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Dear			

Re: Proposed Municipal Boundary Extension City of Grand Forks

The City of Grand Forks is the hub of the Boundary region committed to healthy living, affordability, and a great quality of life. As a community, we recognize the importance of communicating with residents, partners, and communities in and around our City.

The City is planning to submit a boundary extension proposal to the Province of British Columbia for the 94.52-hectare (233.57 acre) area (see attached map) currently located in the Regional District of the Kootenay Boundary (RDKB), north of Coalchute Road. The national housing crisis has been impacted locally by the Flooding event of 2018. The proposed boundary expansion is intended to support a wider range of housing choices available to current and future residents in the community.

As part of exploring the municipal boundary extension, the City of Grand Forks will be engaging with property owners, residents, partners, and the broader community to ensure they are aware and have the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed boundary extension. As a property owner located within the proposed boundary extension area, we wanted you to be aware of the process and how you can provide feedback.

The boundary extension process is a provincially regulated process with six steps: Council resolution, proposal development which includes referrals to affected parties, Ministerial review, electoral approval, provincial approval, and implementation. At this time, no decisions have been made other than to explore the potential option to expand the municipal boundary.

We are currently in the proposal development stage which involves engaging with affected parties and reviewing and analyzing potential impacts to inform the rationale for the proposed boundary extension. As we learn more about what a municipal boundary extension would mean for affected property owners and our community, such as potential

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tax rate changes, servicing, access, and emergency services, we will share that information with you to keep you informed along the way.

As a property owner, you will receive a boundary extension package this fall that will fully outline the process and answer specific questions related to your property. Once you have had the opportunity to review the package, we will set up an interview with you to answer questions or concerns you may have about the proposed boundary extension, what it means to you and your property and the provincial application process.

If you are a property owner with tenants, you are asked to forward this letter and its attachments to your tenant(s).

You can learn more about the process online at www.grandforks.ca/2023-boundary-extension/. Additional details and FAQs will be added to the website as information becomes available. In the meantime, should you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact Daniel Drexler, Corporate Officer, at 250-442-8266 or boundaryextension@grandforks.ca.

Kind regards,

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