



## Online Delegation Form

**YOUR WORSHIP, MAYOR TAYLOR, AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, I/WE ARE HERE THIS EVENING ON BEHALF OF:**

The residents of [REDACTED] 19th Street Grand Forks

**TO REQUEST THAT YOU CONSIDER:**

Attached recommendations regarding immediate Kettle River stream bank restoration/stabilization works

**THE REASONS THAT I/WE ARE REQUESTING THIS ACTION ARE:**

Please see attached notes:

1. Protection of our homes and properties from ongoing erosion during Kettle River high stream flow events
2. Protection of the public and area residents from unstable stream banks
3. Mitigation of ongoing mass wasting events damaging fish habitat and water quality
4. Protection of wildlife and domestic animals

**I/WE BELIEVE THAT IN APPROVING OUR REQUEST THE COMMUNITY WILL BENEFIT BY:**

1. Protection of homes and properties along the 19th reach of the Kettle River
2. Public safety concerns will be addressed in a timely manner
3. Environmental concerns will be addressed. Fish habitat and water quality restored
4. Wildlife and domestic animals protected

**I/WE BELIEVE THAT BY NOT APPROVING OUR REQUEST THE RESULT WILL BE:**

Peoples lives and properties will be at greater risk each year. Ongoing river erosional events to private and public (municipal) properties may result in increased costs to restore and mitigate impacts. The river fish, wildlife and water quality values will be continue to degrade. The City may be at liability risk is restorative works are not initiated in a timely manner.

**IN CONCLUSION, I/WE REQUEST THAT COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ADOPT A RESOLUTION STATING:**

1. Consider Immediate contact with the BC Ministries of FLNRORD and Public Safety/Solicitor General to discuss the urgency of in-stream works required on the 19th street reach of the Kettle River to restore public safety and protection of properties. The BC Ministries should be engaged to assist the City in any planning processes over the next several months to ensure the in-stream works are undertaken before the 2021 freshet.
2. Immediately commence the application process for Water Act approvals for in-stream works along the 19th reach, including a conceptual engineering plan to stabilize the reach. Plans could be updated during the 2020 summer field season when more engineering and design data is collected.
3. Initiate a meeting between 19th Street Residents, the City Operations managers and BC Ministries Regional representatives to discuss the issues.
4. Communicate with MLA Linda Larson councils decisions and action plan with regard to the 19th Street reach
5. Communicate with 19th residents on a monthly basis of City plans re the restoration of the 19th Street reach

**NAME**

Les and Susan Molnar

**ORGANIZATION**

19th Street Residents

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**TELEPHONE NUMBER**

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Addendum to 19<sup>th</sup> Street Delegation Form June 15, 2020 Council Meeting.

Personal Notes

Respectfully Submitted from:

Les and Susan Molnar

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Worship Mayor Taylor, Members of Council:

We would first like to commend Council for the excellent work this past 2 years in moving Grand Forks forward in the initial phases of our community restoration plans, in particular the communications, negotiations and settlements with the people and properties in North Ruckle. The hard and creative works by Mayor and Council we believe are much appreciated by the citizens of Grand Forks creating many future community dividends.

We commend Mayor Taylor's professional approach in always answering our inquiries in a timely and constructive manner. Our contacts with Councilors Moslin and Krog have also been very appreciated.

We also would like to thank Graham Watt, Justin Dinsdale and Fire Chief George Seigler for their many safety site visits to our 19<sup>th</sup> Street properties during this years freshet. Their service and demeanor was much appreciated.

Councilor Moslin attended to our property at ██████ 19<sup>th</sup> on two occasions immediately prior to the Kettle freshet to assess the danger factors affecting our neighbourhood. He was going to report back to the Mayor and Council to plead our case. One of the things Chris said during our visit was troubling to us; that Ministry of FLNRORD officials had advised council not to send "piecemeal applications" for in-stream and restorative works but rather a complete plan before approvals would be considered. Chris reiterated that the restoration works on 19<sup>th</sup> Street were not slated for this year and perhaps not on the books until 2022 because of the intensive planning work required.

Upon hearing Councilor Moslin's bad news we immediately contacted our MLA Linda Larson to voice our concerns of imminent threats to our homes and properties. MLA Larson attended to our property and offered that she wanted a letter from the Fire Chief re the safety risks involved with the River erosion along the 19<sup>th</sup> Street reach. She was then going to discuss the matter with the Public Safety Minister Farnsworth. We are not sure at this time what further discussion MLA Larson may have had with the various Ministers.

Our main concern is this:

The Ministry of FLNRORD should not be arbitrarily setting timelines for critical in-stream works within the City, specifically high risk areas including our 19<sup>th</sup> Street reach. This work must be done before Spring freshet 2021 to avoid further disaster. The works undertaken in North Ruckle during Feb/March 2019 appear to be successful without compromising property or Kettle River values.

We request the City initiate the Water application approval process immediately for the in-stream works at the 19<sup>th</sup> Street reach and that said works to be completed no later than the end of March 2020. The Ministry of FLNRORD should assist City Planners in this process, and not hinder the progress of this critical project.