

November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Councillor Colleen Ross  
Report, and Resolution

Safe and Secure Grand Forks Forum—met with organizing committee which includes Councillors Butler and Tripp, to begin planning a community meeting to occur mid December. The meeting is open to everyone in the community, and will focus on community experiences, RCMP reports and other relevant information from pertinent organizations. The focus will be on providing information, and hearing from the public. *There will be ample time for anyone to participate.*

Please watch for advertisement in the GF Gazette for time/place/date, as well as posters and a f/b page. A date and other details will be confirmed this week.

***Resolution for consideration on Monday November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017***

**SAFE AND SECURE GRAND FORKS FORUM FUNDING REQUEST**

**Whereas ongoing issues of concern to the citizens of Grand Forks include crime and overall safety,  
and whereas the City of Grand Forks is currently collaborating with agencies and organizations to co-host the Safe and Secure Grand Forks forum,  
and whereas there are minor costs associated with hosting an event of this size,  
Therefore be it resolved that the City of Grand Forks contribute up to, and not exceeding \$500, for expenses directly associated with the Safe and Secure Grand Forks forum.**

Resolution respectfully submitted by Councillor Ross, on behalf of the Safe and Secure GF organizing committee

Note possible expenses- all expenses will be accompanied by an invoice for direct payment or re-imbursement:

- space rental
- food/coffee/tea/juice
- facilitator fee \$200

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Kettle River Watershed Authority—Water Suppliers Working Group: Well attended meeting on Monday November 20<sup>th</sup> at the RDKB board room.

Highlights and key points include:

-water flows were dangerously low throughout the Boundary Region  
-whereas the Boundary was once lumped in with the Okanagan, over recent years our situation has warranted our own listing on the provincial website under “Kettle”

- request was made to well users to reduce use voluntarily
- “2017 Drought Levels at a Glance” are available through FLNRO/RD
- Drought Level chart shows our region was significantly drier than most others in BC
- after Level 4 water restrictions, the next step is 100% restriction and high risk of loss to households, insufficient supply for fire fighting
- GF was in Level 4 water restrictions again this year
- although we had a wet spring, snow pack is melting much quicker and water is not being retained (sandy soil and gravel do not retain moisture for long)
- coupled with high temps we were high risk for fires
- irrigation districts are less affected due to the extreme depth of the wells (400-500')
- village of Midway experienced both the highest and lowest levels of water in their well ever recorded

Drought Management: This work is ongoing.

Goals include- detail measures to protect the water supply; move away from reactionary to mitigation (plan ahead knowing that we will experience drought); manage our water supply locally; reduce confusion in messaging; establish a Drought Response Team

David Reid will represent the city as a Water Supplier Rep for the KRWA – thank you David

Next steps: Terms of Reference are being finalized; Jessica Mace and Nicole McCallum are able to present update to council if we so wish.