



City of Grand Forks  
Staff Report  
Committee of the Whole – September 23, 2019  
City Council – October 7, 2019

**APPROVED & ACCEPTED**  
*by City Council*  
*Maureen Storstad*  
10/07/2019  
Maureen Storstad  
City Auditor

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**Agenda Item:** Growth Fund Committee Appointment

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**Prepared by:** Meredith Richards, Community Development Director  
**Submitted by:** Mayor Michael Brown

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**Staff Recommended Action:** Approve appointment of Jonathan Holth to the Growth Fund Committee

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**Committee Recommended Action:** Moved to Council for approval.

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**City Council Action:** Motion by Vein, second by Marshall to approve the appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Growth Fund Committee consists of three City Council representatives and two members nominated by the Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corp. (EDC). These members serve three-year rotating terms of office, subject to City Council confirmation. In May 2018, Council approved appointing Jonathan Holth to fill the remaining term of Dwight Thompson, who retired. This request is to appoint Mr. Holth to a full three-year term.

**FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS:**

- The Growth Fund Committee advises the Grand Forks Growth Fund, a Jobs Development Authority, on requests for assistance, programs, policies and procedures. City Code states that its membership shall consist of three City Council members and two members nominated by the EDC and confirmed by Council.
- Current membership is Bret Weber, Danny Weigel, Katie Dachtler, Jonathan Holth and Chris Wolf.

**SUPPORT MATERIALS:**

- Nomination letter from EDC President Keith Lund

September 9, 2019

Mayor Michael Brown  
Grand Forks City Hall  
P.O. Box 5200  
Grand Forks, ND 58206

Re: Nominee to the Growth Fund Committee

Dear Mayor Brown:

The Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Board of Directors met on Sept. 5, 2019 and voted to recommend Jonathan Holth for reappointment to a full 3-year term to the Growth Fund committee.

Jonathan's current term, which he began in 2018 to fill the remainder of a term vacated by Dwight Thompson, expires Nov. 1. We believe Jonathan's experience as a business owner and his community leadership role will continue to provide an important perspective to the committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Keith Lund  
President & CEO

Cc: Todd Feland  
Meredith Richards