

# Request for Decision



To: Regular Meeting  
From: **Development, Engineering & Planning**  
Date: March 11, 2019  
Subject: Request for support of the Grand Forks Fall Fair  
Recommendation: **THAT Council allows the Fall Fair Society (FFS) to construct semi-permanent barriers for the Demolition Derby on the east side of the vacant property by Dick Bartlett Park, legally described as Lot 3, Plan KAP32149, District Lot 380 520, SDYD, Except Plan EPP11728.**

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## Background

At the February 11, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting, the Fall Fair Society (FFS) put forth the following requests:

- a) for the City to purchase metal fencing panels for event fencing; and
- b) to potentially allow the Fall Fair Society to construct semi-permanent barriers for the Demolition Derby on the empty property by Dick Bartlett Park (Figure 1).

The Committee of the whole asked staff to bring back a report and recommendations to a Regular Meeting of Council.

Staff reviewed the request for fencing and determined that there is a plan to purchase 100-120' of construction fencing this year to secure dig sites when working on underground infrastructure. The demolition derby will require hundreds of feet more to fence the track and seating area. Other events have not requested this type of fencing in the past as snow fence has shown adequate for beer gardens and other events. Staff do not recommend this purchase as it could compete with a private company's ability to provide this service to the community. The fencing the City will have on hand can be made available to the Fall Fair Society if no digs are in progress at that time.

The Fall Fair Society has sourced approximately 90 preformed concrete barriers, similar to Figure 2, that they intend to use for the semi-permanent infrastructure for the Demolition Derby arena. If circumstances change and the City requires the use of the property or desires to dispose of the property, the FFS, at the City's request, will remove the barriers and leave the property in its current condition. Staff would work with the FFS to determine the best configuration of the derby arena to not limit the potential for future development on the western portion of the property, if the need arises.

Figure 1.



Figure 2.



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## Background

### General

Supporting a local volunteer group in their efforts to lower their financial burden on a popular and growing event that attracts people to the community.

### Strategic Impact



#### Community Engagement

- Engaging with stakeholders and the public in open meetings to encourage open discussion.



#### Community Livability

- Collaboration with a grass roots organization to better understand their needs in the community and working to find a solution.



#### Economic Growth

- Fostering a vibrant economic environment by fostering a relationship with a community stakeholder to better promote the City.



#### Fiscal Responsibility

- Using a vacant property to promote a popular event that draws people to the community.

### Policy/Legislation

Grand Forks Strategic Plan 2015-2019, Official Community Plan

## 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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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

**Diane Heinrich - Mar 1, 2019 - 11:45 AM**