

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
AGENDA - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Monday, April 7th, 2014, 9:00 am
6641 Industrial Parkway (Old Canpar Office Building)**

	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT MATTER</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
1	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>		
2	<u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA</u>		
	Adoption of April 7th, 2014, COTW Meeting agenda		Adoption of agenda
3	<u>REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS</u>		
	a) Carbon Neutral Kootenays - Patricia Dehnel CNK4-Presentation-offer-2014.pdf	Overview of the CNK Program to date	Receive the presentation from Patricia Dehnel regarding the Carbon Neutral Kootenays Project.
	b) WildsafeBC Program - Laurie Grant Delegation - WildSafeBC - Laurie Grant.pdf	WildsafeBC Program updates	Receive the presentation from Laurie Grant regarding the WildsafeBC Program.
	c) Gallery 2 - Ted Fogg Delegation - Gallery 2.pdf	Request for permission to make alterations to Gallery 2 Art and Heritage Centre Gift Shop entrance	Receive the presentation from Ted Fogg of Gallery 2 regarding the request to make alterations to the Gallery 2 and Heritage Centre Gift Shop entrance and refer it to the April 7th Regular Meeting for decision.
4	<u>PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF</u>		
	Chief Administrative Officer RFD - CAO - Respectful Workplace Policy.pdf	Respectful Workplace Policy	That Committee of the Whole recommends that Council adopt Policy # 616 - Respectful Workplace Policy
	Manager of Development and Engineering Services RFD - Mgr. Dev. & Eng. - 81st Ave. Rd Closure Public Notice.pdf	Comments/Concerns from the public regarding 1995-81st Avenue Road Closure Bylaw	That the COTW hears any comments and concerns and/or accepts written correspondence from the surrounding property owners and the public regarding Bylaw 1995 - 81st Avenue Road Closure Bylaw.

Monthly Highlight Reports from Dept. Managers
[Building & Bylaw Services.doc](#)
[Chief Financial Officer.doc](#)
[Corporate & Community Services.doc](#)
[Development & Engineering.doc](#)
[Fire Chief.doc](#)
[Operations.doc](#)

Staff request for Council to receive the monthly activity report from department managers

That the COTW recommends to Council to receive the monthly activity reports.

5 **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

6 **PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION**

7 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Boundary Family and Individual Services Society
[Sum of Info. Items - BFISS re Social Policy Framework for BC.pdf](#)

Requesting support from Council on a motion that has been forwarded to the AKBLG AGM for consideration. The motion is from the City of Nelson and is calling on the provincial government to begin a consultation to develop a Social Policy Framework for British Columbia.

That the COTW receive the information from the Boundary Family and Individual Services Society regarding support for a motion on Social Policy that was brought forward to the AKBLG AGM and refer to the April 7th, 2014, Regular Meeting for decision.

8 **CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS**

9 **LATE ITEMS**

10 **REPORTS, QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL (VERBAL)**

11 **QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC**

12 **ADJOURNMENT**

Council & Board Presentations 2014

To: CNK Local Governments
From: Carbon Neutral Kootenays (CNK) Project Team
Date: February 17, 2014
Re: Delegation to Council/Board on Carbon Neutral - March or April 2014

This memo outlines a service available to Local Governments through the CNK Project. This was produced by the Carbon Neutral Kootenays project, funded by the Regional District of East Kootenay, Regional District of Central Kootenay, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, and the Columbia Basin Trust.



Background

The CNK Team is wrapping up another successful year of Carbon Neutral Kootenays. Over the past 4 years, the project has: facilitated the development of 30 GHG inventories; completed 21 Carbon Neutral Action Plans; customized 18 policies; coordinated several major collaborative action opportunities; and offered a local offset project for local governments wishing to be carbon neutral for 2012. Moving forward, the project will be providing further opportunities for collaborative action, support with implementation of GHG emission reduction projects and identification of potential local offset projects.

Presentation

As in 2013, the CNK Team will provide Council/Board presentations in **March and April 2014**. The Delegation to Council will be customized according to the needs of the local government. Presentations will be a maximum of 10-15 minutes with opportunity for Q&A. Topics to be covered include:

- CNK Review: Update on past and current actions, impacts of actions and estimated costs savings
- Your community data and progress to date on becoming carbon neutral and reducing costs and emissions.
- Status of CARIP funds and local initiative reduction projects.
- Carbon neutral: What are our requirements? How do we get there?
- Offset overview: A primer, refresher or in-depth discussion of the options.

Schedule

The CNK Team will contact you directly to schedule a Council or Board presentation according to your meeting schedule. Presentation will be in March or April 2014.

Central Kootenay and Kootenay Boundary, contact: Patricia Dehnel,
pdehnel@communityenergy.bc.ca 250.505.3246

East Kootenay and broader Columbia Basin region, contact: Megan Lohmann,
mlohmman@communityenergy.bc.ca 250.531.0690

Carbon Neutral Kootenay, project manager, contact: Dale Littlejohn,
dlittlejohn@communityenergy.bc.ca 604-785-5130

From: ■ Laurie Grant <grandforks@wildsafebc.com> 01/04/2014 9:28... 
Subject: [BULK] New Online Delegation Form submission from Laurie Grant
To: ■ Info City of Grand Forks

Your Worship, Mayor Taylor, and Members of Council, I/We are here this evening on behalf of:

WildSafeBC

To request that you consider:

Update

The reasons that I/We are requesting this action are:

I have been asked by administration to update council on the progress made to date fulfilling the contract with the City of Grand Forks dealing with deer management in the city of Grand Forks. I have a short power-point presentation to accompany my report.

I/We believe that in approving our request the community will benefit by:

offering details on the work done to date and the proposed plan for the next 3 months.

I/We believe that by not approving our request the result will be:

leaving the council and city wondering what the progress is

In conclusion, I/we request that Council for the City of Grand Forks adopt a resolution stating:

No resolution is requested at this time.

Name

Laurie Grant

Organization

WildSafeBC

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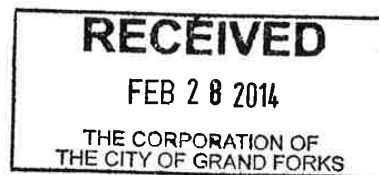
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D2 - Wild Safe BC - Laurie Grant

Delegator April 7th



Mayor and Council
City of Grand Forks,

February 28, 2014

RE: Request for Permission to make alterations to Gallery 2 Art and Heritage Centre Gift Shop entrance.

Mayor and Council

In accordance with clauses 7.5 and 7.6 of our Lease Agreement with the City of Grand Forks, the Grand Forks Art Gallery Society is requesting permission to make alterations to the entrance of the Gallery 2 gift shop (see attached photographs, architectural drawings and architect Brian Nelson's Feasibility Report).

The proposed changes include:

- Remove existing trim windows and trims
- Remove masonry block work under window area for the opening
- Make good jambs and trim (using existing materials)
- Repair floor area
- Relocate heating unit
- Remove – close in existing door entrance
- Make good wall – tape, fill and paint, baseboards

The proposed alterations would retain the current heritage aspect of the building as all trim would make use of existing materials. The proposed alterations would provide enhanced gift shop entrance visibility and access. Alterations would comply with building codes and be subject to approval by the Building Inspector.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Ted Fogg
Director/Curator
Per: Grand Forks Art Gallery Society

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02 - Gallery 2



Gallery 2 Art and Heritage Centre
PO Box 2140
524 Central Avenue
Grand Forks BC V0H 1H0

February 14, 2014

Attn : Mr. T. Fogg, Curator

**Re : Report on the Feasibility of
Proposed new Pedestrian Openings in
Gallery 2 Gift Shop in Entrance Lobby Wall
Grand Forks BC Heritage Centre – formerly Grand Forks Courthouse**

I have been able to retrieve an original “as-built” set of construction drawings for the renovations and alterations to the former Grand Forks Courthouse from that project which was completed in 1982, for which I was the architect.

I have had several sheets from this set scanned for the convenience of being able to circulate them via email.

