

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

FROM: Councillor Christine Thompson

DATE: July 23, 2018

SUBJECT: Report to Council

Our City is in recovery mode from the disastrous flooding we experienced in May. Council has been very supportive of the recovery work being undertaken by the Recovery Team, who are diligently working to assist residents and business owners severely impacted by this disaster. Our managers and staff have been very pro-active in the recovery effort and will continue to do so. I have no doubt that our City will come back stronger, bigger and better. There was a Flood Recovery Meeting held in the Auditorium at Grand Forks Secondary School on July 11<sup>th</sup> that I attended.

On June 25<sup>th</sup> I attended a meeting with the BC Economic Development Recovery Team, led by Dave Wheeldon, President and CEO of the BC Economic Development Association. Team members included Economic Development Officers from around the province and Larry Olson, Ministry of Forestry, Land, Natural Resources and Rural Development – Regional Economic Operations Branch. They were very complimentary about how clean our downtown core is, advising that some had attended a community spaghetti dinner on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> (sponsored by the Phoenix Foundation of the Boundary Communities) and were made to feel very welcome. Discussion ensued relative to the recovery of our community. They advised the City needs to find ways to encourage businesses and residents in their recovery efforts through incentives we may be able to offer. We will be asking for additional resources to deal with mental health, homeless, and drug addictions. They commented that it was noticeable that Interior Health has been absent any recovery discussions. This meeting was organized by Community Futures and held in their Board Room.

The Phoenix Foundation of the Boundary Communities held their regular monthly meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Of interest to those that will be applying for grants in 2019, there are date changes as follows: Deadline for Letter of Intent is March 31<sup>st</sup> at midnight of each year, and Grant Application Deadline is at midnight April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Christine Thompson