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THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF GRAND FORKS

CITY HALL TIMES

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Water Restrictions for the City of Grand Forks

Sprinkling shall be restricted to the following days and times:

"EVEN" numbered civic addresses may sprinkle on "even" numbered days ((02, 04, 06, etc)

"ODD" numbered civic addresses may sprinkle on "odd" numbered days (01, 03, 05, etc)

MANUAL SPRINKLERS

From 7:00 am until 9:00 am AND
from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm

On the 31st day of any month –
MANUAL SPRINKLERS:

"EVEN" numbered civic addresses may sprinkle in the
mornings from 7 am until 9 am and
"ODD" numbered civic addresses may sprinkle in the eve-
ning from 7 pm until 9 pm

FLOWER, VEGETABLE GARDENS AND NEWLY PLANTED LAWNS & LANDSCAPES

may be hand watered at any time using a hand held
nozzle. ie. No manual sprinklers.

FOR NEW PLANTED LAWNS AND LANDSCAPES FIRST MONTH ONLY

Newly planted lawns and landscapes may be sprinkled
twice a day every day from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 7:00
PM to 9:00 PM for the FIRST MONTH using either manual
sprinklers or automatic timed underground sprinklers.

Automatic timed systems can be used to water up to
5 minutes per zone at a time, with total watering time
NOT to exceed 4 hours.

Newly planted lawns and landscapes may be hand wa-
tered using a hand held nozzle at any time
i.e. No manual sprinklers

AUTOMATIC TIMED UNDERGROUND SPRINKLERS

EITHER from Midnight until 4 am,
OR from 7 am until 9 am AND
from 7 pm until 9 pm BUT NOT BOTH

On the 31st day of any month:

Either from Midnight until 4 am OR

"EVEN" numbered civic addresses may sprinkle in
the mornings from 7 am to 9 am;

"ODD" numbered civic addresses may sprinkle in
the evening from 7 pm to 9 pm BUT NOT BOTH

CITY PARKS AND CEMETERY will adhere to the
same numbers of hours as residential sprinkling.

This Schedule Change Bylaw will be introduced by Council in May and
will be effective June 1st, 2007. ALL previous sprinkling variances will
be cancelled on May 31st, 2007.

The reason for the cancellation is that there is no way of effectively
monitoring these variances without major expense to the City.
This will provide the same number of sprinkling hours for all taxpayers.
The City has authority to shut water off at the property line to those
residents refusing to comply with sprinkling regulations.

Sprinkling will be monitored by Commissionaires.

The first offense will result in a warning letter.

The second offense will result in your water being shut off.

A reconnection fee of \$50.00 will be required
before your water is reconnected.

Grand Forks Electrical Utility Update

A section of the
electrical distribu-
tion system on
Central Avenue,
from the Grand
Forks Secondary
High School to
Motel 99, was
recently converted
for 5Kv to 12.5Kv.
This is part of the
Electric Utility
long term plan to
upgrade the electri-
cal distribution sys-
tem within the City
of Grand Forks.

In addition, in
2012, several wood
poles are being replaced to help main-
tain the condition of the electrical infra-
structure.



Regular Council Meetings for the Balance of 2012

Monday, June 11, 2012
Monday, June 25, 2012
Monday, July 23, 2012
Monday, August 20, 2012
Tuesday, September 4, 2012
Monday, September 17, 2012
Tuesday, October 9, 2012
Monday, October 22, 2012
Monday, November 5, 2012
Monday, November 19, 2012
Monday, December 3, 2012
Monday, December 17, 2012

Please note there is only one
Regular Meeting in the months
of July and August. All Regular
Meetings of Council are held in
Council Chambers at City Hall,
beginning at 7:00 p.m., unless
otherwise advertised.

Following is a listing of sched-
uled Primary Committee
Meetings of Council for
the City of Grand Forks for
the year 2012. Primary
Committee Meetings are
scheduled to follow the
Regular Meeting of Council.

Monday, June 25, 2012
Monday, July 23, 2012
Monday, August 20, 2012
Monday, September 17, 2012
Monday, October 22, 2012
Monday, November 19, 2012
Monday, December 17, 2012

Are your house numbers in place?

House numbers are important. Even in a small community like Grand Forks we
need all our residents to ensure that their residence displays the proper house
number. Vitally important during an emergency, the police, the fire department
or the ambulance depend on these numbers to find you. House numbers should
be a minimum of 6" and should be displayed prominently on the front of the

house that faces the street. If your house is located on a corner lot, please ensure

that the numbers are displayed on the front of the house that faces the street that is your
residential address. Not sure of your correct address, please call us here at City Hall. We can help!





