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From the Mayor's Desk

Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments

Council submitted five resolutions for debate to the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) this year. Resolutions that are Carried are sent to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for debate on the floor of the UBCM Annual General Meeting in September. Visit www.grandforks.ca to read the full resolutions that were submitted.

- Advertisement and Active Solicitation of Public and Local Government Input Regarding Forest Stewardship Plans
- Management of Gilpin Grasslands Provincial Park and Similar Areas throughout the Province – Protection from Livestock
- Re-evaluation of Determining the Allowable Annual Cut
- Provincial and Federal Protection of Water Resources
- Survey of Municipal Tax Collection on the Effectiveness of Tax Sales



Students from Selkirk College Transitions Program take a tour of City Hall with Mayor Konrad.

March & April 2016 program outline for Public Works

Spring has arrived early this year allowing us to get a bit of a jump on the spring cleanup.

- Thatching and turf cleanup of our parks, grounds and green spaces.
- Cleaning out debris and cutting back last year's dead plant material from all of our flower beds
- Amending the soil in preparation for another year of outstanding floral displays.
- Pruning and shaping of our many ornamental shrubs and trees also
- Pruning and cutting back the large inventory of beautiful boulevard trees within city limits.



sult of excess water being held on the road surfaces over the winter and the freeze thaw that comes with winter & spring.

Spring also brings out the sports enthusiasts, soccer, baseball, rugby and ultimate Frisbee to name just a few of the sports being played on our many sports fields throughout the city.

- Top dressing & seeding holes, weeding and prepping ball diamond skins, fence repair on back catches, cleaning out the dugouts and redefining edges will all be taking place.
- Cleaning and washing the skateboard park and tennis/pickleball courts.
- Cleanup of popular beaches and placement of some 70 plus picnic tables at your favorite spots to relax and enjoy the beauty that surrounds us in this valley.

Get to Know Your Personal Protective Equipment

Personal protective equipment (PPE) is a worker's last defence against injury and death, when eliminating workplace hazards is not possible. To make sure this equipment protects you as it should, you need to know your PPE responsibilities under Occupational Health and Safety Regulation.

Learn more about this and other safety topics at: http://www.worksafebc.com/publications/newsletters/worksafe_magazine/

- How Do I select the right equipment?
- Who Supplies the equipment?
- Who maintains the equipment?
- Where do I get more information?



Sewer and Water Update

Our water and sewer Operators are looking forward to starting our spring programs. Due to the continuing great weather that we have enjoyed this mild winter, we have been able to get a jump on various water and sewer construction and repair items that would have had to wait through the cold season. Our spring maintenance items for March and April include:

- Fire hydrant inspections and maintenance. We have over 260 hydrants that need to be in top working condition for our Fire Department to use in case of a fire emergency.
- Water main flushing. Flushing water mains are done as part of a scheduled preventative maintenance program to remove sediment that gradually deposits in

the pipes and helps maintain water quality in our system. We recycle the flushed water in coordination with our downtown washdown and boulevard cleanup. Watch for the water main flushing notice that will be posted on our City of Grand Forks website, our Facebook page and in the newspaper for specific dates.

- Well exercise and maintenance. Operators run and exercise a maintenance schedule for each of our five wells to ensure seamless operation for the high demand months of the summer.

These maintenance items are part of the ongoing efforts to efficiently deliver a quality water product to our homes, schools and businesses.

