

Online Delegation Form**YOUR WORSHIP, MAYOR KONRAD, AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, I/WE ARE HERE THIS EVENING ON BEHALF OF:**

Grand Forks Search and Rescue (GFSAR)

TO REQUEST THAT YOU CONSIDER:

Annual financial/in-kind contributions to GFSAR.

THE REASONS THAT I/WE ARE REQUESTING THIS ACTION ARE:

Grand Forks Search and Rescue is an organization run entirely by volunteers and relies on grants, donations and task reimbursements to remain operational. Our team members are unpaid professionals on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, at no cost to the people of BC or the subjects we rescue.

We serve the Boundary area of BC from Anarchist Summit in the west to the Paulson Bridge on the east and from the Canada/US border in the south up towards Big White and into the upper Kettle and Granby Valleys.

Our volunteer members are trained in Ground Search & Rescue (GSAR), Non-Urban Emergency Care (NUEC), Tracking, Helicopter Operations, and Organized Avalanche Response (OAR). We focus on training to keep our members skilled and prepared.

I/WE BELIEVE THAT IN APPROVING OUR REQUEST THE COMMUNITY WILL BENEFIT BY:

The British Columbia Search and Rescue Association (BCSARA) believes that the perceived or actual belief that a lost or injured person or their loved ones will be charged for a search and rescue response could directly affect the decision as to if or when a call for professional help will be made. It is our position that any delay in the deployment of Search and Rescue (SAR) services can negatively impact the outcome of a SAR mission.

We conduct search and rescue missions when requested to do so by the authorized tasking agencies for persons in danger or distress in the province of BC without charge. We will do so regardless of the reason they have found themselves requiring our assistance.

I/WE BELIEVE THAT BY NOT APPROVING OUR REQUEST THE RESULT WILL BE:

GFSAR requires funding for ongoing training and functional equipment in order to remain operational. If properly trained volunteers or the required equipment is not available, a team from another community would need to be called in. This delay could negatively impact the outcome on a SAR mission and put the public at risk.

IN CONCLUSION, I/WE REQUEST THAT COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ADOPT A RESOLUTION STATING:

Council will commit to supporting the operation of Grand Forks Search and Rescue with a financial contribution of \$10,000 per year and consider in-kind assistance as requested.

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