

Preparations for Freshet 2019

Completed Repairs:

- RockWool Trail and Dike
- Black Train Bridge Trail and Dike
- Sewage system
- Road repairs: Riverside, Como, 2nd
- Dike Repair in North Ruckle
- Reinforcement of Power Poles across river
- Removal of Tiger Dam anchors on 72nd and Riverside

Unfinished Repairs:

- Armor 400 m of riverbank in South Ruckle
- Complete the flapper installation on all city storm sewer outfalls
- Repair flood damage to sewage system
- Repair and raise the level of the Rock Wool trail
- Repair and complete berms around Johnson Flats

Develop Public Site-Specific Emergency Plans

- Establish monitoring system
- Supply sand and sand bags to critical sites
- Establish tiger dam locations

After this year's record flood the City of Grand Forks and the RDKB have struggled to fund repairs to flood prevention infrastructure. Completed repairs to dikes and roads have been funded from a variety of sources: City of GF, RDKB, DFA, EPA, FLNRORD. Applications for further senior government funding through the EPA as well as the DMAF have been made to plan, to engineer and to construct critical infrastructure starting in summer and fall 2019. Unfortunately, the city is faced with preparing for the 2019 spring freshet with little senior government funding in hand. If funding is not received, and shortly, the city must decide, or not, to dip into reserve funds to carry out critical repairs necessary to prevent more damage to shorelines and infrastructure.

Possible sources of funding for these repairs are the accumulated surplus, the Slag Fund, and / or short-term borrowing.

'moved that Council directs staff to report the costs and repairs necessary to prepare for freshet 2019 at the January 14, 2019 regular meeting'