

**The Point-in-Time (PiT) Count**

This week a subcommittee of the GFSSAG met to begin to plan the details for this enumeration of the homeless in our area. This group of volunteers has representation from C4, the school district, COINS, and the Blessings Boutique. The group is going to base this enumeration on the Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) that has been developed federally and used in over thirty cities across the country since 2016. The procedure, questions and results have been standardized and improved for three years. We do not need to reinvent the wheel. This PiT count will not only give us a better understanding of homelessness in our region, the data from this count will be submitted to the HPS to help monitor and track homelessness across the country. The count will take place in late March over a 24-hour period and will include those who are in shelters, transition housing and 'sleeping rough'. It will not enumerate the 'Hidden Homeless' who have temporary but insecure arrangements. Volunteers doing the counting will be trained and coordinated. Data gathered will be protected by strict privacy standards. The municipality may be able to support this count by providing administrative and logistical support. This may mean photocopying, providing maps, providing contacts such as the bylaw officer and emergency responders. There will also be some minor costs to the count for honoraria, buttons, paper, clipboards and gift certificates. I will bring forward a budget for the count and a specific request for Council at the next regular meeting. For those wanting more information on the count please google 'Homeless Partnering Strategy - Everyone Counts'. If you wish to assist with the count, please contact me at [cmoslin@grandforks.ca](mailto:cmoslin@grandforks.ca)

**Discover Grand Forks**

This important committee of business, recreation and community leaders is going to meet tomorrow evening at the Station Pub. At that meeting they will make a decision on how to proceed with the new trails mapping for 'Bike Town BC'. They will also further the plans to develop their website and promote our community by following the Roger Brooks plan. If you want to see what is going on just visit [discovergrandforks.ca](http://discovergrandforks.ca)