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**Conflict of Interest**

**May 25, 2015**

Grand Forks, BC – In their commitment to the public to be transparent and open Council would like to advise the public that the City of Grand Forks sought a legal opinion, from the organizations lawyers Young Anderson, regarding a conflict of interest that Mayor Konrad and Councillor Julia Butler are perceived to be in.

The opinion received advised that Mayor Konrad has an indirect pecuniary conflict of interest in relation to the Water Meter Work, and Councillor Butler has a direct pecuniary interest in relation to the Water Meter program. Both Mayor Konrad and Councillor Butler have been advised that they should recuse themselves from any further participation in relation to the respective matters in respect of which Young Anderson believes they have a conflict of interest and has advised both parties that they should obtain independent legal advice on the issue.

Young Anderson further advised that the remainder of Council should encourage Mayor Konrad and Councillor Butler to recuse themselves from any further participation in relation to the respective matters.

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