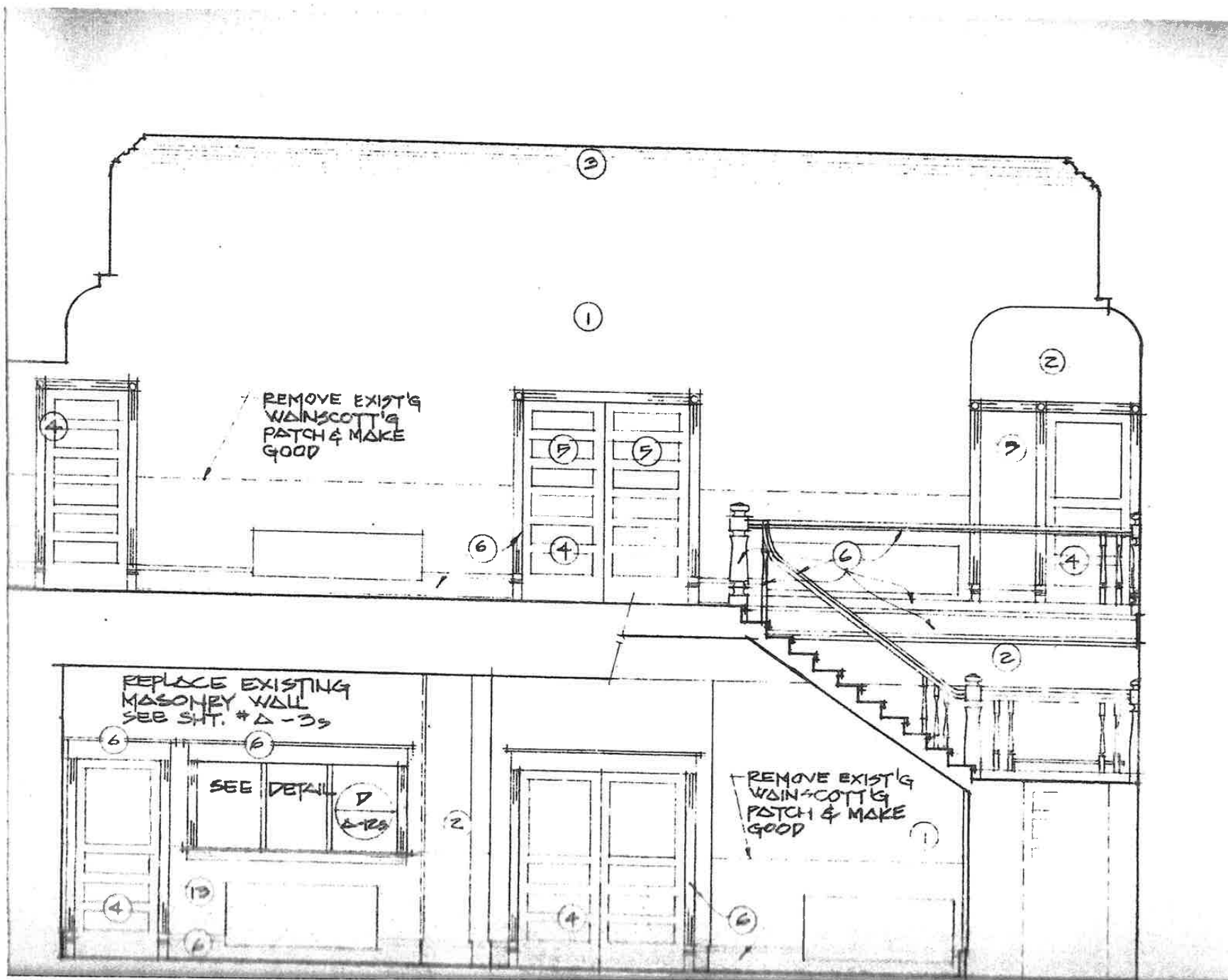
The detail of the door / sidelight at the (now) Gift Shop illustrates that there was a reinforced concrete block / CIP concrete portal frame installed in the 1982 project, which was then clad in plaster and wood trim. This appears to be a lateral stability / earthquake structural element that was required for that renovation, and as such must be retained.

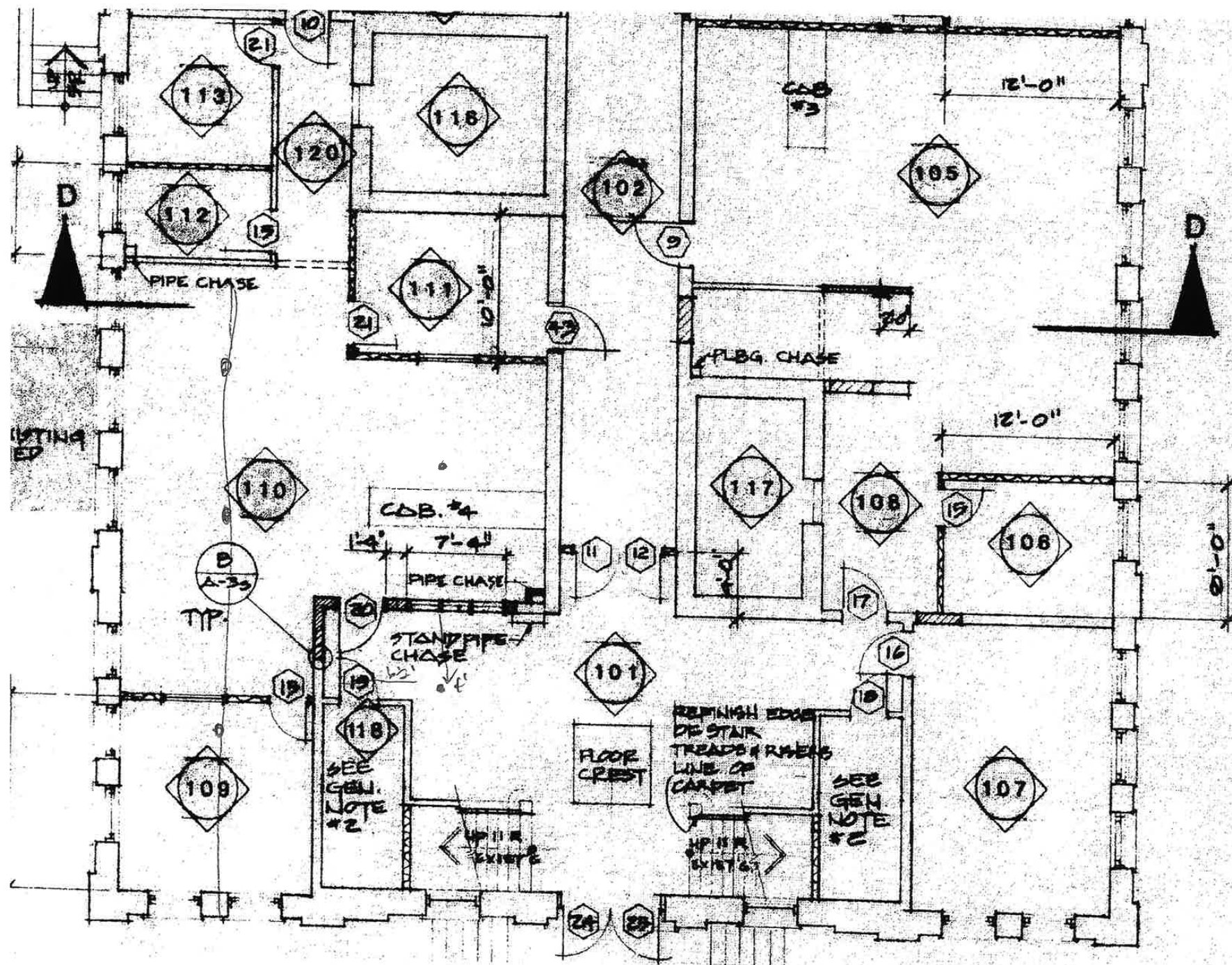
The Code of the day in 1982 required that the rooms that opened onto the entrance Lobby and the Public Corridors be fire rated to protect the integrity of the exit routes in the building. The addition of the elevator / exit stair at the rear of the building was installed to implement a second exit for the second floor and an elevator for access to the second floor by persons with disabilities.

As the building had a sprinkler fire protection system installed in 2009 when the building was re-purposed as the Art Gallery, the requirement for fire rating of the separations between these rooms and the Lobby, Corridors and the Exit Stair at the rear was eliminated due to that automatic protection system.

The 2006 BC Building Code and the current 2012 Code that is now in effect both require that there be a “Fire Separation” between the rooms adjoining the Entrance Lobby, Public Corridors and the Exit Stair at the rear. These constructions and closures are the same as those that would be required if the building were not sprinklered, except that the doors / frames / and hardware need not be fire rated.

