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Your Worship, Mayor Konrad, and Members of Council, I/We are here this evening on behalf of:

The Grand Forks Parades Committee

To request that you consider:

supporting our Canada Day 150 celebration

The reasons that I/We are requesting this action are:

The Canada Day 150 parade is going to be our BIGGEST community event ever...in order to accommodate everyone, we are requesting permission from the Highways Dept and RCMP to use a Central Avenue route for this historic event. What we will need from the City is: your support with liability insurance and traffic control. We will need to call on volunteers who have valid traffic control certification in addition to our local traffic control companies, so we will also require a few City employees to assist with traffic barricades. We will require more barricades than we normally use because of the exposure to the main street. The Highways Dept requires we have $2M in coverage for this event. We would require that barriers be placed by 09:00 and removed by 11:00.

The GF Parades Committee will also require use of the large empty lot West of Dick Bartlett park for marshalling...there is not enough room on the street for the crowd we expect. We would also request that the public washrooms at Dick Bartlett park be opened by 08:30. The parade starts at 10:00, so these could be re-secured then.

If City Park is flooded due to the late snow melt, the vendors and entertainers will have to be moved to Market Ave and we will not be able to end the parade at City Park as we normally do.

We are also grateful for any financial contributions that may be available.

I/We believe that in approving our request the community will benefit by:

Canada's Sesquicentennial is a historic event and the people of Grand Forks are highly supportive of our parade events. We provide a venue in which every group, club, business, sports team, organization or individual in town is encouraged to participate - and our events are FREE.

This is a major FREE community event, and our request for support has rather modest associated costs. The Central Avenue route will give us maximum exposure to tourists and encourage visitors to park and join in the fun and see what Grand Forks has to offer!

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I/We believe that by not approving our request the result will be:

traffic chaos....our parades have grown exponentially over the past few years, and this is a very special event. We have examined every possible alternate route, and we simply do not have enough space downtown for the growing number of floats and parade participants.

If City Park is flooded, we would be unable to end our parade there.

In conclusion, I/we request that Council for the City of Grand Forks adopt a resolution stating:

that they will support the Grand Forks Parade Committee with insurance, traffic control assistance, access to the washrooms and empty lot by Dick Bartlett Park for the 2017 Canada 150 Celebration.

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