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CITY HALL TIMES

Connecting with the Community

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From Council Chambers

Summer Good for Grand Forks

Grand Forks was a very busy City this summer with an overwhelming number of community events that were all incredibly successful, the campground busy and downtown was hopping. It has been wonderful to see and chat with the numerous visitors to the community this summer.

This month Council recognized a local couple, Eli and Dorothy Popoff, for their incredible dedication and contribution to the community by bestowing them the honour of Freeman of the City. Council presented Mrs. Popoff with a plaque at a small celebration in her home earlier in September.



The Union of British Columbia Municipalities is taking place this month. UBCM is an important opportunity for local governments to share knowledge and issues facing BC communities, and meet and discuss local issues and initiatives with the provincial government.

This year City Council plans to meet with several provincial ministers to discuss issues that are important to the Grand Forks Community and includes the:

Ministry of Natural Gas Development and Minister Responsible for Housing, Honorable Rich Coleman – Request for funding for the Multi-Agency Accommodation Project (MAAP) to provide housing to a vulnerable population.

Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, Honorable Coralee Oakes – Support municipal non-taxation revenue generation to fund asset management programs.

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources, Honorable Steve Thompson – Request for provincial leadership and funding for deer management for the City of Grand Forks.

Minister of Health, Honorable Terry Lake – Request for funding for the Multi-Agency Accommodation Project (MAAP) to provide community mental health services and housing.

The Green Communities Committee has recognized the City for the work undertaken to measure and

reduce its corporate emissions. The City was awarded Level 2 recognition for this accomplishment.



**BC CLIMATE ACTION
COMMUNITY 2013**

The City has been hard at work developing our “Open for Business” philosophy and Council is very excited to have been nominated along with 12 other communities for the 2014 Open for Business Award. This award recognizes communities that support small business through local government measures.

Council would like to thank each and every volunteer that takes the time to help make our community great! The 2014 call for nominations for Volunteer of the City is now open. Volunteers are integral to the strong social fabric of the Grand Forks community and by nominating community groups and individuals you can show your appreciation and thanks to our communities many excellent volunteers. Nomination forms and instructions can be found at www.grandforks.ca

Updates ● ● ● ●

68th Street paving update: Existing asphalt and base gravel materials have been removed and on the south side of 68th cleanup of grass/dirt boulevards up to the existing sidewalk have been completed. Crews are in the first stages of prepping the road for asphalt which is anticipated to take place in late September. Residents will see improved drainage along 68th as well as a “sharrow” on the south side of the street. The purpose of a sharrow – road markings showing a bicycle with two chevrons – is to remind residents to share the road when driving or cycling in Grand Forks. Thank you for your patience during the construction period!



ATV Launch Site: In partnership with the ATV Club City workers will be grading and constructing the area at Morrissey Creek parking lot for the ATV launch site in late September. A new informational kiosk will also be erected.

Dick Bartlett Electrical Upgrade: In cooperation with Boundary Electric, the electrical crew installed a new electrical panel at Dick Bartlett Park to aid with major events held in this park.



Riverside Drive Re-conductor Project: The City electrical crew will be undertaking a crucial upgrade to the system. This is to ensure existing and future capacity requirements. The project is scheduled to begin in October and completed at the end of the month. The City intends to provide regular updates and more information on this project. www.grandforks.ca

City Hall: Construction at City Hall is well underway! Work crews began the re-construction process in June and aim to be complete at the end of the year. Thank you for your patience throughout the displacement period.



Water Meter Installation: Thank you to everyone who has had a water meter installed in their home. The program is off to a great start! Just a reminder to set up your appointment with Neptune (1.800.661.4387 or www.grandforkswatermeters.ca/schedule.html) once you have received your brochure in the mail. Please call within 2 weeks of receiving your brochure to arrange an appointment and Neptune will work with you to schedule an appointment at a convenient time for you!!

Elections: If you are interested in running in the upcoming municipal election, nomination packages are available for pick up at 6641 Industrial Parkway (old Canpar office). The nomination period begins on September 30th at 9:00am and closes on October 10th at 4:00pm. For elections information check out www.grandforks.ca

PROJECT PROGRESS

Head Start Program Conference Registration: The Head Start for Young Women pilot project began in the fall of 2013 when Councillor Cher Wyers was informed that Grand Forks had been chosen as one of the communities selected by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. After two information sessions, a group of six girls and three mentors was created. The group put their heads together and are hosting a conference for women in politics. For more information or to register for the conference check out <http://www.grandforks.ca/public-notices/project-progress-head-start-for-young-women-in-grand-forks/>