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Important information regarding your property tax notices and making payments



Property Taxation and Assessments

The basic concept in taxation is: $\text{Assessment} \times \text{Tax Rate} = \text{Property Taxes}$. An increase or a decrease in tax assessments does not automatically relate to an increase or decrease in Property Taxes since your tax rates will have changed.

The following is an example of a Residential Property taxation change for an average homeowner in Grand Forks who is under 65 and eligible for the Provincial Home Owner Grant.

Property assessment is done by the BC Assessment Authority and is based on the market value of all real properties in BC. Correct classification is determined for every property. Legislation is reviewed to determine if the property is fully or partially exempt from taxation. Once the assessment is complete, a Revised Assessment Roll is provided to the City. Based on the information provided on the Assessment Roll and the revenue required to be raised from property taxation for services, a tax rate is determined for each class of property.

The taxing authority in Grand Forks is the City of Grand Forks. The City also collects taxes on behalf of the School District, Hospital Districts, Regional district, Municipal Finance Authority, BC Assessment Authority.

Property Tax Notices are being mailed to you this month. In order to anticipate areas that need clarification, we will be including a list of "Frequently Asked Questions" with your property tax notices.

If you have not received your property tax notice by June 10, 2012, and you own property in the City of Grand Forks, we urge you to please contact City Hall.

Property Tax payments are due on July 3, 2012. You will need to make arrangements to ensure that your property tax payment is received by the due date to avoid penalties

As well, please be reminded that the City does not accept Credit Cards for payment of Property Taxes and Utilities.

Residential Property: Eligible for under 65 year's Provincial Homeowner Grant

Average Assessment Level: SFC	\$205,960	\$205,960	
Tax Jurisdictions	2011	2012	Change
School	\$ 550.49	\$ 562.16	\$ 11.67
Less: PHOG	\$ 550.49	\$ 562.16	\$ 11.67
Net School	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
City: Municipal	\$ 683.46	\$ 732.98	\$ 49.52
City Flat	\$ 65.00	\$ 40.00	\$ (25.00)
Total City	\$ 748.46	\$ 772.98	\$ 24.52
Less: Residual PHOG	\$ 219.41	\$ 207.84	\$ (11.57)
City Tax	\$ 529.05	\$ 565.14	\$ 36.09
Other Local Taxation:			
Regional District	\$ 421.62	\$ 427.58	\$ 5.96
Hospital District	\$ 56.95	\$ 48.62	\$ (8.33)
BC Assessment	\$ 12.79	\$ 12.30	\$ (0.49)
Municipal Finance	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ -
Local Policing	\$ 63.37	\$ 62.25	\$ (1.12)
Total Other Taxation	\$ 554.77	\$ 550.79	\$ (3.98)
Net Payable	\$1,083.82	\$1,115.93	\$ 32.11
Monthly Payable	\$ 90.32	\$ 92.99	\$ 2.68

Assessment by Class of Properties provides the comparative assessment for taxation in 2012. The following reflects the changes from the prior year.

**Schedule A
of Assessment
by Class of Properties**



Average Class	Folios	2011 \$	Folios	2012 \$	Change \$	% Change	% of Assmnt
Residential Vacant	626	16,941,530	625	17,496,230	554,700	3.3%	3.7%
Residential Single Family	1,576	324,594,300	1,579	324,183,900	(410,400)	-0.1%	68.6%
Residential ALR	43	5,652,600	45	6,188,600	536,000	9.5%	1.3%
Residential Farm	0	0	1	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Residential Strata	178	26,880,700	178	26,516,700	(364,000)	-1.4%	5.6%
Residential Other	69	16,836,600	76	17,258,300	421,700	2.5%	3.7%
Total Residential	2,492	390,905,730	2,504	391,643,730	738,000	0.2%	82.9%
Utilities	31	1,137,610	31	1,253,670	116,060	10.2%	0.3%
Major Industry	5	12,078,600	4	16,075,700	3,997,100	33.1%	3.4%
Light Industry	11	2,575,300	10	3,068,800	493,500	19.2%	0.6%
Business & Other	426	61,041,851	425	60,151,800	(890,051)	-1.5%	12.7%
Rec/Non-Profit	72	63,500	72	67,500	4,000	6.3%	0.0%
Farm	6	154,301	5	111,983	(42,318)	-27.4%	0.0%
	3,043	467,956,892	3,051	472,373,183	4,416,291	0.9%	100.0%