

# Request for Decision



To: Regular Meeting  
From: **Corporate Services**  
Date: March 26, 2018  
Subject: Grand Forks Art Gallery Revised Lease Agreement  
Recommendation: **THAT COUNCIL approves the changes made to the pre-existing lease between the Grand Forks Art Gallery Society and the City of Grand Forks as presented.**

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## Background

Council to note that this has been an extended process to get to this point of completion. In the 2016 budgeting process, Staff had received direction from Council for a review of the current lease for the Grand Forks Art Gallery Society. In the mid to latter part of 2016, staff referred the document onto legal for their opinion and to document the proposed changes to bring the lease document into current standards, and to further remove or add pieces of the lease that could potentially present issues for the City into the future. The attached "redlined" document indicates the proposed changes from the legal aspect and in conversation with staff.

During latter 2016 and early 2017, the City saw significant changes to staff members who were directly involved with this project – the Deputy Corporate Officer and CAO at the time. Recently, the Art Gallery experienced changes to their staff as well. In 2017, the current staff members met with Gallery 2 to discuss the proposed changes, and they, in turn, needed to refer the changes to their legal team. Resulting from conversations and meetings back and forth, we have the final revised lease which is now presented to Council for their consideration to approve.

Council is to note that this is merely a revision of the current lease language and does not extend the 25-year lease period.

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## Benefits or Impacts

### General

Council direction to staff to modify the lease agreement noting there was problematic language in the past lease and to bring up to current best practice.

### Strategic Impact



#### Community Engagement

- Partnership with the Art Gallery Society provides a popular venue for community events and to attract visitors to the area



#### Community Livability

- A popular venue for events



#### Fiscal Responsibility

- Following the best practices of the current lease

### **Policy/Legislation**

Council has the authority to enter into lease agreements with organizations for provisions of service to the community

### **Attachments**

- 1) Past lease showing proposed changes as per legal consultation
  - 2) Finalized lease document for consideration to approve
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### **Recommendation**

**THAT COUNCIL approves the changes made to the pre-existing lease between the Grand Forks Art Gallery Society and the City of Grand Forks as presented.**

### **Options**

1. RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the report.
2. RESOLVED THAT Council does not accept the report.
3. RESOLVED THAT Council refers the matter back to staff for further information.