

REPORT TO COUNCIL

FROM: Councillor Christine Thompson

DATE: July 15, 2019

SUBJECT: Report to Council

I attended the announcement of the DMFA grant funding by Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Jennifer Rice. This is exciting news for the Boundary area, and Grand Forks in particular.

Along with Councillor Korolek, we took the opportunity that morning to have a brief discussion with the Parliamentary Secretary. We thanked her for the government's and BC Housing's support in building the 52 units of affordable housing behind the Women's Transition House. We also advised her of the way that the 2nd Street project was announced to our downtown business community, and that the previous Council was not aware of this until the day before a letter was circulated. We advised her that the members of the DBA were upset that such a project was to be built at the east entrance to our City, particularly as most downtown business had been devastated by the 2018 flood and were in recovery mode. We also advised that BC Housing would not consider another location until the lots on 70th Avenue were offered; however, due to public outcry the offer was withdrawn. The Parliamentary Secretary had not viewed the 2nd Street location and we gave her directions to there from 9th Street in Ruckle Addition.

The GFI was certainly a huge success for our City. I want to take this opportunity to recognize and thank the organizers of this tournament for all their hard work over the past year in organizing this annual event. I sold 50-50 tickets on Sunday morning and really enjoyed it. I said that I would like to do some morning shifts next year selling tickets.

I watched the Canada Day Parade and thought that it was a great success. (I am aware of the controversy one float caused that was deemed anything but celebratory.) Councillors Korolek, Moslin, and I served 200 cupcakes to attendees, and that is always part of the fun for me. The vendors and entertainment were excellent. Job well done by our Events Manager, Errine Allen.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Christine Thompson