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### **Public Input Requested for the Development of the City of Grand Forks and Rural Grand Forks Area D Economic Development Strategy and Workplan**

Grand Forks - The City of Grand Forks and Rural Grand Forks Area D are developing an Economic Development Strategy and Workplan to examine future economic opportunities and invites consultation from the public and business community. An online survey has been launched to gauge the key issues, concerns and opportunities for economic development in the area. Residents and businesses are encouraged to complete the short online survey designed to collect input which is intended to strengthen economic development.

The online survey allows residents and businesses to respond anonymously and is available immediately via the Community Futures Boundary's, the City's and Regional District's homepages at [www.boundarycf.com](http://www.boundarycf.com), [www.grandforks.ca](http://www.grandforks.ca) and [www.rdkb.com](http://www.rdkb.com). For those who prefer to complete the survey in another form, it is also available in print. Hardcopies of the survey can be picked up and dropped off at Community Futures Boundary. Participants have until June 7, 2019 to complete the survey.

The survey is the first step in establishing what residents and businesses think of the current economic climate and what directions Grand Forks should take. Other opportunities for public consultation and participation will include focus groups and interviews.

Community Futures Boundary is spear heading the project, funded by the Province of BC. Board Chair, Alan Peterson states, "We want this process to truly be inclusive of anyone who wishes to share their thoughts and ideas for making Grand Forks the most competitive it can be from an economic development standpoint. We invite all those that have an interest in Grand Forks' economic success to make their voices heard by attending one of the focus groups and completing the online survey."

EDCD Consulting, a firm specializing in economic development, with offices based in Chilliwack and Kelowna, was chosen to facilitate the survey and develop the strategy.

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