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REQUEST FOR DECISION

— COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE —



To: Committee of the Whole
From: Doug Allin, Chief Administrative Officer
Date: March 17, 2014
Subject: Respectful Workplace Policy
Recommendation: RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council adopt Policy #616 – Respectful Workplace Policy

BACKGROUND: The purpose of the Policy is as follows:

- to formalize the responsibility and commitment of the City of Grand Forks to ensure that all employees, elected officials, volunteers, residents, customers and visitors enjoy a workplace and service environment that is free from any form of discrimination or harassment (including sexual harassment).
 - To establish that the City of Grand Forks promotes a work environment in which everyone is treated with respect and dignity and contribute to a productive and professional atmosphere.
 - To ensure everyone understands what is meant by a respectful workplace and know what to do to ensure that a respectful workplace is created and maintained.
 - To provide processes and procedures to handle complaints and remedy situations when they occur.
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Benefits or Impacts of the Recommendation:

General: A respectful workplace is one which is free from discrimination and harassment as prohibited by the B.C. Human Rights Code. Discrimination and harassment will not be tolerated in the City of Grand Forks. All employees, elected officials, volunteers, residents, customers and all contractors and visitors at the City of Grand Forks shall have a respectful experience, free from discrimination and harassment. A respectful workplace is a workplace where everyone feels comfortable and is treated fairly and civilly by others and to conduct themselves in a friendly, courteous and professional manner – “treat others as you would have them treat you”. A respectful workplace promotes cooperative and collaborative behaviors, including healthy group dynamics and proactive problem solving.

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Strategic Impact: Outlines the acceptable conduct necessary for the orderly operation of the organization and benefits and protects the rights and safety of all persons with whom the City comes in contact with.

Financial: n/a

Policy/Legislation: As set out in the B.C. Human Rights Code.

Attachments: Copy of Policy # 616 – Respectful Workplace Policy

Recommendation: RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that Council adopt Policy #616 – Respectful Workplace Policy

- OPTIONS:**
1. COTW COULD CHOOSES TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION.
 2. COTW COULD CHOOSES TO NOT SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION.
 3. COTW COULD CHOOSES TO REFER THE POLICY BACK TO STAFF FOR MORE INFORMATION.
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CITY OF GRAND FORKS		
POLICY TITLE:	Respectful Workplace Policy	POLICY NO: 616
EFFECTIVE DATE:	SUPERSEDES:	
APPROVAL:	Council	PAGE: 1 of 6

PURPOSE:

The purposes of the Respectful Workplace are:

- to formalize the responsibility and commitment of the City of Grand Forks to ensure that all employees, elected officials, volunteers, residents, customers and visitors enjoy a workplace and service environment that is free from any form of discrimination or harassment (including sexual harassment).
- to establish that the City of Grand Forks promotes a work environment in which all employees, elected officials and volunteers are treated with respect and dignity and can contribute to a productive and professional atmosphere.
- To ensure that all employees, elected officials and volunteers understand what is meant by a respectful workplace and know what to do to ensure that a respectful workplace is created and maintained at the City of Grand Forks.
- To provide processes and procedures to handle complaints and remedy situations when workplace discrimination, harassment or conflict, as defined by this policy, occurs.

Nothing in this Policy should be construed as depriving employees covered under the collective agreement of CUPE Local 4728, of their rights under the collective agreement. The intention is for this policy to work in conjunction with any language on discrimination contained in the collective agreement.

IMPLICATIONS OF POLICY:

GENERAL

What is a respectful workplace?

- ❖ A respectful workplace is one which is free from discrimination and harassment as prohibited by the BC Human Rights Code. Discrimination and harassment are not tolerated at the City of Grand Forks. All employees, elected officials, volunteers, residents, customers and visitors at the City of Grand Forks shall have a respectful experience free from discrimination and harassment.
- ❖ A respectful workplace is a workplace where each employee, elected official, volunteer, resident, customer and visitor feels comfortable and is treated fairly and civilly by others. All employees, elected officials and volunteers of the City of

Grand Forks are expected to conduct themselves in a friendly, courteous and professional manner. The philosophy which must be shared by employees, elected officials and volunteers of the City of Grand Forks, is “treat others as you would have them treat you”. Employees and elected officials are expected to consider the feelings and pride of others and to respect their unique backgrounds and contributions.

- ❖ A respectful workplace promotes cooperative and collaborative behaviors including healthy group dynamics and proactive problem solving.

Each member of management and elected official at the City of Grand Forks will act as a model for his/her staff and will perform his/her supervisory duties in a respectful, non-discriminatory way.

In order to foster a respectful workplace, everyone at the City of Grand Forks must understand that this policy applies to all. Every employee, elected official and volunteer must accept his or her responsibility and accountability to ensure that a discrimination and harassment free work and service environment exists at the City of Grand Forks.

Our Commitment to Employment Equity

The City of Grand Forks incorporates the intent of the respectful workplace policy in its hiring practices. The City of Grand Forks promotes equal access to jobs, promotions, transfers, pay increases, training and development opportunities, and other aspects of employment to all individuals.

The City of Grand Forks will provide fair and equal opportunities to all employees and prospective employees. The City of Grand Forks will employ people who are capable of carrying out the work available, regardless of their ethnicity, gender, culture, religion, age or affiliations.

How Do We Define Respectful Communication

English is the language for communicating about the work of the business. While employees may speak in a language other than English at work, each employee must be aware of how their choice of language is affecting others. If an individual in a group does not understand the language being spoken, he/she may feel excluded and uncomfortable. This is contrary to the spirit of a respectful workplace, which promotes a workplace where employees feel comfortable and included.

What is Discrimination

Discrimination refers to unfair, differential treatment of individuals or groups and is prohibited by law. Discrimination may be intentional or unintentional and often stems from prejudice and/or stereotypes we have of others. Discrimination can result in one individual or group having an advantage over another. Discrimination can cause an individual or group to be excluded from activities, which they have the right to be included in.

All employees, elected officials and volunteers at the City of Grand Forks are protected from discrimination in employment by the BC Human Rights Code on the following grounds: race, color, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, age, political belief or unrelated criminal or summary conviction.

All residents and visitors who access the services provided by the City of Grand Forks are protected from discrimination by the BC Human Rights Code on the following grounds: race, color, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status physical or mental disability, sex or sexual orientation of that person or class of persons.

What is Harassment

Harassment is a type of discrimination. It is a serious violation of fundamental human rights. Harassment means engaging in a course of annoying comment or conduct that is known or ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcome, and is tied to a prohibited ground of discrimination. It is behavior which causes distress and serves no legitimate work related purpose. Harassment attacks a person's dignity, health and well being. It is unwarranted comment or conduct that humiliates, intimidates, excludes, isolates and undermines the individual's self esteem due to membership in a protected group. It can be a single incident (in the case of physical contact) or a pattern of repeated incidents directed against an individual or group. Whether intentional or unintentional, harassment demonstrates a lack of respect for the individuality and the dignity of those it targets.

Harassment behaviour includes, but is not limited to:

- Physical threats or intimidation
- Words, gestures, actions or jokes which may humiliate, degrade or abuse
- Distribution or displaying of offensive pictures or materials, including materials on computers.

What is Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment is a type of discrimination under the BC Human Rights Code. Sexual harassment is uninvited and unwelcome conduct this is sexual in nature that may detrimentally affect the work or service environment or lead to adverse job related or other consequences for the victim of harassment. The term "sexual harassment" has come to be used to identify those kinds of sexual coercion and exploitation of women and men in a formal or structured relationship in which we have an expectation that the relationship has nothing to do with sex or sexuality.

Sexual harassment behavior includes, but is not limited to:

- Remarks, jokes, innuendoes or derogatory or demeaning comments regarding someone's body, appearance, physical or sexual characteristics or clothing;

- Displaying of sexually offensive or derogatory pictures, cartoons or other material;
- Unwelcome questions or sharing of information regarding a person's sexuality, sexual activity or sexual orientation;
- Sexual solicitation or advance made by a person in a position to confer, grant, or deny a benefit or advancement to the victim of harassment;
- **Unwanted** physical contact of any kind.

What is Criminal Harassment

Criminal harassment may be defined as adverse differential treatment of an individual or individuals which involves assault, damage to personal property or company property, and stalking.

What is a Poisoned Environment

Harassment can "poison" the work environment for the victim of harassment as well as for others who share the work environment. A "poisoned" work environment is one which is hostile, intimidating or offensive. Comments or actions of a co-worker or a supervisor may create a poisoned environment. This unethical behavior and/or actions make the workplace uncomfortable and can interfere with productivity and interactions of the work group. The poisoned environment forms an unequal term or condition of employment and is therefore a violation of the right to be free from discrimination.

ORGANIZATIONAL:

The City of Grand Forks Official Harassment Complaint Procedure is outlined in Council Policy 605 – Harassment Policy.

