Monthly Highlight Report

GRAND FORKS

To: Committee of the Whole

From: **Management Team**

Date: October 9, 2018

Subject: Monthly Highlight Report

Recommendation: THAT COUNCIL receives the monthly highlight report

for information.

Fire Department

General

Calls this month: 32 Year to date calls: 434

- Firefighter Rich Piché was the successful internal candidate to replace Kevin and fill the position of deputy fire chief of prevention and life safety
- Firefighter Tyler Thate was appointed to the position of Captain
- Volunteers assisted with the full-scale evacuation fire drill at Silver Kettle Village
- Attended shipping container contents fire
- Responded to a vehicle in the river with occupants trapped. Once on scene found out that all three occupants were already assisted out of the vehicle and safe
- Continue restoration project at downtown fire hall as a result of Spring flooding
- Training for the month of August concentrated on the exterior live fire props (car fire, dumpster fire & propane fire) at the training grounds

Outside Works

Safety

- Focus for October 2018: Incident Investigations, Excavation Safety and Mobile Equipment.
- Completed WorksafeBC requirements for confined space

General

- Ground work started on the Airport Watermain capital project.
- Installation of the first batch of the wayfinding signs.
- Attended the Public Works Association of BC Annual Conference.

Flood Recovery Support

- Site visits to Midway and Greenwood to assess and support their critical infrastructure projects.
- Facilitated 3 community meetings.
- Continued to manage the recovery communications including weekly updates, news releases and media enquiries.
- Completed repairs to the City's registered dike.
- Continued to refine funding requests with the province.
- South Ruckle river bank assessment

HR

- Chris Ford finished his temporary Operator 1 posting.
- Temporary employee extensions for another month.
- Welcome Mike Cassidy as Temporary Engineering Technologist.

Electrical

- Pruning of trees close to primary electrical lines.
- Starting to prepare Christmas ornaments.
- System upgrades Transformer RFP and meter ordering
- LED lighting RFP completion

Public Works

- Sidewalk replacement on Central Ave and repairs on 72nd Ave.
- Leaf control starting.
- Finished improvements to Dick Bartlett park irrigation and ball diamond #2.
- Redoing road shoulders that have potholes or ruts.
- Pruning as needed along roads and sidewalks including Central Ave and 5th St.

Water and Sewer

- Emergency service repairs and preventive maintenance on 18th St
- 75th Ave. installation of inspection chambers
- Repairs in Industrial lift station
- City park lift station Concertor pump monitoring
- Preparation for new service line on 77th Ave. and galvanize line replacement

Development and Engineering

General

- Planning and policy support for flood recovery initiatives.
- Records management and planning file administration.
- Customer assistance at City Hall front counter.
- Zoning/development support for building permit issues
- Completed hiring of Planning Technician for two year flood recovery backfill.

Capital Projects

- Coordinated several driveway issues to follow-up 22nd Street project.
- Facilitated tender postings for final phase of the wastewater treatment project.
- Completed contracts for extensions for wastewater treatment plant and UV projects.
- Coordinated land surveys for waste water treatment project works and watermain/road (60th Ave at airport).
- Met with stakeholders/owners to finalize design and location of road near airport and related land issues.
- Reviewed servicing and development options for airport industrial lands.
- Substantial completion of 72 Avenue shoulder widening for sidewalk.

Current Planning

- Completed Preliminary Layout Review for a subdivision.
- Facilitated, reported on and prepared agreements respecting five (5) land disposition/lease/encumbrance matters.
- Provided servicing assistance for several new single-family homes.
- Provided summary of costs and timelines for payment of fees for the Tim Hortons development.
- Prepared background information and attended 15 pre-application and development-related meetings.
- Responded to approximately 50 land use, business license, servicing and other property-related inquiries.

Long Range Planning

- Ongoing coordination and updating of planning processes and procedures.
- Commenced consolidation (for convenience) of Zoning Bylaw and OCP.
- Reviewed and assigned numerous new address assignments throughout the City.

Business Licences

Processed/approved 7 business licences.

Building Inspection and Bylaw Enforcement

General

 Concern is escalating regarding flood damaged properties where little to no repair activity is occurring. Approximately 50 properties are sitting idle, up from 25 a month ago. At least 10 are unsecured and awaiting attention from owners.

Bylaw Services

- 4 industrial noise complaints
- 3 animal complaints
- · 3 unsightly properties being resolved
- 5 unlicensed vehicles on city property removed
- 3 city campground issues
- 2 transient camps removed, 11 still active

• 3 RCMP assists

Building Inspection

Building Permit applications this reporting period: 23 Year to date Building Permit applications: 179

Year to date construction value: **\$7,020,299** (2017 year end = \$3,762,202)

• 16 permit applications received for flood damage repairs (106 total this year)

Corporate Services

Corporate

- Prepared and facilitated Council Meetings (1 COTW, 2 Regular, 1 In-Camera, 1 Special to go In-Camera Meetings)
- Prepared weekly summaries/updates (4 for Council, 4 for Staff and Council)
- Corporate Tasks completed: 19
- Human Resources Duties
- Continued transition of Corporate Officer and Deputy Corporate Officer duties
- Attended Recovery & Housing related meetings
- Attended UBCM (CAO)
- Attended PADM Municipal Law training (Deputy Corporate Officer)

Information Technology

- Information Technology tasks completed: 17
- Technology support for Recovery Team additional work required for setup at new location
- Aptean SaaS migration VPN tunnel configuration
- Records Management Update and review ongoing project for 3 years:
 - SharePoint as records storage location:
 - Continued Mail log changes planning and review with staff
 - Continued general research
 - Continued Access control list configurations
 - Naming conventions review
 - Job classifications
 - Retention and disposition labeling review with Managers
 - SharePoint as Photo Storage to resolve in-house storage issues

Financial Services

General

- 2019 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 2049 adopted September 4th
- Council Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw 2050 adopted September 24th
- Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw 2045-A1 adopted September 24th
- 2019 Revenue Anticipation Bylaw 2051 first three readings September 24th
- Invoices in progress for EOC and insurance reimbursement
- Tax sale conducted September 24th, with one property for sale; City declared purchaser. Mandatory Land Titles filing and notifications completed.
- Ongoing reactivation of utility accounts for residents who have reoccupied their homes

- Attended Recovery workgroup meeting for flood plain property valuations
- Responded to requests from the public regarding flooding, property damage, disaster financial assistance, utility reconnections and billing, etc.

Procurement

RFPs and RFQs Issued

- Removal of Tiger Dam Anchors; close October 1st
- Plow and Sander for Service Truck; close September 27th
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Centrifuge, Aeration Equipment and other works - close September 27th

Contracts Awarded

Purchase Orders Issued - total \$388,208

•	Less than \$5,000	34
•	\$5,000 to \$25,000	6
•	\$25,000 to \$75,000	1
•	Greater than \$75,000	2

Total value of purchases \$491,400

1 sole source < \$25,000; dike repairs

1 sole source < \$75,000; electrical meters