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CITY HALL TIMES

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From Council Chambers

The City is “OPEN FOR BUSINESS”!

The City is undertaking several initiatives to support the “Open for Business” mantra that it has recently adopted. The development of an Economic Profile for the City is available for downloading at www.grandforks.ca/economic-development/

This document is intended to provide current information to potential investors, and is one more tool in the City’s business attraction tool box.

On June 18th, Council hosted a Community Showcase that highlighted potential investment opportunities within the City. The showcase provided information locally first with the intention of introducing it to a larger audience in the near future. For information contact: Info@grandforks.ca

The Environment Committee has been hard at work and on June 20th City Council held a ribbon cutting ceremony in celebration and acknowledgment of the great work the committee has undertaken.

The Committee’s work on riparian area education is highlighted in the educational sign that has been erected at City Park. The intention is to provide the public with information regarding the importance of the sensitive area that surrounds the water ways.

Bat houses are a different approach used to control the mosquito population and other insects around the community. The collaborative effort that went into the building of the bat houses speaks to the good work of the Environment Committee. A big thank you from City Council goes out to the Environment Committee, Telus, the Boundary Woodworkers Guild, Stryker Industries, and the Granby Wilderness Society for their efforts in making and erecting five Bat Houses throughout the community.

With the beautification of the community, Council felt it was important to provide information for tourists and locals alike by highlighting activities that are available in the area. The Kiosk at the base of Observation Mountain is just one of several that the

City has installed to provide both a City and a Regional map that identify some of the more popular recreational opportunities in the area such as tubing, hiking, biking, and camping among other activities, and provide information relevant to the area they are stationed. All in all the City has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming tourist season while continuing to make Grand Forks a destination.

Results of the Commuter Challenge that took place during Environment Week from June 2nd-8th. Michelle Caskey, who is very active with the Environment Committee representing the



BC Lung Association, has won the “Individual who commuted sustainably all 5 days outside of Metro Vancouver” category. Congratulations Michelle!!

Council would like to say a special thank you to Jock and Betty Anne Mackay for their ongoing environmental stewardship, and donation of a bat house in support of that project.



City Hall Sneak Peak

The Sneak Peak provided a great opportunity to take a look at City Hall before reconstruction begins. The main floor of the building has been stripped back to the brick that you see outside. Late last week the City was able to award the tender to

Hil-Tech, who are local to the Kootenay Boundary area, and located in Trail. For more information on Hil-Tech go to: www.hil-tech.ca. Tentatively, construction is scheduled to run from July 3rd until October 31st, 2014.



Paving of 68th Avenue

At the May 26th Regular Meeting, Council approved paving on 68th Avenue, from Kettle River Drive to 19th Street. This project is in keeping with the water

conservation measures that the City is undertaking, and will extend the life expectancy of underground infrastructure.

Elections

To better answer your questions and provide the public with the most current elections information the City of Grand Forks has added an elections page to the website. Check it out at:

www.grandforks.ca/2014-local-government-elections/

Good Sam Samboree

It was hard not to notice the flood of RV’s sitting in Dick Bartlett Park! Council was pleased to have the Good Sam Club choose Grand Forks as its destination for 2014. The club brought 142 RV’s and 276 people to Grand Forks. We hope you enjoyed your stay in our wonderful community!

Have fun and be safe this summer

