

COUNCIL MEMO

Date: July 20, 2018

To: Mayor Steve Gander, Council President Mark Olstad, Council Vice-President Chad Grassel, Council Members Clarence Vetter, Mike Pokrzywinski, Tim Riopelle, Henry Tweten, and Marc DeMers.

RE: Department Update

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Work Session – July 24, 2018 – 5:00 PM – Training Room

Regular Council Meeting – August 7, 2018 – 5:00 PM – Council Chambers

Work Session – August 14, 2018 – 5:00 PM – Council Chambers

Regular Council Meeting – August 21, 2018 – 5:00 PM – Council Chambers

Department Update:

Public Works – Jason Stordahl

Mosquitoes: Grand Forks Mosquito Control continues to find evidence of West Nile virus in the area. We conducted another citywide spray this past Wednesday.

Wastewater Pond Decommissioning: Progress continues to be made with the decommissioning. The contractor has installed their erosion control measures. The primary pond is currently dry, and the contractor is working on drying out the bio solids.

Sewer Backup: A resident reported sewer backup in their home located on 12th ST SE. We found and removed a blockage in our City main. Materials found in the blocked line were flushable wipes and roots. We have not had any issues with that line in the past, but moving forward we will be treating annually with a root killer to help to mitigate further issues.

Green Site: W&L have installed cameras at our Green Site. We have had issues with residents illegally dumping materials that are not recyclables. And the problem is only becoming greater. So far the Police Department has been able to issue citations to two violators. We are encouraging residents to bring non-recyclable to the Public Works Office.

Admin Office

The Work Session that is scheduled for August 14th will be held up in the Council Chambers because that is the day of the Primary Election and the Training Room will be used as a polling place.