

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

FROM: Councillor Christine Thompson

DATE: August 12, 2019

SUBJECT: Report to Council

I participated in Council's Strategic Planning session on July 16<sup>th</sup> facilitated by Kevin Ramsey. This was a very interactive process that included our CAO, Diane Heinrich, and our CO, Daniel Drexler. While the Plan has not yet been finalized, I believe that it will be one that is achievable and that will allow us to move forward for the next 3 years.

On July 22<sup>nd</sup> and at the invitation of the DBA, I attended the first meeting of the Discover Grand Forks Committee as an observer. Those attending volunteered to serve on several committees to foster many of the recommendations brought forward during Roger Brooks' workshop. It is so exciting to see the enthusiasm of both the business and resident community working together to develop plans that will make our City inviting to both tourists and potential investors.

As Council is aware, I am interested in arranging a meeting with our medical community to discuss any issues they may have that we might be able to bring to the attention of the Ministry of Health and the Interior Health Authority. I have been made aware that the appropriate way is to make this request formally by sending a letter, and accordingly, I am requesting Council's permission to do so.

The DBA held their monthly meeting on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Agenda items included a report on the successful first meeting of the Discover Grand Forks Committee; the success of placing plants and seating outside some businesses; a recap of Party in the Street; and, the approval of a new administrator of the DBA Facebook page.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Christine Thompson