What type of innovative housing solutions would you suggest for your community (e.g. to address affordability, seniors, families, or youth)?

b. What area or neighbourhood of the City do you live in? _____.

c. What **additional** types of housing would you like to see in your area/ neighbourhood? (check all/none that apply)

- garden suites*
- laneway homes*
- 2-unit / duplexes*
- single-detached housing*
- none listed

- townhouses/rowhouses**
- small apartments (<12 units)**
- medium apartments (>12 units)**
- live-work buildings
- other, specify _____

**Denotes already allowed in most areas, although the City could further encourage certain types of housing if desired.*

***Allowed in select areas of the City*

7. What kind of look and feel do you want for downtown Grand Forks? What about new developments? What about other commercial areas?

8. Do you use the trails in your community?

Yes No

a. How can trails and pathways be improved to help connect all corners of the City?

9. It has been identified that parking for larger vehicles in the downtown core is an issue. What are your innovative solutions for parking that still allow people arriving in RVs and trailers to experience downtown?