



PUBLIC & PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

May 27, 2025

10:15 AM

Council Chambers, City Hall

ATTENDEES

C. Thiessen, G. Blackmore, G. Berg, J. Clayton

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
3. DELEGATIONS
4. REPORTS
 - 4.1 Service Area Update Dan Lemieux
 - 4.2 Grande Prairie Police Commission and Grande Prairie Police Service Updates
 - 4.3 Grande Prairie Policing Committee and Grande Prairie RCMP Updates
5. IN CAMERA
 - 5.1 FOIP Act Section 25 - Economic Interests of a Public Body
6. CORRESPONDENCE
7. OTHER BUSINESS
8. BYLAW & POLICY REVIEW
9. OUTSTANDING ITEMS LIST
10. ADJOURN

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Public & Protective Services Committee	DATE: May 27, 2025
FROM: Dan Wong, Chair Grande Prairie Police Commission	MEETING: Public & Protective Services Committee
REPORT WRITER: Lorrie Sitler, Executive Director, Grande Prairie Police Commission	
SUBJECT: Grande Prairie Police Commission and Grande Prairie Police Service Updates	

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Committee receive this report for information.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL / COMMITTEE DIRECTIONS

On March 20, 2023, Council passed three readings of Bylaw C-1455 which formally established both the Grande Prairie Police Commission (“Commission”) and the Grande Prairie Police Service (“Police Service”).

BACKGROUND

On March 21, 2024, the Commission approved their 2024 – 2026 Strategic Plan with a strategic priority of Advocacy. The Commission understands there are no stronger advocates for the police service than City Council. To ensure the Commission executes on their priority of advocacy, they will continue to provide City Council with information on the Grande Prairie Police Service (GPPS) through regular updates to the Public and Protective Services Committee.

ANALYSIS

The transition from the RCMP to the GPPS continues to progress rapidly. GPPS is working closely with the Public Safety and Emergency Services Ministry to identify the conditions for becoming police of jurisdiction.

2024 was the first full year that included GPPS, Municipal Enforcement, RCMP Municipal Support, Mobile Outreach, and the RCMP contract under Policing Services. Costs for policing services were \$3.27 million under budget with a total cost of policing services at \$32.4 million.

The \$3.27 million in savings includes salary surplus. In the City’s 2024 financial year-end reporting, the salary surplus was reflected within City Fiscal Services, contributing to a net savings of

\$1.5 million to Policing Services. This was a result of the managed manpower budget being held centrally within Fiscal Services for 2024. For 2025, the managed manpower budget has been fully allocated to the Policing Services budget. The savings within the Policing Services budget are primarily attributed to timing of transition costs as well as contract and services savings.

Costs for policing services in the first quarter of 2025 are \$10.2 million. Operational expenses are projected to be approximately \$597K less than budget for 2025, due to anticipated increase in revenue, personnel savings offset by an increase in non-personnel expenses. A recent request from the Commission for an additional \$1.37 million in capital funds was approved by Council to address the need for a records management system, network infrastructure, and specialized policing equipment.

Relationship to City Council's Areas of Focus / Strategic Priorities

Quality of Life

Engagement Relationships

Inclusive & Caring Community

Environmental Impact

There are no notable environmental impacts related to this administrative item.

Economic Impact

There are no notable economic impacts related to this administrative item.

Social Impact

There are no notable social impacts related to this administrative item.

Relevant Statutes / Master Plans / City Documents

Police Act (Alberta)

Alberta Policing Oversight Standards for Municipal Police Commissions

City of Grande Prairie Bylaw C-1455

Risk

There are no perceived risks related to this administrative item.

Alternatives (Optional)

There are no alternatives needed for this administrative item.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

No stakeholder engagement for this report.

BUDGET / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No budget or financial implications.

