

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

### PROCLAMATION "Respiratory Therapy Week" October 25 - 31, 2020

**WHEREAS:** The Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists celebrates Respiratory Therapy Week annually to educate the public about the various roles and responsibilities of respiratory therapists and to raise awareness of the significant contribution made by respiratory therapists across our health care system; and

**WHEREAS:** Respiratory therapists are highly trained health professionals dedicated to providing the best possible cardio-respiratory care and work in intensive care units, emergency departments, operating rooms, neonatal nurseries, clinics, homecare and more; and

**WHEREAS:** Our health care system is relying on respiratory therapists more than ever this year – and as frontline workers, they have been tirelessly providing care to those infected by COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS:** The nature of their role and the care they provide requires them to work alongside critically ill patients, often performing life-sustaining procedures at the patient's head – the most infectious region during a respiratory pandemic. Respiratory therapists have also continued to provide essential care to patients of all ages that have not been afflicted by COVID-19.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Bill Given, do hereby proclaim the week of October 25 to 31, 2020 to be "**Respiratory Therapy Week**" in the City of Grande Prairie, and encourage our citizens to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of the respiratory therapists who help the members of our community breathe easier.



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**Mayor Bill Given**