What About Workplace Conflict

Discrimination and harassment are specific types of conflicts which are prohibited by the BC Human Rights Code. There are many other types of conflicts that can arise in the workplace that are not dealt with by the BC Human Rights Code. For the purpose of this Policy, these other types of conflicts are dealt with as "Workplace Conflict".

Getting along with co-workers or supervisors may not always be easy, but making an effort to resolve conflict at work should be a goal of all employees at the City of Grand Forks. It is the expectation of the City of Grand Forks that each employee will try his/her best to get along with his/her co-workers. This means:

- Respect the fact that others may be different from you and that they may have a different approach or way of doing something than you do.
- Be aware of the fact that how you act can impact others in the workplace.
- Avoid talking negatively, gossiping or being judgmental about your co-workers. This type of behavior encourages conflict in the workplace, and is not consistent with the goals of the Respectful Workplace Policy.

- If you are not sure if your behavior is welcome, ask.

Workplace Violence

Employees must not engage in any improper activity or behavior or violent behavior in the Workplace that might create or constitute a hazard to them or any other person.

Improper activity or behavior includes the attempted exercise by a person towards another person in the workplace of any physical force or violence so as to cause injury and includes any threatening statement or behavior which gives a person reasonable cause to believe he or she is at risk of injury. Improper activity or behavior also includes physically or mentally bullying, tormenting or other demeaning behaviors towards another person.

Workplace Bullying

Workplace bullying can be defined as a conscious, willful and deliberate hostile activity intended to harm.

Bullying usually involves repeated incidents or a pattern of behavior that is intended to intimidate, offend, degrade or humiliate a particular person or group of people.

Bullying can also be described as the assertion of power through aggression.

Bullying or other aggressive or demeaning behaviors towards others are contrary to a respectful workplace and will not be tolerated at the City of Grand Forks. Individuals who are found to be bullying or otherwise tormenting others, either physically or mentally, will be subject to discipline.

Workplace Conflict Complaint Procedure

If someone is behaving in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable at work, or if you are having a conflict with someone at work, you are encouraged to try and speak with the person directly and discuss the matter with him/her. If you do not feel comfortable dealing with the individual directly, you should speak to the Chief Administrative Officer (and a union official, if he/she wishes) who will assist you in resolving the situation. If the complaint involves the Chief Administrative Officer, the complaint should be reported another Manager.

If you see others behaving in a way that is inappropriate or disrespectful, try and speak to the person(s) involved or bring the matter to the attention of the Chief Administrative Officer.

Workplace Conflict Discipline Procedure

All employees are subject to the following disciplinary procedures:

- ❖ First contravention: verbal warning followed up with a letter which will be placed in the employee's personnel file;
- ❖ Second contravention: one day work suspension without pay;
- ❖ Third contravention: one week work suspension without pay;
- ❖ Fourth contravention: termination of employment.

REQUEST FOR DECISION

— COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE —



To: Committee of the Whole

From: Sasha Bird, Manager of Development and Engineering Services

Date: March 18, 2014

Subject: To close and remove the dedication of a portion of 81st Avenue shown on Plan 586, District Lot 380, S.D.Y.D. and consolidate that portion of closed road with Lot 18, Plan 25445, being the adjacent property located at 8091 Pineview Crescent.

Recommendation: **THAT the COTW** hears any comments and concerns and/or accepts written correspondence from the surrounding property owners and the public, regarding Bylaw 1995 – 81st Avenue Road Closure Bylaw.

BACKGROUND: City Staff have received a request to close a portion of 81st Avenue, located north of Lot 18, Plan 25445, owners of adjacent property located at 8091 Pineview Crescent, which has never been developed or used as a roadway.

In 2006, the surrounding property owners from 17th Street to 18th Street, made the same request and were granted approval from Council to close and consolidate their portions of closed 81st Avenue roads. The sales and consolidations were completed between the City and the property owners, during that year. When the applicant's purchase and consolidate that portion of 81st Avenue, adjacent to Lot 18, the partial closure of 81st Avenue would be complete from 17th Street to 18th Street.

In 2006, the other property owners in the block that had a similar size lot paid approximately \$5.60/square meter. The price for this 822 square meter portion of closed road would have been \$4,620.00, had it been purchased in 2006. The assessed value of the applicant's property (land only) has gone from \$46,600.00 in 2006 to \$72,900.00 in 2014. According to the 2014 assessment, the 822 square meter portion of road calculates to ~\$7,500.00.

At the March 24th, 2014 Regular meeting, Council gave 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading to Bylaw 1995, being the 81st Avenue Road Closure Bylaw and directed Staff to advertise the bylaw and send letters to the surrounding property owners, inviting them to attend the April 7th, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting to address the Committee with any comments or concerns (written or in person) regarding the proposed road closure bylaw.

On March 25th, 2014, Staff sent letters to the surrounding property owners inviting them to the April 7th, 2014 COTW meeting. Staff also sent the public notice advertisement to the Gazette to be advertised in the March 26th and April 3rd, 2014 editions of the paper. A copy of the

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proposed bylaw was sent to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure requesting their signature on Bylaw 1995 – 81st Avenue Road Closure bylaw.

Benefits or Impacts of the Recommendation:

General:	The benefit of the closure of that portion of 81 st Avenue would be that the 81 st Avenue road closure would be complete from 17 th to 18 th Street.
Strategic Impact:	n/a
Financial:	The City of Grand Forks would see no cost to the taxpayers for the closure and would benefit from a potential increased tax base.
Policy/Legislation:	The requirements to close a portion of road are legislated in the Community Charter. The City's Road Closure Policy outlines the steps that proponents must follow in order that Council will consider closing the road and disposing of it.
Attachments:	Letter of interest from the property owners to close that portion of 81 st Avenue and consolidate with their property located 8091 Pineview Crescent; Site plan showing the location of the property; A copy of the City's Road Closure policy; A copy of the Bylaw No. 1995 – 81 st Avenue Road Closure Bylaw after 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd readings.

Recommendation: THAT the COTW hears any comments and concerns and/or accepts written correspondence from the surrounding property owners and the public, regarding Bylaw 1995 – 81st Avenue Road Closure Bylaw.

- OPTIONS:**
1. COTW COULD CHOOSE TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION.
 2. COTW COULD CHOOSE TO NOT SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION.
 3. COTW COULD CHOOSE TO REFER THE REPORT BACK TO STAFF FOR MORE INFORMATION.
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ATT: KATHY,

WE JUST BOUGHT A HOUSE AT 8091 PINEVIEW CRES, GRAND FORKS -VH01H2-- WE HAVE BEEN TOLD. THAT THE CITY OWNS THE SMALL PIECE OF PROPERTY. THAT RUNS ALONG BEHIND OURS & THAT WE CAN PURCHASE IT FROM THE CITY FOR A SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY. THEY SAID THAT A SURVEY WAS DONE ON IT & THAT THE NIEGHBOURS TO OUR LEFT HAVE BOUGHT THEIRS BACK IN 2006-- IF THIS IS, A POSSIBILITY HOW WOULD WE GO ABOUT BUYING THE LAND? WHAT WOULD BE INVOLVED & HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST US?

ALSO WE HAVE A TREE IN THE FRONT THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE REMOVED SO WE CAN PAVE OUR DRIVEWAY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

