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Connecting with the Community

6th Annual Community Volunteer Recognition

COUNCIL POLICY: VOLUNTEER OF THE CITY

In the past, the city used to mail out invitation letters to organizations that generated volunteers, but this process was flawed due to the fact that many individuals and groups for which the city may be unaware, would not have received a much deserved invitation. In 2009, council adopted a new policy that publicly announces the event as opposed to invitations to organizations.

POLICY:

"Council may give recognition to a volunteer or a group of volunteers for service above and beyond of those generally performed in the community."

POLICY PROCEDURE:

When council is giving consideration to the recognition to an individual or group, it shall make its deliberations "in camera" and when a decision to give recognition has been made, it shall then be announced by the mayor at the annual Community Volunteer Recognition evening.

CRITERIA:

- The individual or group should be honoured for its volunteer work in the City of Grand Forks or for volunteer work that has had an impact on the City of Grand Forks;
- The individual or group should not have been paid or received any form of financial remuneration for the work or activity for which the volunteer is being considered;
- The individual or group should have made a significant commitment to the community to be considered for the recognition;
- There is substantial support from the Community through letters of recommendations outlining the volunteerism history and the impact on the community;
- A special volunteer recognition may be given after the passing of the individual;
- Prior to giving any recognition of volunteer of the year, the City must call for nominations publicly in a Regular Council Meeting and through the City's Newsletter.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:

At their regular meeting on June 27th, 2011, council adopted the resolution that publicly announced this year's volunteer appreciation evening and the call for nominations. Individuals or groups may nominate another individual, group or organization by obtaining and completing the City of Grand Forks Nomination Form for Exceptional Volunteer Service.

The nomination forms are available at the front counter at City Hall and also via our city's website at: www.city.grandforks.bc.ca/city/bulletin. Returned, fully completed forms can be either dropped off in person, mailed to: City of Grand Forks, P.O. Box 220, Grand Forks, B.C., V0H 1H0 or emailed to: info@grandforks.ca as a PDF format.

Completed forms must be returned to City Hall
by 4:00 pm on August 26, 2011.

2011 Bill Payment Schedule

MAILING DATE	BILL DUE DATE
By the last working date of the month below	First Wednesday of every other month)
June 2011	August 3, 2011
August 2011	October 5, 2011
October 2011	December 7, 2011

Wednesday, September 14th, 2011
Grand Forks Art Gallery (Heritage Courthouse) on Central Avenue
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Refreshments served

The volunteer(s) who are the recipients for this year's Certificate of Merit will be honoured at the evening event. In addition, Mayor, Council and the City of Grand Forks are extending the invitation to attend the festivities to all of our community's volunteers to this year's recognition evening. Many of our community events and programs would not be possible if it weren't for those individuals and organizations who donate their selfless time, involvement and efforts through the year.



Volunteers recognized in 2010 included Kristine Eyre (left with Councilor Gene Robert); and Whitey and Bernice Tetrault (pictured at right with Mayor Brian Taylor).

WATER RESTRICTIONS ARE NOW IN PLACE

NOTICE OF SCHEDULE CHANGE

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	AUTOMATIC TIMED UNDERGROUND SPRINKLERS EITHER From Midnight until 4:00 am OR From 7:00 am until 9:00 am And From 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm BUT NOT BOTH
On the 31st day of any month: MANUAL SPRINKLERS: "ODD" numbered civic addresses may sprinkle in the mornings from: From 7:00 am until 9:00 am And "EVEN" numbered civic addresses may sprinkle in the evening from: From 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm	On the 31st day of any month: AUTOMATIC TIMED UNDERGROUND SPRINKLERS: EITHER From Midnight until 4:00 AM OR "ODD" numbered civic addresses may sprinkle in the mornings from: 7:00AM to 9:00AM "EVEN" numbered civic addresses may sprinkle in the evening from: 7:00PM to 9:00 PM BUT NOT BOTH
Flower, vegetable gardens and newly planted lawns & landscapes may be <u>hand watered at any time using a hand held nozzle. ie. No manual sprinklers.</u>	FOR NEW PLANTED LAWNS AND LANDSCAPES FIRST MONTH ONLY Newly planted lawns and landscapes may be sprinkled twice a day everyday 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 watered using a hand held nozzle at any time i.e. No manual sprinklers

City Parks and Cemetery will adhere to the same numbers of hours as residential water 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.

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The City of Grand Forks has been invited to participate in the **25th Anniversary Rick Hansen Medal Relay from April 27-29, 2012**. We are engaging our community for a volunteer leadership group to chair this opportunity. Please contact the Mayor's office at **250-442-8266** if you wish to participate in this group.

Be a part of **Rick Hansen's journey.**
Cheer on the people who are making a difference in your community.

The event information is available at www.RickHansenRelay.com

Visit RickHansenRelay.com for information

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Grand Forks Community Sustainable Plan

The City of Grand Forks Sustainable Community Plan is a plan that is built by the community for the community. The plan is adopted by Council in the form of a Bylaw. The Grand Forks Sustainable Community Plan Bylaw is currently at second reading. The plan was developed focusing on eight goals of sustainability in Grand Forks. These goals were developed by community volunteers participating in the Integrated Community Sustainable Plan Steering Group Meetings, which began in 2007 and continued through the better part of 2008. These goals include:

1. Strengthen Arts and Culture
2. Fortify Sustainable Economic Development
3. Ensure a Healthy Natural Environment
4. Promote Constructive Government-Community Relations
5. Advance the Community's Capacity for Self-Sufficiency
6. Develop a Sustainable Land Use Plan
7. Improve the Social Fabric of the Community
8. Integrate Health Principles into All Decisions

All of these meetings were advertised and were open to the public. In the fall of 2008, a Sustainable Community Plan survey was conducted, with an excellent return; 185 survey questionnaires were submitted by the residents of the Grand Forks valley. The information gleaned from the survey questions provided valuable public input for the consultants as they began the draft Sustainable Community Plan. In 2009, the plan was circulated to stakeholder groups, which included the Ministries of Agriculture, Environment, and Transportation, as well as the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, for their comments.

