

# Request for Decision



To: Regular Meeting

From: **Corporate Services**

Date: November 5, 2018

Subject: Boundary Flood Recovery Policy Group – Appointment of Representative and Alternate

Recommendation: **THAT Council appoints \_\_\_\_\_ as the first representative to the Boundary Flood Recovery Policy Group for the City of Grand Forks.**

**THAT Council appoints \_\_\_\_\_ as the second representative to the Boundary Flood Recovery Policy Group for the City of Grand Forks**

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## Background

For incoming Councillors, here's a quick summary regarding the purpose of the recovery team:

- The Boundary Flood Recovery (BFR) Team is an **Operational Group** that retains and works with specialists and professionals in their rightful fields of expertise. These professionals provide the necessary advice and recommendations that determine the best course of processes required to reinstate community and infrastructure to ensure restored or enhanced safety and livability within the area. The Recovery Team manages the initiatives.
- The BFR Team is umbrellaed under the **Regional District Emergency Management Program**. The City of Grand Forks, with the majority of flood impacted areas, plays a large role in the operational aspect of the team. The Recovery Team is answerable to the Province – mainly through Emergency Management BC and FLNRORD (Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development), as the program is dependent on funding streams supplied by the Province.

Grand Forks City Council plays a major role in the flood recovery decision making processes as it pertains to:

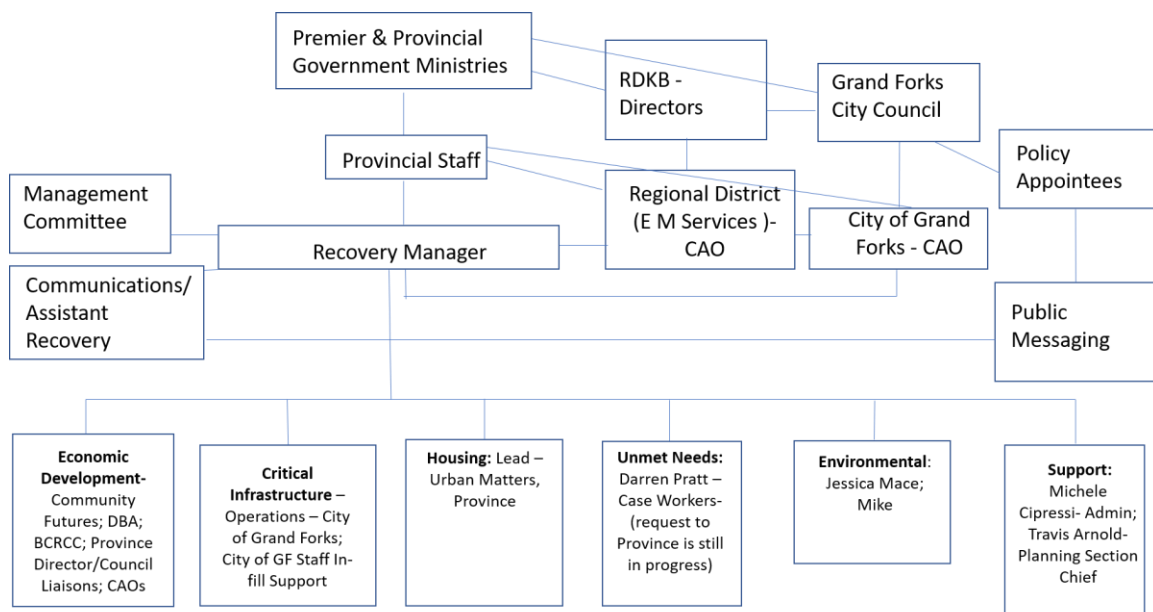
- Application of Granting Streams that involve municipal services and/or infrastructure
- Municipal Lands and Servicing directions – e.g. any potential development initiatives or partnerships

- Any funding requests to the City that would augment the current financial plan
- Appointments of policy participants for the Recovery Team Group (non-operational) Initial Policy Group meeting – May 24th and subsequent meeting on September 27th
- Any City Bylaw or Policy Changes (e.g. Council's decision to add modular components to certain areas in the City)
- Communication conduit to community (usually through the Mayor)

Council also participates at the following levels:

- Telephone Conversations with the Premier and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on various occasions
- Participation in Community and Neighbourhood Meetings as well as a major stakeholder meetings
- Workshops and meetings involving the Recovery Team and professional advisory persons
- Additional meetings with Provincial Staff and Local Level stakeholders (Economic Development, Housing challenges)
- UBCM Meetings (related to flood recovery): Premier John Horgan; Minister Selina Robinson; (FLNRORD- Forests, Lands, & Natural Resources Minister; BC Housing; Emergency Management BC; Insurance Bureau of Canada
- Council members in attendance at the UBCM engaged in very thorough and meaningful conversations advocating for Community needs

Below is a flow chart regarding the various lines of communications between the organizations. This chart has evolved several times over since the initial flood response as more and more layers are added.



## Flood Recovery Flow Chart

Staff is requesting to appoint two Council representative and an alternate representative to the BFR Policy Group. The Policy Group is comprised of a four-member management team between City and RDKB, the two CAO's from the City and RDKB, two members of Council, and 2 members of the RDKB Board of Directors.

The BFR Policy Group mainly focuses on the following aspects of governance for the BFR Team:

- Delegating authority to Recovery and EOC initiatives
- Setting expenditure limits and screening potential budget items / recommendations for Board & Council
- State of emergencies
- Policies & strategic objectives for the BFR team

Up until the inaugural meeting, outgoing Mayor Konrad and outgoing Councillor Ross were the two members representing Council at the Policy Group for the BFR.

As the next meeting of the BFR Policy Group is scheduled for November 7, 2018 from 2pm to 4pm, it is highly recommended for Council to make those appointments tonight.

The appointments may be altered at any time by a resolution of Council. So, for example, Council could appoint Councillors familiar with the BFR Team processes to the Policy Group at this point and once the rest of Council had the opportunity to acquire essential information regarding the flooding and recovery initiatives from a City

governance perspective, a motion could be proposed to change the appointees to other members of Council.

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## Benefits or Impacts

### General

Participation in this Policy Group is essential for the overall governance of the recovery team

### Strategic Impact



#### Community Engagement

- Partnership, such as this one with the RDKB, are essential in our rural area



#### Community Livability

- The Policy Group will have a direct impact on the long-term health and safety for the community



#### Economic Growth

- Economic rebuild is one of the key pillars of the recovery team



#### Fiscal Responsibility

- The policy group is in a strategically vital position to create policy that will guide the BFR team which may impact the City's financial budget.

### Policy/Legislation

n/a

## Attachments

n/a

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### **Options**

1. THAT Council accepts the report.
2. THAT Council does not accept the report.
3. THAT Council refers the matter back to staff for further information.

### Report Approval Details

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