



VIA EMAIL

March 19, 2021

His Worship Brian Taylor and Council  
Mayor of the City of Grand Forks  
PO Box 220  
Grand Forks BC V0H 1H0

Dear Mayor Taylor and Councillors:

I understand that you have had very positive conversations with BC Housing about moving forward with explorations related to developing supportive housing and an emergency shelter on what BC Housing is calling “Site #2”, and what we have called in past conversations as the “Motocross site”.

I understand from you that there is interest from Council for the Province to expedite the explorations of the potential for housing on the Motocross site. This due diligence includes a study related to water and sewage service costs for the site, an archaeological study, as well as work with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure on safe access to and crossing of the highway in that area.

You have my assurance that I understand the urgency of this issue for your community. I will work closely with my colleagues in areas of provincial jurisdiction to expedite this important work. I will also work with you on any challenges that arise in areas of shared jurisdictional authority to resolve problems proactively. Our shared goal is to open this new housing as quickly as possible, and you have my commitment as Minister to work with you on achieving that goal.

While the process is ongoing to secure a permanent supportive housing site and open that housing, I encourage you to keep the temporary shelter open.

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Thank you again for our productive conversations and your willingness to problem solve with BC Housing so that we can finish with a result everyone celebrates. I look forward to working with you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Eby', written in a cursive style.

David Eby, QC  
Attorney General and  
Minister Responsible for Housing

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