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Joanie Koch-Kalanj  
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## Council Delegations

### Background

Council for the City of Grand Forks welcomes public input and encourages individuals and groups to make their views known to Council at an open public meeting.

Council needs to know all sides of an issue, and the possible impacts of any action they make take, prior to making a decision that will affect the community. The following outline has been devised to assist you in preparing for your presentation, so that you will understand the kind of information that Council will require, and the expected time frame in which a decision will be forthcoming. Council may not make a decision at this meeting.

### Presentation Outline

Presentations may be a maximum of 10 minutes.

Your Worship, Mayor Konrad, and Members of Council, I/We are here on behalf of

Joanie Koch-Kalanj & Designated Representatives of Educators,  
Concerned youth & citizens for restoration, preservation, and conservation of Vienna Woods.  
to request that you consider \_\_\_\_\_

conversion and redesignation of Vienna Woods property to an  
urban forest and wildlife sanctuary

The reason(s) that I/We are requesting this action are:

Through providing hope by creating a place-based learning  
environment for students that provides them the  
opportunity to learn about the unique eco-systems and  
the inhabitants that make up the Vienna Woods,  
aligning with the BC Ministry of Education re-designed  
curriculum which includes a strong commitment to  
Indigenous Peoples' perspective & connecting the land.  
As well as well as creating a legacy that provides hope for  
I/We believe that in approving our request the community will benefit by: future generations.

- 1) Creating of pride and contribution within the people of  
the community, knowing that they have had a hand in  
preserving the natural resources of the valley.
- 2) Protecting our environmental heritage for all  
inhabitants of the forest
- 3) Protecting the health benefits created by a healthy  
urban forest.



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I/We believe that by not approving our request the result will be:

- depriving the opportunity for youth & all residents of the Grand Forks valley to connect with nature and all the health benefits of a mature forest.
  - leave a perception that the current Mayor & Council lacked the foresight & commitment to protecting our environmental heritage.
  - increasing the carbon footprint & moving in the wrong direction of the city's stated goal of carbon neutrality
- In conclusion, I/we request that Council for the City of Grand Forks adopt a resolution

stating: The entire properties that currently make up Vienna Woods be rezoned as an urban forest and wildlife sanctuary, in perpetuity.

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