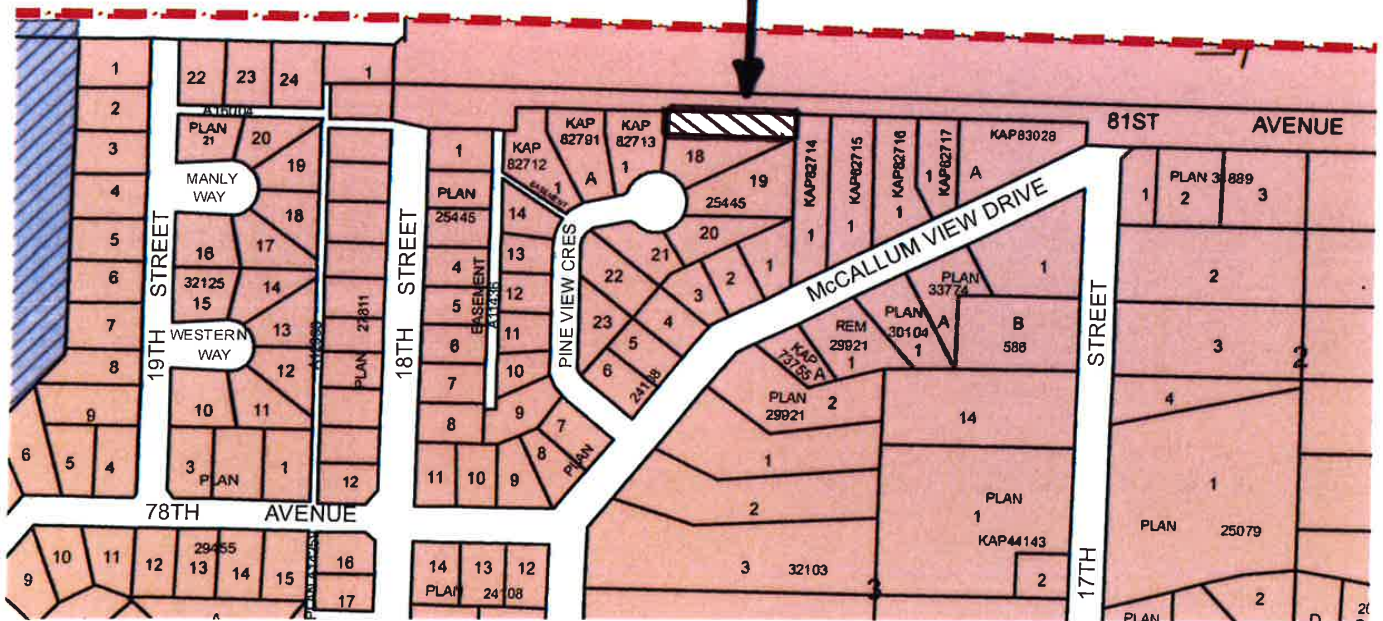
Sincerely.

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ROAD TO BE CLOSED



CITY OF GRAND FORKS

POLICY TITLE:	Road Closure Policy	POLICY NO:	1501
EFFECTIVE DATE:	July 20, 2009	SUPERSEDES:	
APPROVAL:	Council	PAGE:	1 of 1

Purpose:

To have money on hand for the recovery of costs for expenses involved in a permanent road closure and ensure that the City does not incur any costs relative to another party's request for road closure.

Policy:

It is Council's policy that all applications for permanent road closures from applicants wishing to take title to the property in question shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$2,500.00. All costs relative to the road closure and payment of market value for any property transferred will be at the sole cost of the purchaser. The City will establish the market value price for the property.

Policy Procedure:

1. \$2,500.00 deposit and a fair market value appraisal, agreed to by the applicant, will be required prior to the City taking any action to initiate road closure.
2. Should the Applicant decide not to proceed with the road closure, at any time during the process, the deposit will be refunded to the applicant, less any related costs incurred by the City. Should the City decide not to proceed with the Road Closure, at any time during the process, the deposit will be refunded to the Applicant.
3. Where the costs of the road closure exceed the amount of the deposit, the applicant will be required to pay such excess costs, as calculated by the City and will include all legal, survey, appraisal, advertising and land title fees.
4. Where the total final costs of the road closure are less than the deposited amount, the overpayment will be refunded to the applicant.
5. As a condition of the road closure, the closed portion of road must either be consolidated with the adjoining property, or another road must be constructed to replace the closed road.
6. The process for the road closure must follow the Provincial Government regulations.

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

BYLAW NO. 1995

**A Bylaw to Close and Remove the Dedication of that portion of road
Shown on Plan 586, District Lot 380, S.D.Y.D.**

WHEREAS in accordance with the Community Charter, Council may, by bylaw, close and remove the dedication of a highway or portion of it;

NOW THEREFORE the Council for the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks, in open meeting assembled **ENACTS** as follows:

1. To close and remove the dedication of that portion of road shown, 822.0 square meters, as outlined on reference plan drawn by A.F. Hoefsloot, B.C.L.S. and dated February 28, 2014, identified as "Schedule A" and attached to this bylaw;
2. That title to the above-described portions of closed road be hereby vested in the name of the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks;
3. That this bylaw may be cited, for all purposes, as the "**81st Avenue Road Closure Bylaw No. 1995, 2014**".

Read a **FIRST** time this 24th day of March, 2014.

Read a **SECOND** time this 24th day of March, 2014.

Read a **THIRD** time this 24th day of March, 2014.

PUBLIC NOTICE posted at City Hall and advertised in the Grand Forks Gazette on the 26th day of March, 2014 and the 2nd day of April, 2014.

APPROVED BY the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure pursuant to the
Transportation Act, this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Approving Officer

FINALLY ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Brian Taylor, Mayor

Diane Heinrich, Corporate Officer

C E R T I F I C A T E

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 1995, as
passed by the Municipal Council of the City of Grand Forks on the _____ day of
_____, 2014.

Corporate Officer of the Municipal Council of the
City of Grand Forks

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT REPORTS



DATE : March 26, 2014
TO : Committee of the Whole
FROM: Manager of Building Inspection & Bylaw Services
HIGHLIGHTS : For the Month of March, 2014

- ❖ Review and follow up on complaints
 - ❖ Continuing with Bylaw reviews
 - ❖ 3 new building permits issued this month
 - ❖ 2 building permits completed and closed
 - ❖ 3 more permits pending documentation
 - ❖ Development of the Design and Engineering Plans for the City Hall Fire Restoration
 - ❖ Following up on Building Permits transferred from the RDKB
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MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT REPORTS



DATE : March 27, 2014
TO : Committee of the Whole
FROM: Chief Financial Officer
HIGHLIGHTS : For the Month of March, 2014

- ❖ Attended communications workshop on March 5th
 - ❖ Auditors here from Mar 18-21, finishing up audit following week
 - ❖ Met with Roxul to discuss 2014 tax rates
 - ❖ Met with Vadim software to discuss Vadim Open issues
 - ❖ Working on Fees & Charges bylaw
 - ❖ Met with RDKB regarding Fire Rescue services
 - ❖ Financial Plan bylaw going to third reading
 - ❖ Planning tax rates workshop as the Revised Roll released March 26th
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MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT REPORTS



DATE : March 27th, 2014
TO : Committee of the Whole
FROM: Corporate & Community Services
HIGHLIGHTS : For the Month of March, 2014

- ❖ Department worked with consultant, Leslie Taylor, with regard to organizing the AKBLG sponsored Community Engagement evening held at the Omega Banquet Room on March 12th
 - ❖ Attended and participated in the Communications Courses held at City Hall for Council and for Staff
 - ❖ Agendas, Minutes and Summaries for Council Meetings and information packages for the month of March
 - ❖ Human Resources – Postings for Casual Administrative Pool and Summer Students.
 - ❖ Commencing preliminary preparations for the 2014 Municipal Elections
 - ❖ Ongoing planning work with regard to City Hall Restoration
 - ❖ Provided Communications assistance to all departments
 - ❖ Background work for replacement signage at campground and kiosks
 - ❖ Development of Street Banner Program with Downtown Businesses
 - ❖ Ongoing event coordination
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MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT REPORTS



DATE : March 26, 2014
TO : Committee of the Whole
FROM: Manager of Development & Engineering
HIGHLIGHTS : For the Month of March, 2014

- ❖ Planning for Downtown Beautification Upgrades – Phase II
 - ❖ Commenced Construction on the Spragett Bridge Tubing Parking Lot
 - ❖ Request for Proposal out for Water Meters
 - ❖ Expression of Interest out for Pre-Qualification of Contractors for the City Hall Re-Construction Project
 - ❖ Researching Grants for the City Hall Re-Construction Project
 - ❖ Presented Fiber Optic Network Plan
 - ❖ Attended Justice of Institute BC Emergency Evacuations Course
 - ❖ Held Multi-Utility Risk Assessment Workshop
 - ❖ Updated City Land Inventory Database
 - ❖ Implemented Real Estate Strategy Policy
 - ❖ License of Occupation with RDKB for Fitness Park
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MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT REPORTS



DATE : April 7, 2014
TO : Committee of the Whole
FROM: Fire Chief
HIGHLIGHTS : For the Month of March, 2014

- ❖ 29 calls in March (to Mar 26) – 9 Fire, 3 Rescue, 17 First Responder
 - ❖ Responded to some flooding as a result of the snow melt early in the month – inventoried sand bags etc. in preparation for spring freshet. The snow pillow is slightly below average, but typical of the last 5 years.
 - ❖ Two new volunteers joined the department in March.
 - ❖ 2 Volunteers received Air Brake licenses and have begun training to drive GFFR apparatus.
 - ❖ Hosted and participated in Emergency Evacuations course with RDKB at downtown fire hall.
 - ❖ Group of 7 newest volunteers has started their firefighter certification training, including (for the first time) an online learning component.
 - ❖ Coming up: Confined Space Rescue course.
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MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT REPORTS



DATE : April 7, 2014
TO : Committee of the Whole
FROM: Manager of Operations
HIGHLIGHTS : For the Month of March, 2014

- ❖ Sweeping Program initiated. Completion date scheduled for end of April.
- ❖ Installation of hanging baskets brackets complete. New irrigation line installs commencing to key hanging flower basket areas to reduce staff time in watering.
- ❖ Construction and installation commencing of new information kiosks for Spraggett Tubing Parking Lot, Observation Mountain Trailhead and Flour Mill.
- ❖ Water main flushing to begin in April.
- ❖ Successful grant request received for Drinking Water Week set for May 4 – 10, 2014. Planning underway.
- ❖ Leak Detection Program Initiatives
 - Repair of known leaks.
 - Informational Continuous Leak letters sent to metered businesses with identified water leaks.
 - Concerted effort to reduce water utilized in washing boulevards and sidewalks during the Sweeping Program.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT REPORTS



Boundary Family and Individual Services Society

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We build partnerships with families and community by delivering services which enrich lives and shape our future.'

