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Subject: Water Leak

To: Info City of Grand Forks



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To Whom It May Concern:

I request that the attached letter be forwarded to all member of City Council. Also, for the record, I request that the letter will be included in the forthcoming Council meeting agenda and my concerns addressed. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Frank Triveri - Citizen & Taxpayer

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*WEB- CIO - re Water Leak*  
*(Waterloo) on 2nd St.*

2735-75<sup>th</sup> Avenue,  
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Dear Mayor Konard and Council:

I was driving into town in the early part of May and I noticed an accumulation of water at the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Central Avenue. At first I believed that the water was seepage from the rising river that had pushed up through the pavement in that location (something that I had never seen before). Upon further investigation, I noticed that the water was bubbling up from a water main shut off situated at that location. Certain that someone would report it to the city or that city crew would notice the water leak, I took no action in regard to that matter. On Tuesday, May 30, I returned from an out of town trip and was dismayed that water was still pouring out on the road at that location. It is now a month since I first noticed the water and obviously it has been pouring out twenty-four seven for that period of time. I did go to the City website and indeed City Council is aware of the problem and I am sympathetic with the delay in repairs. There is no doubt that the problems created by the near record high water levels are daunting for City crews to deal with.

However, when I was involved in the water meter debate, I expressed doubt that the City's numbers on water usage were reliable. I questioned the City's assertion that high water consumption was due to citizen negligence or careless use of the resource. This recent observation reinforces my doubts and affirms my belief that there is significant loss of water through leakage prior to it reaching the consumer. If the City is truly interested in water conservation, I suggest that you attend to the obvious leaks as soon as possible and make some effort to detect those that are not so obvious.

Furthermore, I see from media reports that a debate is beginning on setting water meter rates. I would like to remind Mayor and Council that the citizens of Grand Forks were promised a year of mock billing prior to the setting of rates and that a committee would be formed to determine parameters upon which the rates would be based. Obviously since the mentioned committee was dissolved this is not happening. I would urge Council to reconsider and reestablish the committee. I for one would welcome the opportunity to sit on such committee. At the very least, I would welcome an open "town hall" meeting whereby citizens would be given the opportunity to provide input in regard to the new rate structure prior to its imposition.

Respectfully your,

Frank Triveri (Taxpayer)