The draft plan has been on the city's website for well over two years, and has received input from many members of the public. Council is now looking to finish the plan. In June of this year, council members along with the consulting firm of Urban Systems Ltd., talked to individuals from a display at the Farmers' Market, and later held a public open house at City Hall. On June 27th, the Sustainable Community Plan Bylaw received first reading. The bylaw received second reading on July 18th. The bylaw will now be forwarded to a public hearing scheduled for Monday, August 15, 2011, at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. The bylaw is scheduled to be adopted before the end of September.

Compostable Yard & Garden Waste Collection Dates for 2011

Once a month yard and garden waste will be collected for the months of March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, and November. This program is only available to City residents receiving curbside garbage collection.

Asset Management

Our infrastructure is aging and starting to fail. Infrastructure ages from the day we acquire it, and we need to keep it in a reliable state of repair. Infrastructure is important to the health of our community, as healthy infrastructure provides access to a broad range of services such as roads, water, sewer, electricity, and parks. We are being more strategic regarding our infrastructure investments, as being proactive makes our investments more cost effective whereas delaying these projects, just increases our costs.

The City of Grand Forks is 114 years old this year. Much of our infrastructure is nearing the century old mark. While most of us think of infrastructure "assets" as being roads, waterlines, and sanitary sewer lines; municipal assets also include infrastructure, such as buildings, parks, and the municipal fleet.

Some of our waterlines date back to the 1930's, and we have buildings such as the Heritage Courthouse building and the City Hall which are 100 years old this year. These assets do not last forever, and like every other municipality across Canada, Grand Forks now has to deal with replacing aging infrastructure.

In 2009, council received an infrastructure report, which was done by the engineering firm of Kerr, Wood, Leidal of Burnaby. The "KWL" Report was a huge "eye-opener" outlining the need to spend approximately \$35 million in the next ten years. This report prioritized the projects that needed to be dealt with in the near future to avoid any risk of infrastructure failure. It was published on the City's website for the public's reference for the better part of a year. In 2010, Council directed Staff to come up with a plan to implement the recommendations contained in the "KWL Report". Sounds easy enough – but there is just one thing; where was Council going to find \$35 million to do all that needed doing.

The Asset Management Plan was developed using the KWL Report as a basis, and with help from engineers from Urban Systems Ltd. Following the Asset Management Investment Plan (AMIP) which outlined an infrastructure deficit of \$32.5 million and a loss in value of assets of \$74 million, is the Asset Management Financial Plan (AMFP), which outlines how these infrastructure upgrades will be financed over the next 20 years. With help from our engineering consultants, Staff has built a 20 year financial model for infrastructure asset replacement and upgrading based on a 1% growth rate. The Asset Management Plan is a living document. The priority for specific infrastructure upgrades will be based on science of the condition of the asset and the potential risk of failure. As information on a specific road, waterline, sanitary mains, etc. becomes available, the priority for the replacement of these assets will be determined.

It is intended to present two priorities in two separate loan authorization bylaws (2 separate referendum questions) to the electorate in the fall election. The first priority is intended to improve our emergency water supply for fire protection to meet requirements of the insurance industry. To ensure that our residents continue to enjoy low insurance rates, and to ensure that the City has the ability to fight a major fire in the west end during the peak water consumption times, it is necessary to address this issue now. The second priority will be to undertake Multi-utility projects, which means combining works for cost efficiency, for example, roads that also have deteriorating water and sanitary sewer pipes. We can start now, borrowing \$5.5 million over the next 5 years (\$1.1 million per year).

Proposed Referendum Questions:

Question 1 – Borrow \$1.3 million for emergency water supply for fire protection?

Question 2 – Borrow \$4.2 million for roads, water, & sewer upgrade projects?

Council expects to implement a public outreach program in the month of September when public presentations will be made at various venues.

Stay tuned as council rolls out a balanced plan that addresses infrastructure issues and appropriate levels of services designed to maintain and promote a resilient community.

North Side of Highway 3 between Riverside Drive and North Fork Road (current Wednesday garbage pick up)

Yard & Garden pick up will be Mondays
**March 14, April 25, May 23,
June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 26,
Oct. 24, Nov. 21**

Ruckle Addition and Valley Heights (current Tuesday garbage pick up)

Yard & Garden pick up will be Tuesdays
**March 15, April 26, May 24,
June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 27,
Oct. 25, Nov. 22**

South Side of Highway 3 between Riverside Drive and Spraggett Road (current Thursday garbage pick up)

Yard & Garden pick up will be Fridays
**March 18, April 29, May 27,
June 24, July 22, August 19,
Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 25**

How Much and Type of Container

Three cans or bags or bundles. Can be any combination as long as it is a volume equal to three cans per month. Cans to be set out without the lid. If plastic bags are used, they must be clear and you must be able to see what is inside the bag. Waste will be picked up if it is in a regular garbage can (no lid), in a clear plastic bag, (or in the case of tree prunings) bundled.

Acceptable Yard and Garden Waste

Grass, lawn and hedge clippings, grass sod, flowers, weeds, leaves, vegetables, stalks, shrubs and tree branches less than three inches in diameter.

What You Can Put Out

Grass, leaves, and similar garden materials.
Tree prunings must be three inches in diameter or less and three feet long tied in bundles not exceeding the equivalent of a garbage can.