

## Councillor's Report

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It has been a busy month indeed! The EOC has been providing a lot of feedback to council on the way forward for the recovery process. The complexity of the issue is sometimes overwhelming, with the many different facets to consider but I am reassured by the structure developed to work through it all. Council also came together to have a discussion around balancing normal council duties while going through this process. We realize that there are many capital projects and community issues that need our focus as well.

The public meeting at GFSS on July 11<sup>th</sup> was a much-needed opportunity for the EOC to share information with the public, as well as to answer questions. Collaboration by neighbours was well organized ahead of time, to bring forward a list of concerns through a spokesperson. The EOC has identified the challenge of communicating a myriad of sensitive information in a timely manner and are working hard at improving in this area.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> council also met with many experts from around the province to receive the hydrology report from Mr. Dobson. The process undertaken was very well structured. The experts gave feedback to council on the findings of the report. Council was then able to ask questions and also get feedback from the provincial reps, on the likelihood of funding for the different options. Although it was a great overview, I think all of council agreed that we needed further detail before making any kind of decision. As of the time of writing this report, we have not yet had the in-camera meeting of July 19<sup>th</sup> to get this information. Because of the sensitivity of this process, most of the conversations are happening in camera and will be discussed with the public on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and moving forward, at public hearings.

Canada Day celebrations were again a very positive event for the community this year. I think it was the finest parade I have seen in Grand Forks and would like to thank Anna Lactin and Community Futures for all the hard work they put into organizing this event each year.

Although the Rec Commission has not met since our last meeting, it has been an active month in Grand Forks for many different sporting events. Even though we all missed the GFI this year, the Grand Forks slow pitch tournament drew many teams from out of town and all together 15 teams toughed it out in the heat. Ultimate frisbee also drew the crowds down at city park the same weekend. Because I was involved in a marathon of baseball games, I wasn't able to make it down to watch but I hear that it was also an outstanding event.

"Party in the Streets", with Canadian Nashville recording artist Lisa Nicole and special appearance from Stonebolt on Friday, July 20th on Market Ave. will also prove to be a huge success. Thanks to all the organizers for helping to raise funds for Grand Forks flood recovery! I look forward to attending!

Respectfully submitted,

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