

2023 Strategic Plan

Priority: Implement Measures to Help Protect Against Future Flooding (DMAF)

Goal 1. – Complete Downtown - WP1 and North Ruckle - WP2 a and b

Actions to get us there:

- a. Complete Riverside Stormwater Interceptor project.
- b. Complete any cleanup work on private property and in City Park
- c. Finalize HAZMAT assessments and abatement.
- d. Complete procurement process for demolition contractors and complete demolitions.
- e. Complete finishing activities such as paving, topsoil, and hydroseeding of dikes.

The Results We Want to See:

- a. Spray Park and Trails are open by June 1st
- b. Substantial completion on all Goal 1. dike works and mechanical systems commissioned.
- c. All North Ruckle Houses are removed; and further, the remaining surface west of 2nd street is shaped but not planted.
- d. Riverside Stormwater Interceptor (40 inch or 1050 mm pipe) completed from south of Highway 3 to Riverside pump station.
- e. WP1 and WP2 Landscaping and other finishing works on dikes completed.

Goal 2. – Begin Rockwool Dike - WP2c Construction & Complete Design of South Ruckle Dike - WP3

Actions to get us there:

- a. Submit Rockwool dike permit applications to Federal and Provincial governments.
- b. Conclude discussions with Rockwool regarding statutory right of ways
- c. Complete general construction contractor procurement process for WP2c.
- d. Complete engineering procurement for South Ruckle WP3 dike design.

The Results We Want to See:

Rockwool:

- a. Federal and Provincial dike permits are submitted for approval.
- b. Approval in Principle of Statutory Right of Way for Rockwool by the end of July.
- c. Design is completed and construction is in progress.

South Ruckle:

- a. Dike design is completed.

Goal 3. – Complete Legislated Restoration and Offsetting Project - WP7

Actions to get us there:

- a. Complete and submit restoration and offsetting permit applications to Federal and Provincial governments.
- b. Complete procurement for vegetation.
- c. Secure qualified contractors for excavation and planting.

The Results We Want to See:

- a. Demolition and removal of all North Ruckle houses east of 2nd street
- b. Offset area infrastructure removed, channel excavated and habitat features constructed

Goal 4. – Seek out Opportunities to Offset DMAF Project Costs.

Actions to get us there:

- a. Investigate additional eligible grant funding streams to support DMAF works.
- b. Investigate potential grant funding streams for ineligible project costs.
- c. Meet with Federal and Provincial representatives to discuss funding opportunities.

The Results We Want to See:

- a. Explored grant opportunities that do not conflict with the original DMAF application.
- b. Advocacy at the Provincial and Federal level for further DMAF project financial support

Priority: Create Opportunities for Additional Housing Development in Grand Forks

Goal 1. – Apply to the Provincial Government to Expand the City of Grand Forks Municipal Boundary

Actions to get us there:

- a. Secure a consultant to guide the City through the boundary expansion application process
- b. Create a schedule which clearly outlines a timeline and benchmarks for public engagement opportunities, communication, external agency referrals, technical data, stakeholder feedback, and any other major steps within the application process
- c. Provide Council with regular updates through the Committee of the Whole
- d. Council to determine electoral approval process (Alternate Approval Process or Referendum)

The Results We Want to See:

- a. A complete and compliant boundary expansion application ready for submission to the Provincial Government within 10 months

Priority: Accommodate Future Growth and Development in Grand Forks

Goal 1. – Conduct a Sanitary Capacity and Condition Assessment for the 68th Avenue Trunk Line and Feeders

Actions to get us there:

- a. Verify dimensions and assess the condition of the main sanitary sewer line that runs along 68th avenue from 12th to 27th Street
- b. Verify dimensions and assess the condition of the main feeders that connect to the sanitary trunk line that runs along 68th avenue from 12th to 27th Street
- c. Utilize flow monitoring, condition assessments, verified dimensions and previous reports to determine the current trunk capacity.
- d. Identify strategic locations along the 68th Avenue trunk line and feeders that require capital upgrades and/or replacement in order to accommodate future growth and development.
- e. Identify required capacities for the maximum buildout of remaining developable land along this corridor

The Results We Want to See:

- a. The current capacity of the 68th Avenue trunk line is verified; further, limitations on future growth and expansion in the west end of town are confirmed
- b. A plan, including capital repairs, replacement and upgrades is created in order to accommodate the maximum buildout of developable land along this corridor.
- c. Sanitary modeling and updated condition assessments for sanitary infrastructure south of the highway (68th trunk and feeders)

Goal 2. – Enhance Water Quality and Security

Actions to get us there:

- a. Review the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Water Systems Improvements Project IR0098, grant and determine whether it addresses our greatest water quality and security needs at this time
- b. Staff to provide Council with a report that includes a summary of the grant, identifies project principles and includes any recommended changes to the grant scope
- c. Work with the Province to amend the grant contribution agreement to reflect project scope changes if required
- d. Commence design of the Water Systems Improvements Project based on the approved principles and budget

The Results We Want to See:

- a. Any proposed scope amendments to the Water Systems Improvements Project contribution agreement have been submitted to the Province for review.
- b. Once the contribution agreement has been finalized, design of the water systems improvement project has been procured, awarded and has started.

Advocacy and Alignment

Priority: Enhance Community Safety and Security – End of June Completion

- a. Request the RCMP further increase their presence in the downtown core
- b. Increase the City's bylaw officer presence in the downtown core during peak hours
- c. Council to consider opportunities to support or invest in activities and infrastructure that light-up and promote more use of the downtown such as the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce (BCRCC) tree light-up project.
- d. Request the RCMP provide information to businesses regarding crime prevention tips and techniques
- e. Communicate safety stats quarterly including bylaw department statistics and request pictures from the BCRCC of activities and infrastructure that light-up and promote more use of the downtown

Priority: Increase Opportunities for Youth Recreation – End of May Completion

- a. Councillor Stoodley to work with staff to draft a proposed resolution requesting the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary increase opportunities for youth recreation in Grand Forks

Priority: Website and Crown Land Inventory Workshop – June 26, 2023

- a. Staff to host a workshop with Council on June 26th to review the City website and to look at the inventory of crown land adjacent to the City boundary.