SUMMARY / CONCLUSION

The Commission is pleased to report to the Public and Protective Services Committee on the progress of the transition and policing services financials. There are no concerns regarding the transition timelines, and the Commission is confident that operational costs for policing services will remain within budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Grande Prairie Police Commission 2025 1st Quarter Transition Update
2024 Policing Services Financials
2025 1st Quarter Policing Services Financials



QUARTERLY TRANSITION UPDATE

January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2025

Organizational Updates

- Grande Prairie Police Service (GPPS) received approval from the RCMP to occupy an office in the detachment. This office will be used for Inspector Knibbs to support both sworn and civilian employees during the transition, ensuring GPPS culture and practices are preserved.
- Grande Prairie Enforcement Services (GPES) held a strategy session where they identified social disorder and traffic as key priorities. A dedicated traffic unit is being created, and emerging priorities will be addressed through staffing.
- GPPS continues to evaluate the Mobile Outreach Unit (MOU) and is exploring the potential of their integration into a new Community Safety and Well-Being Directorate.
- The Edmonton Police Service has relinquished a contract with an IT specialist and has allowed GPPS to enter into a new agreement to serve as their Enterprise Architect to design and implement IT systems and solutions.
- GPPS initiated an RMS Data Conversion – PROS to Niche U/A working group. This sub-committee is dedicated to ensuring the secure conversion of the appropriate RCMP PROS 'pre-charge' files to the Edmonton Police Service Niche U/A system for operational use by GPPS.
- Cenera has been contracted to complete the GPPS Privacy Assessment and FOIPP requirements to ensure compliance with federal and provincial legislation.
- With assistance from municipal police services across Alberta, GPPS has drafted their Policy & Procedure Manual. This manual includes 19 parts, 110 chapters, and 4 appendices, with over 1,400 pages of procedures and policy documentation. The transition team is focusing on finalizing specialized areas to ensure completion of the 163 Alberta Provincial Policing Standards.
- A Community Standards Unit (CSU) has been developed in response to the social and civil disorder impacting the community. GPPS received approval from the Ministry of Public Safety and Emergency Services (PSES) to stand up this unit consisting of sworn police officers.

Recruitment Updates

- GPPS received 288 applications for the 14 positions open in Recruit Training Class (RTC) #2
- GPPS continues to hold APCAT and APREP testing. Both tests must be passed before a candidate can be considered for recruit training.



QUARTERLY TRANSITION UPDATE

- Applications are being accepted for Experience Officer Program (EOP) #4.
- A Behavioural Descriptive Interview (BDI) workshop was held to help prepare applicants for interviews.

Training Updates

- Three officers commenced training through EOP #3. All three members come with significant policing experience from across Canada.
- All twelve members of RTC #1 successfully graduated on February 21.
- Six of the RTC #1 members joined the RCMP detachment to complete their field training. The other six members have been temporarily assigned to the Community Standards Unit (CSU).
- The EOP #3 members graduated alongside the new recruits on February 21.
- The 14 members of RTC #2 commenced training on March 31. Graduation for this class is set for September 27.

Coming Up in 2025 Q2

- EOP #4 will commence training in May.
- Key deliverables will be developed with PSES to measure what is needed for GPPS to be declared Police of Jurisdiction.
- RTC #3 members will be finalized.