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March 27, 2014

Mayor Taylor and Councillors of the City of Grand Forks
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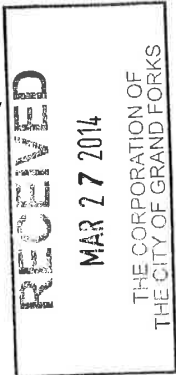
Dear Mayor Taylor and City Council members,

The Boundary Family & Individual Services Society Board of Directors is asking for your support on a motion that has been put forward to the upcoming Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) AGM. The motion is from the City of Nelson and is calling on the provincial government to begin a consultation to develop a Social Policy Framework for British Columbia. A copy of the motion is included.

It is hoped that the motion will be supported by the members of AKBLG and moved forward to the Union of BC Municipalities conference in September. A similar request has been put forward by the City of Duncan to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities for their consideration and support. A copy of their letter is included in this package.

What is a Social Policy Framework? And what is the benefit to our community? A Social Policy Framework, such as the one recently passed in Alberta, outlines the social goals that government and communities and social services agencies are striving for. It can guide decision making, set future direction, identify important connections, and support the alignment of policies and practices both inside and outside of government. A Social Policy Framework will help government address the increasingly complex issues facing BC communities more effectively and efficiently.

Over the next ten days directors from our Board will be contacting various local government representatives within the Boundary community to talk with you about a Social Policy Framework, to answer your questions and to seek your support and advocacy for this initiative.



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Society re Social Policy
Framework for BC*

In the meantime, we have included three documents that we believe will help you understand the value and importance of a Social Policy Framework.

1. There is a Better Way
2. Briefing Note on a Social Policy Framework for BC
3. Alberta's Social Policy Framework

We look forward to meeting with you and working with you.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'CBielert'.

Connie Bielert,
Chairperson, Boundary Family and Individual Services Society



Alberta's Social Policy Framework

Email: hs.socialpolicy@gov.ab.ca
socialpolicy.alberta.ca



February 2013



Read about the main elements of Alberta's Social Policy Framework. Based on input received from over 31,000 Albertans, the framework will guide the work of governments, community partners, and the private sector as we seek to address our most pressing social challenges. It provides us with a vision for the future, a set of principles to guide us, a set of outcomes to work towards, and strategies to achieve those outcomes.

Alberta's Social Policy Framework



Alberta's Social Policy Framework will help us deliver results for Albertans, inform decision making, and guide action on priority initiatives like poverty reduction, early childhood development, and primary health care. This framework is for all Albertans—it is a vision and a call to action for Alberta and its people, focusing our social policy priorities and actions for the next 10 to 15 years.



Alberta's Social Policy Framework Outline

Overarching Goals & Directions	SOCIAL POLICY GOALS These goals belong to all Albertans: individuals, families, communities, non-profit and private sectors, and governments			
	Protect the Vulnerable	Reduce Inequality	Create a Person-centred System of High-quality Services	Enable Collaboration and Partnerships
STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS Our common areas of focus and action	Transform	Innovate	Collaborate	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > We transform systems and relationships to produce better outcomes for all Albertans > We orient practices, delivery systems, and culture to the framework principles and outcomes > We implement transformational initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > We use the framework as a tool to generate alignment across policy domains and tools > We use policy as an outcomes-based tool to create new opportunities, in improved ways > We incent and encourage innovation to achieve agreed-upon outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > We work together to achieve positive social outcomes > We use broad coalitions to resolve challenges > We share a common language and a common vision for the future 	

SPF VISION Overall direction for social policy in Alberta In Alberta, everyone contributes to making our communities inclusive and welcoming. Everyone has opportunities to fulfill their potential and benefit from our thriving social, economic, and cultural life.	OUTCOMES Frame and orient activities towards common goals		PRINCIPLES Guide decision making, programs and service delivery	ACTIONS Priority transformational initiatives to realize change*	POLICY SHIFTS Influence and inform policy
	Social Policy Outcomes	System Outcomes			
	Albertans are... Safe > Live free from fear of abuse and violence Healthy > Achieve the highest attainable standards of health and well-being Secure & Resilient > Support themselves and their households through safe work and career opportunities, with access to effective income supports when in financial need Lifelong Learners > Develop the knowledge, skills, and commitment to learning needed to participate in society and reach potential Included > Feel welcomed in the communities where they live, learn, and work Active & Engaged > Explore opportunities to participate in recreational activities and cultural experiences, and to engage in Albertan society	Systems are... Aligned > Policy is aligned across program areas; tools and supports work together Balanced > Programs and services are balanced between prevention and intervention, support the whole person, and recognize strengths and needs Accessible > Albertans have access to and benefit from cohesive, flexible, timely, and informed services and supports Accountable and Sustainable > Social programs and services are results-oriented, transparent, and sustainable Complementary > Roles are balanced, complementary, and work together to achieve outcomes			

* This is a list of leading Government of Alberta initiatives and not an exhaustive list of actions by government or other sectors.



We provide a wide variety of programs to meet children, youth and family interests and needs. Some programs have specific guidelines and require a referral. Please call us to discuss eligibility.

While some of our groups do provide childcare, we are unable to provide childcare while you access individual services in our office.

Some programs require an appointment while other programs are open for drop in. Please call us for more information.

For more information about the programs that are offered or to get involved with Boundary Family & Individual Services Society or with the Boundary Family Centres:

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The Boundary Family Centres

The Boundary Family Centres were born out of the work of a group of caring and committed community partners. We dreamed of integrated Family Centres where children, youth and their caregivers could conveniently access a range of health and individual and family wellness services.

Since 2003 the Centres have been enriching the lives of Boundary families.

Conveniently situated at seven locations throughout the Boundary, each Centre is located in or near an elementary school and offers child, youth and family support, women's services, counselling, public health services and early years services.



Boundary Family Centres are funded by:

School District #51 Boundary
Interior Health Authority ~ Prevention Services,
Public Health
Ministry of Children and Family Development
Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Public Health Agency of Canada
The Phoenix Foundation of the Boundary Communities
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We acknowledge the financial assistance of the Province of British Columbia

Boundary Family & Individual Services Society

Enrich Your Life!

At the

Boundary

Family Centres



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Early Years Services

Baby's Best Chance

A program for pregnant women that provides nutrition, lifestyle, parent education, emotional support and fun groups to meet other pregnant women and families with young children. Nutritious lunch is provided.

Community Action Program for Children (CAPC)

Provides a group program to offer support, information and education for parents of children birth to 6 years.

Infant Development Program (IDP)

Services provided to families with children newborn to 3 years of age that are developmentally delayed or have a disability.

Family Attachment Matters

A family-centered intensive program focusing on caregivers with children under 6 years of age who require attachment assistance.

Children's Early Intervention Therapy Services

Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Services are provided to children that are at risk for development delays or affected by disabilities.

Parenting Programs

6 to 10 week group sessions which are focused on developing communication, coping and parenting skills. Groups run at various times during the year throughout the Boundary area.

Early Childhood Development Programs

We provide a wide variety of programs to meet children, youth and family interests and needs and integrate them with Early Childhood programs so our children have the very best chance at success. These programs include StrongStart, Mother Goose, Healthy Opportunities for Preschoolers, Alphabet Soup, Music Play, Parent and Tot Skate, Parent and Tot Swimming and many more.

