

Council Delegations

Background

Council for the City of Grand Forks welcomes public input and encourages individuals and groups to make their views known to the Council at an open public meeting.

Council needs to know all sides of an issue, and the possible impacts of any action they may take, prior to making a decision that will affect the community. The following outline has been devised to assist you in preparing for your presentation, so that you will understand the kind of information that Council will require, and the expected time frame in which a decision will be forthcoming. Council may not make a decision at this meeting.

Presentation Outline

Presentations may be a maximum of 10 minutes.

Your worship, Mayor Taylor, and Members of Council, I/we are here on behalf of:

Dr. D.A. Perley Elementary School's "Re-Wilding Project"

to request that you consider:

installing and maintaining a Water-line and Frost-free Hydrant

The reason(s) that I/we are requesting this action are:

Enhancing Outdoor exploration through Water Play and Science, throughout the year, during winter as well as mild seasons.

Water/ mud play facilitates tactile exploration and brain development, It is also beneficial to health and microbes increase resilience and immunity.

Develop fine and gross motor skills for all ages

Hand and eye co-ordination from pouring, squirting, scrubbing, stirring and squeezing

Co-operative play and sharing, turn taking skills- problem solving, judgement and reasoning skills

Creativity- Art with Water- ice sculptures,...

Measuring skills- volume, water displacement

Water Science- water cycle, water table, absorption, evaporation, freezing, melting,...

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Water and plants- gardening

Water and insects

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

encouraging the development of strong, healthy environmentally aware children. These children will have an influence on their families and therefore on the entire community.

Getting children outside for their learning will help awaken all the senses and encourage full mind, body, and spirit development!

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

It is unlikely that we will be able to include a water feature in our "Project" without the support of the City. The children all drew a water feature into their dream plans of a "Re-Wilding" space. This was not in my original plans as I didn't think it would be possible. When we looked at the many drawings and requests for a pond, I started to explore the idea and asking City workers whether this would be a possible task. Cavan Gates emailed via Dolores Sheets that our request would not be difficult. (The water main is on the north side of 73rd Ave so it could be tapped along the south edge of the field. This would require replacing a sidewalk panel and possibly some asphalt). It would be very disappointing for all of our students if we had to remove this wonderful feature.

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

The City of Grand Forks will install and maintain a waterline and frost-free hydrant for the "Re-wilding Project". They will also waive any water use charges, for the benefit of the children of Perley Elementary School and surrounding Day-cares.

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