

CITY OF GRAND FORKS COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST 31, 2020



Settle down.



#1. BY-ELECTION

Council reviewed potential timelines for hosting a by-election and plans to appoint a Chief Elections Officer during their September 14, 2020 meeting which will allow the City to host the general election in late November. Current recommendations are that a by-election is held as soon as practical; however, several considerations must be made with regards to COVID-19 and the safety measures that will need to be put in place.



#2. BYLAWS

Council reviewed various bylaws, approving the first three readings to the Fees and Charges Bylaw Amendment, the final reading to the General Local Elections Bylaw Amendment, as well as two zoning bylaw amendments, one receiving its first two readings, the other receiving its final reading.



#3. SHINING RAVEN WOMAN

The Friends of the Shining Raven Woman presented their plans to create a cultural beacon in Grand Forks which would ideally be located at the confluence of the Granby and Kettle rivers. The creator of this statue will be going on tour through Europe to showcase the Shining Raven Woman and has hopes of the statue finding its permanent home in Grand Forks. Council committed their support to the project and the creators' desired location.



#4. DMAF RENTALS

Council directed staff to initiate a medium-term rental program utilizing a selection of vacant homes purchased by the City within the buyout program area. This allows the City to benefit from short term revenue during the DMAF program as well as protect vacant buildings while offering some affordable rentals over the next 8-10 months.

The above are only a few of the things accomplished at the last meeting.
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