Community Integration Program

This service provides a positive, inclusive community based programs for children and adolescence with developmental and physical disabilities

Behavioural Intervention

Behavioural services are intended to support families of children and youth diagnosed with autism, autism spectrum or complex behaviours to increase the ability of the family to respond effectively to their child and his/her specific challenges both at home and in the community.



Our services are provided by professional and trained support staff in a respectful and confidential manner.

All services are provided **FREE** of charge thanks to our funders and the generous support of private donors.

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Child, Youth and Family Services

Child and Youth Counselling

Counselling is provided to children, youth and families affected by trauma, sexual abuse, family violence, grief and loss, eating disorders, and children exhibiting life threatening behaviours.

Family Services

Services are provided to families experiencing personal difficulties, life transitions and family crises with a focus on keeping children safe. We engage and link families to the assistance that they require, provide support and teach life, safety and parenting skills.

Aboriginal Family Support

Family support services are provided for children, youth and families of Aboriginal ancestry, in a culturally relevant manner.

Services for Youth

Services are provided for youth who are experiencing challenges in their families, school, peers, the community and lifestyle choices.

Therapy Services for School Age Children

Physiotherapist and Occupational Therapist assessment and consultation services are provided for school aged children and youth.

Men's Support Group

This group deals with a variety of issues for men and includes practice in skill building in the areas of problem solving, conflict resolution, parenting and communication.

Helping Boys Become Healthy Men

This two year project will bring boys together and engage them in meaningful activities in the Boundary communities. This program will strengthen peer support and encourage opportunities for boys to be mentored. The program will also focus on supporting dads and other male family members/caregivers to engage with their boys.

Connect Parenting Program

A 10 week program that helps parents and caregivers who are struggling to understand and respond to difficult behavior. This is an attachment-based program.



Briefing Note on a Social Policy Framework for B.C.

Purpose:

To provide a brief overview about the idea of a social policy framework for B.C. to help guide Board Voice discussions with boards or government officials

Introduction:

We have many exceptional supports for people in the province of B.C. We are lucky to have some excellent schools and universities, good hospitals and medical staff, and outstanding community agencies providing services and supports from cradle to grave. We also have some complex and difficult social issues that will require a more comprehensive and integrated approach to resolve. For example, British Columbia has the highest rate of poverty in all of Canada and is tied for the highest rate of child poverty with Manitoba.

We can do better. And a social policy framework is an approach to make this happen.

Definition:

Social policy focuses on the issues and responses that affect the quality of life and welfare of individuals. In doing so, social policy efforts often seek to protect or promote the material well-being of individuals, families, or groups on the grounds of equality, compassion or justice. Because of this, social policy is tied to economic policy.

Social policy is about the values, strategies, plans, and actions that most directly affect people—individually and in their relationships and networks with their friends, families, and communities. (From Weaving the Threads – Nova Scotia)

Policy frameworks are tools that can guide decision making, set future direction, identify important connections, and support the alignment of policies and practices both inside and outside an organization. In short, policy frameworks are blueprints for something we want to build and roadmaps for where we want to go. (From the Alberta Social Planning Framework)

Why a Social Policy Framework for B.C.

The Problem

- Currently in B.C. there is no overarching framework to guide the work of social ministries and related community organizations in the province. No all-embracing vision, goals, and accountabilities, which could assist in bringing new approaches to difficult to solve issues.
- While collaboration is recognized as critically important to ensure the best and most efficient use of resources, there are few mechanisms either at a provincial or community level to bring this about.
- Broad ministry plans, which drive change, are often not linked and most ministries continue to operate largely in silos.
- At a community level, there are few planning mechanisms that bring organizations together within their sector or across sector boundaries. Those that do exist are often spotty, ad hoc and not institutionalized. Few resources exist to support this type of work within agency or municipal budgets.
- Linkages between social policies and economic policies are difficult to discern, although upon reflection, are obvious and need to be understood and managed.
- The issues that affect individuals and families are not easily dealt with in silos: issues of employment, housing, health care, child protection, day care, food security, and disability supports for example, are generally linked and require solutions that are linked horizontally at all levels to be effective.
- Time consuming and expensive organizational restructurings rarely accomplish the level of collaboration and integration they set out to resolve.

A Social Policy Framework and the Government/Non Profit Initiative (GNPI)

- GNPI introduced in 2008 is "a vehicle to strengthen the way Government and the Non Profit Sector work together to support stronger communities and better outcomes for British Columbians."
- Since its inception, GNPI and parts of the non-profit sector have worked together on some key operational issues primarily in the finance and HR areas. Some reports have been generated, although action has been slow.
- A social policy framework is a broader concept, which would include and transcend the work of GNPI. It would go beyond the relationship and transactions between government and the non profit sector and speak to the development of social policy, the roles of the various players, including all of the relevant ministries and would be based on a consultation involving all British

Columbians. A Social Policy Framework would speak to the kind of province we want to live, learn, work and play in and would craft long term goals to take us in these directions.

- The work of the GNPI would become a necessary part of the Framework.

A Solution

- A social policy framework could begin to drive the change necessary to bring about better policy coherence and better social outcomes through the creation of a shared vision and goals, integrated plans, clarified roles and responsibilities and clear expectations and accountabilities.
- Recently six Deputy Ministers were required to develop a joint action plan to address issues for persons with developmental disabilities. The plan recognized that people do not live in silos and require integrated solutions. A social policy framework would institutionalize an approach that would make this the norm rather than an exception.
- A social policy framework developed through extensive provincial consultation would help to build understanding of the linked nature of social issues and the role of different stakeholders in making things better.
- In times of tight budgets, a framework could help to develop provincial priorities and integrated plans to address them and help to streamline delivery mechanisms.
- Existing plans, such as the Healthy Minds, Healthy People, A Ten Year Plan to Address Mental Health and Substance Use in British Columbia; the B.C. Early Years Strategy; and White Paper, Part One: A Modern, Transparent Justice System and White Paper, Part Two: A Timely and Balanced Justice System would all be identified and included in the broad framework.
- The framework would be monitored by a steering committee of Deputy Ministers to ensure milestones were being addressed. All social policy would be reviewed through an integrated lens.
- Evidence based research on the social determinants of health could help to guide priority setting and decision-making.
- The nature of the partnership relationship between government and community agencies could be clarified and the potential for community planning and development exploited to better manage the system of supports to people.
- A policy framework could better balance investments in prevention and

intervention.

An Approach to Development

- Just as there are many different forms a social policy framework could take, there are many ways to get there.
- Board Voice would advocate for a broad provincial consultation, undertaken by the provincial government, informed by a steering committee of key stakeholders.
- Resources would be required to undertake this initiative, although the intent would not be to create funding commitments for new programs in the development of the framework. New funding requirements, which could evolve from the framework, would be handled through the existing processes and within the resources and priorities of the government.

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January 22, 2014

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Via E-mail: avicc@ubcm.ca

AVICC

Local Government House
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Attn: Ms. Iris Hesketh-Boles, Executive Coordinator

Dear Ms. Hesketh-Boles:

RE: AVICC Resolution – Social Policy Framework

Please be advised that Council, at its January 20, 2014 regular meeting, unanimously passed the following resolution for consideration at the 2014 AVICC Conference:

Social Policy Framework

WHEREAS every British Columbian depends on social services, health care, justice and education services;

AND WHEREAS our communities are partners in the delivery of many of these services and are facing increasingly complex social challenges requiring coordination between multiple social ministries of government, municipalities and the community agencies and organizations that deliver services to the public;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the municipal governments of British Columbia call upon the Premier to begin a consultation with British Columbians to initiate the development of a Social Policy Framework that will set out key policy directions, values, priorities, roles and expectations, and guide the creation of public policy to meet our social needs now and into the future.

As noted in the submission requirements, a hard copy of this letter will follow by mail and additional background information to accompany the resolution.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at (250) 746-6126.

Sincerely,

Karen Burley,
Director of Corporate Services

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Social Policy Presentation Outline

Background

The Board Voice Society of B.C. is seeking support for the development of a social policy framework for the province. We ask that municipalities support a resolution to the provincial government to initiate a province-wide consultation leading to the development of such a framework.

- Board Voice represents more than 70 boards of community social service agencies across the province. It exists to advise governments on issues of concern to community benefit organizations, to improve governance and to bring boards together locally and provincially in the desire to create strong, vibrant communities. We believe a social policy framework will improve the lives of all BCers. www.boardvoice.ca
- The community social services sector: Helps people: find employment, find housing, deal with addictions, escape abuse; Provides services for sexually abused children, seniors needing in home support, persons with developmental and other disabilities, families and children in the protection system, and for children and adults living on the street; Creates child care and early learning services, safe houses, detox programs, language programs, transition services, skills training, immigrant programs.
- Other provinces, most recently Alberta <http://socialpolicyframework.alberta.ca/files/documents/ahs-nonannotatedfrmwrk-webfinal.pdf>, and some municipalities have created social policy frameworks.