Policing Services

Operating Variance Report

For the period ending December 31, 2024

	Prior Year Actuals	YTD Actuals	YTD Variance	% Spent (YTD Actual/Annual Budget)	Annual Budget	Year End Forecast	Year End Variance
Police Commission							
Revenues	(169,194)	(215,722)	(3,394)	98%	(219,116)	(215,722)	(3,394)
Expenditures	169,194	254,222	29,694	90%	283,916	254,223	29,693
Net Operating Police Commission	-	38,500	26,300		64,800	38,500	26,299
GPPS Transition Costs							
Revenues	(1,379,588)	(4,466,744)	(994,132)	82%	(5,460,876)	(4,466,744)	(994,132)
Expenditures	1,379,588	4,577,751	883,125	84%	5,460,876	4,577,751	883,125
Net Operating GPPS Transition Costs	-	111,007	(111,007)		-	111,007	(111,007)
Police Service & Chief of Police (Tax)							
Revenues	(132,269)	(170,332)	82,332	194%	(88,000)	(170,332)	82,332
Expenditures	132,269	1,148,163	708,021	62%	1,856,184	1,148,165	708,019
Net Operating Police Service & Chief of Police (Tax)	-	977,831	790,353		1,768,184	977,833	790,351
Enforcement Services							
Revenues	(3,756,230)	(5,786)	5,786	0%	-	(5,786)	5,786
Expenditures	6,191,027	5,424,991	1,278,139	81%	6,703,130	5,424,991	1,278,139
Net Operating Enforcement Services	2,434,797	5,419,205	1,283,925		6,703,130	5,419,205	1,283,925
Mobile Outreach							
Revenues	(39,572)	(281,930)	216,262	429%	(65,668)	(281,930)	216,262
Expenditures	1,401,814	1,651,882	(175,081)	112%	1,476,801	1,651,882	(175,081)
Net Operating Mobile Outreach	1,362,243	1,369,952	41,181		1,411,133	1,369,952	41,181
Policing Support							
Revenues	(5,598,916)	(1,765,084)	359,213	126%	(1,405,871)	(1,765,084)	359,213
Expenditures	28,172,317	6,444,876	371,215	95%	6,816,091	6,444,874	371,217
Net Operating Police Operations Support	22,573,401	4,679,792	730,428		5,410,220	4,679,790	730,430
RCMP Contracted Services							
Revenues	-	(29,610)	29,610	0%	-	(29,610)	29,610
Expenditures	-	19,834,768	488,158	98%	20,322,926	19,834,768	488,158
Net Operating RCMP Contracted Services	-	19,805,158	517,768	97%	20,322,926	19,805,158	517,768
Total Grande Prairie Police Service	26,370,441	32,401,445	3,278,948	91%	35,680,393	32,401,445	3,278,948

Policing Services

Capital Budget

For the period ending December 31, 2024

Project	Carry forward budget	Annual Budget	YTD Actuals	Year End Surplus
GPPS Fleet Additions	534,362	646,200	893,812	286,751
Enforcement Fleet Vehicles		188,300	17,460	170,840
Total Capital	534,362	834,500	911,272	457,591

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Police Commission							
Revenues	(215,722)	-	-	-	(238,216)	(238,216)	-
Expenditures	254,222	55,867	14,754	19%	296,966	296,966	-
Net Operating Police Commission	38,500	55,867	14,754		58,750	58,750	-
GPPS Transition Costs							
Revenues	(4,466,744)	(6,006)	6,006	-	(7,026,260)	(6,979,860)	(46,400)
Expenditures	4,577,751	1,535,209	78,877	22%	7,026,260	7,062,260	(36,000)
Net Operating GPPS Transition Costs	111,007	1,529,203	84,883		-	82,400	(82,400)
Police Service & Chief of Police (Tax)							
Revenues	(170,332)	(30,463)	30,463	37%	(82,346)	(260,352)	178,006
Expenditures	1,148,164	597,617	46,817	13%	4,512,781	4,641,618	(128,837)
Net Operating Police Service & Chief of Police (Tax)	977,832	567,154	77,280		4,430,435	4,381,266	49,169
Enforcement Services							
Revenues	(5,786)	192	(192)	0%	-	-	-
Expenditures	5,424,991	1,248,161	112,539	21%	5,811,968	5,630,033	181,935
Net Operating Enforcement Services	5,419,205	1,248,353	112,347		5,811,968	5,630,033	181,935
Mobile Outreach							
Revenues	(281,930)	26,841	(174,638)	-7%	(397,556)	(339,547)	(58,009)
Expenditures	1,651,881	415,840	25,835	21%	1,934,705	1,795,329	139,376
Net Operating Mobile Outreach	1,369,952	442,682	(148,803)		1,537,149	1,455,782	81,367
Policing Support							
Revenues	(1,765,084)	(440,215)	88,712	31%	(1,405,871)	(1,784,516)	378,645
Expenditures	6,444,876	1,517,793	13,296	23%	6,700,963	6,712,562	(11,599)
Net Operating Police Operations Support	4,679,792	1,077,578	102,008		5,295,092	4,928,046	367,046
RCMP Contracted Services							
Revenues	(29,610)	29,610	(921,181)	-1%	(3,566,284)	(3,566,284)	-
Expenditures	19,834,768	5,259,267	-	25%	21,037,068	21,037,068	-
Net Operating RCMP Contracted Services	19,805,158	5,288,877	(921,181)	30%	17,470,784	17,470,784	-
Total Grande Prairie Police Service	32,401,445	10,215,720	(684,717)	30%	34,604,178	34,007,061	597,117

Policing Services

Capital Budget

For the period ending March 31, 2025

Project	Carry forward budget	Annual Budget	Available Funding	YTD Actuals	Year End Forecast	Forecasted Surplus/Deficit
GPPS Fleet Additions	286,751	1,100,300	1,387,051	-	1,257,051	130,000
GPPS Dispatch Upgrades (IECC)		1,000,000	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	-
Enforcement Fleet Vehicles	170,840	-	170,840	-	170,840	-
Grande Prairie Regional Animal Pound Building Renovations		20,000	20,000	-	20,000	-
Total Capital	457,591	2,120,300	2,577,891	-	2,447,891	130,000

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BACKGROUND

Regular Committee meetings are held to conduct the business of the Committee.

Police Act, Alberta Policing Oversight Standards for Policing Committees, and Municipal Police Service Agreement

The Committee is subject to the requirements set forth in the *Police Act* (“Act”), the *Alberta Policing Oversight Standards for Policing Committees* (“Oversight Standards”), and the *Municipal Police Service Agreement* (“MPSA”).

ANALYSIS

According to Section 23(14) of the *Act*, the Committee is responsible for representing the interests of Council to the officer in charge (“OIC”), developing a yearly plan of priorities and strategies for municipal policing in collaboration with the officer in charge, and overseeing the administration of the *MPSA*.

The Committee has worked with the OIC in developing the 2025/2026 Annual Performance Plan priorities and is pleased to present them to Council for their review.

Relationship to City Council's Areas of Focus / Strategic Priorities

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Relevant Statutes / Master Plans / City Documents

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Municipal Police Service Agreement

City of Grande Prairie Bylaw C-1455

Risk

There are no perceived risks related to this administrative item.

Alternatives (Optional)

There are no alternatives needed for this administrative item.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

In November 2024, Committee members took part in two RCMP Town Hall sessions, gathering input from the public on policing priorities. In April 2025, Committee members joined the Mayor and City Administration in a stakeholder engagement session with the RCMP Detachment executive.

BUDGET / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No budget or financial implications.

SUMMARY / CONCLUSION

The Committee is pleased to present the 2025/2026 annual policing priorities and crime trend updates. It is the intention of the Committee to keep Council up to date regularly.

ATTACHMENTS

January-April 2025 Crime Statistics Summary and Crime Gauge
2025/2026 Annual Performance Plan



Grande Prairie (Municipal) Crime Statistic Summary – January to April

2025/05/06

Grande Prairie (Municipal) – Highlights

- **Break & Enters** are showing a 43.1% decrease when compared to the same period in 2024 (January to April). There were 47 fewer actual occurrences (from 109 in 2024 to 62 in 2025).
- **Theft of Motor Vehicles** decreased by 17.3% when compared to the same period in 2024 (January to April). There were 18 fewer actual occurrences (from 104 in 2024 to 86 in 2025).
- **Theft Under \$5,000** decreased by 0.0% when compared to the same period in 2024 (January to April). There were 0 fewer actual occurrences (from 481 in 2024 to 481 in 2025).

Grande Prairie (Municipal) – Criminal Code Offences Summary

Crime Category	% Change 2024 – 2025 (January to April)
Total Persons Crime	4.1% Decrease
Total Property Crime	1.7% Increase
Total Criminal Code	5.3% Decrease

From January to April 2025, when compared to the same period in 2024, there have been:

- 33 fewer **Persons Crime** offences;
- 29 more **Property Crime** offences; and
- 186 fewer **Total Criminal Code** offences;