What's the Issue to be Resolved?

- Our population is growing and becoming more diverse. Housing, jobs, education, health, public spaces, recreation facilities are all affected. Issues are getting more complex.
- There is an increasing gap between the rich and the poor in our communities. We know social and health problems are connected to growing inequalities.
- Currently in B.C. there is no overarching framework to guide the work of social ministries and related community organizations in the province - no all-embracing vision, goals, and accountabilities, which could assist in bringing new approaches to difficult to solve issues.
- While collaboration is recognized as critically important to ensure the best and most efficient use of resources, there are few mechanisms either at a provincial or community level to bring this about.
- Broad ministry plans, which drive change, are often not well linked to other plans and most ministries continue to operate largely in silos. Horizontal leadership is not focused.
- At a community level, there are few planning mechanisms that bring organizations together within their sector or across sector boundaries and those that do exist are often ad hoc.
- Few resources exist to support this type of work within agency or municipal budgets.
- Linkages between social policies and economic policies are difficult to discern, although upon reflection, are obvious and need to be understood and managed.

What is a social policy framework?

Social policy is about the things that affect the quality of day-to-day life - the values, strategies, plans, and actions that affect people most directly — individually and in their relationships and networks with their friends, families, and communities. **Policy frameworks** are tools that can guide decision making, set future direction, identify important connections, and support the alignment of policies and practices both inside and outside an organization.

Why are we coming to you?

Municipal governments see first hand the day-to-day results of systemic failure on their neighbours and communities. A broad consultation process to generate a social policy framework is critical and local governments through the BC Healthy Communities initiative are already involved in conversations and actions. The community social service sector delivers programs and services through local agencies. As a result, there is an alliance between local government and agencies. We need to come together to build the capacities of local government and agencies to come to terms with the very real social problems facing citizens by asking the Premier to undertake the development of a social policy framework for British Columbia.

The Board Voice Society of BC: An Idea Whose Time Has Come



Vision: A clear and effective voice for volunteer community-based boards supporting high quality social services and strong vibrant communities.

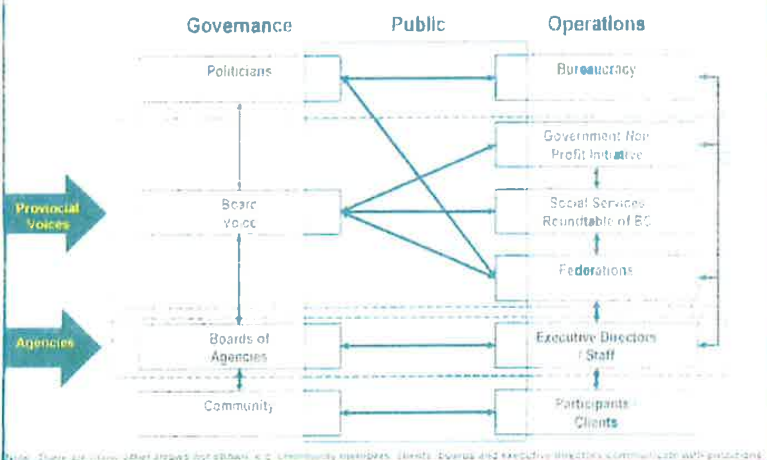
Mission Statement: The members of Board Voice are provincial champions of healthy communities who promote the value of collaborative high quality community-based social services through:

1. Advising governments concerning the aspirations and concerns of the sector from a community perspective.
2. Strengthening the governance capacity of boards;
3. Promoting collaborative cross-sectoral thinking, innovation and planning at the community and provincial levels;
4. Promoting community social services to the general public as critical to the social fabric of our communities.

Founding Principles:

1. Respectful
2. Collaborative
3. Transparent
4. Responsive
5. Timely & Appropriate
6. Inclusive & Balanced
7. Accessible
8. Accountable
9. Innovative

Relational Aspects to the Community Social Services System



Who can join Board Voice?

Boards of non profit agencies which deliver social services in BC can become full members of Board Voice. Other categories of membership may be considered.

Why Board Voice?

Thousands of board directors across this province give back in ways that make their community healthier and more resilient. The value of their work is incalculable. It's a level of governance across the province that has low visibility, but at the same time high impact on the vitality and strength of our communities. It is time for this voice to be heard.

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and become a part of something new.

Help to make it happen!

Get Onboard!



BoardVoice

Leadership. Collaboration. Community.

Why Now?

- Community social services are under great stress. Global economic issues have led to increased demand for service while agencies face cutbacks and decreases in funding.
- Social services support hundreds of thousands of people each year, keeping people out of more expensive options in the health and corrections systems.
- The 65,000 staff in this sector contribute significantly to the economy. Many are leaving the sector due to wage issues and cutbacks. Recruitment and retention will become a big issue soon.
- There are many different voices in social services. Board Voice will speak on behalf of the whole sector.

Five Key Goals for 2013/14

- Governments are advised about the aspirations and concerns of the sector from a community perspective.
- A Social Policy Framework for B.C. is seen as a important initiative for the province to pursue.
- The governance capacity of boards is strengthened.
- Collaborative cross-sectoral thinking, innovation and planning at the community and provincial levels are evident across the province.
- Board Voice is a financially sustainable organization, widely known and respected for its support of the community social services sector.

What's in it for your Board and Agency?

- The opportunity to build an innovative new organization, the first of it's kind in North America (that we know of).
- A chance to contribute to developing a better climate for social services in British Columbia.
- An organizational structure through which to influence public policy.
- An opportunity to collaborate with other governors at the provincial and community level.
- Access to reliable information on the state of social services in the province.
- Board training opportunities and an opportunity to improve governance.
- Better governance outcomes for your agency.

Let's talk.

Contact us to have a Board Voice representative talk to your agency.

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Board Executive:

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- Past Chair - Carol Matusicky, Board Member, Burnaby Family Life
- Vice Chair - Leslie Welin, Board Chair, Clements Centre, Duncan
- Treasurer - Craig East, Board Member Options Community Services Society, Surrey
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Social Policy Framework – Resolution for Consideration at the 2014 AVICC

Submitted by: City of Duncan

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AND WHEREAS our communities are partners in the delivery of many of these services and are facing increasingly complex social challenges requiring coordination between multiple social ministries of government, municipalities and the community agencies and organizations that deliver services to the public;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the municipal governments of British Columbia call upon the Premier to begin a consultation with British Columbians to initiate the development of a Social Policy Framework that will set out key policy directions, values, priorities, roles and expectations, and guide the creation of public policy to meet our social needs now and into the future.



CITY OF NELSON

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CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

Provincial Social Policy Framework

"THAT the following recommendation be endorsed by Nelson City Council and submitted to the Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments at the Annual General Meeting to be held in Creston April 9 – 11, 2014:

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I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Nelson at the Regular Council meeting held on the 3rd day of February, 2014.

Frances Long, CMC
Corporate Officer

Dated at Nelson, BC this
4th day of February, 2014



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There is a better way.

Social policy affects everyone: young families searching for day care; parents supporting a child with developmental disabilities; victims of domestic abuse, violence, sexual abuse; youth living on the street; new Canadians working to connect in their communities; people coping with sickness, mental health issues, addiction, unemployment, poverty; seniors searching for affordable, appropriate supports as they age.

Virtually every family in this province will access social services at some point in their lifetime, and communities increasingly understand the need to plan for the social impacts of economic development.

Responding to these human needs challenges us all. Services cross ministerial silos, bridge across the government, non-profit and corporate sectors, and lack coordination. The needs are increasing while resources grow ever tighter.

As the volunteer governors of social service organizations, we believe how we as people, as communities, as organizations and governments respond to these needs will define us.

And we believe there is a better way.

We believe that we can contribute to better lives for our children, and our parents, and ourselves.

We believe that we can grow our economy and our communities while improving our quality of life.

We believe that a principled, well-developed social policy framework that builds common understanding, is pragmatic in delivery and is measured by outcomes can streamline delivery of critical services, improve the results for those who need it most and guide decision making into the future.

And we believe that we must begin now.

Board Voice directors call upon community leaders and our provincial and municipal governments to partner with the social services, health care, justice, and education sectors to design a broad based, inclusive consultation that engages British Columbians to shape a plan to meet our social needs now and into the future.

There is a better way. We invite you to join us.