Grande Prairie (Municipal) – April, 2025

- There were 34 **Thefts of Motor Vehicles** in April: 6 cars, 14 trucks, 0 minivans, 7 SUVs, 3 motorcycles, 1 other types of vehicles, and 3 vehicles taken without consent.
- There were 19 **Break and Enters** in April: 7 businesses, 11 residences, 0 cottages/seasonal residences, 1 in some other type of location, and 0 unlawfully being in a dwelling house.
- There were a total of 8 **Provincial Roadside Suspensions** in April (7 alcohol related and 1 drug related). This brings the year-to-date total to 42 (39 alcohol related and 3 drug related).
- There were a total of 133 files with the **Spousal Abuse** survey code in April (April 2024: 140). This brings the year-to-date total to 524 (2024: 526).
- There were 1,886 files with **Victim Service Unit** referral scoring in Grande Prairie Municipal: 35 accepted, 245 declined, 37 proactive, 2 requested but not available, and 1,567 files with no victim.



Grande Prairie Municipal Crime Gauge

2025 vs. 2024
January to April

Criminal Code Offences



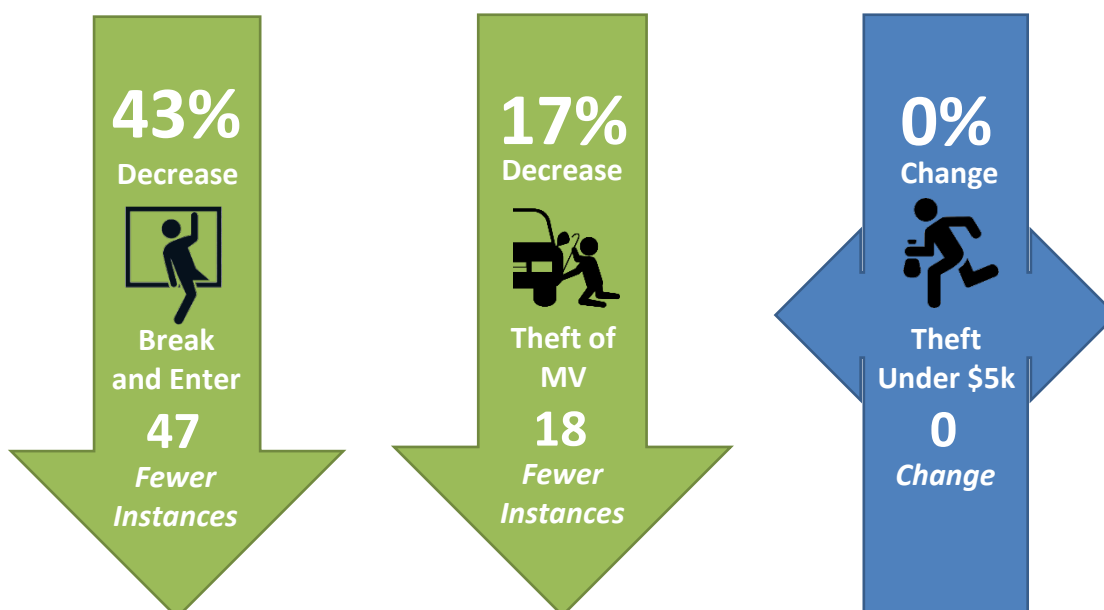
**Total
Criminal Code
Offences:**

5%

Decrease

When compared to
January to April, 2024

Select Property Crime





Grande Prairie RCMP-GRC

2025 / 2026

Annual Performance Plan

Detachment Priorities & Objectives



1. Collaborate with Partners in Transition to Municipal Police Service

Priorities - Policing Transition from RCMP to GPPS

1. Work with Grande Prairie Police Service to integrate service delivery.
2. Employee Wellness.

2. Enhance Community Relations to Build Trust & Confidence in RCMP

Priorities – Community Engagement and Diversity

1. RCMP Grande Prairie Detachment Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Advisory Committee.
2. Investigational Integrity. Consistently update complainant/victims.

3. Crime Reduction

Priorities – Enhance Public Safety

1. Priority Target Initiative. Target prolific & priority offenders.
2. Connect Grande Prairie (Situation Table). Transition to a community lead.

Engage & work with Grande Prairie Police Service Specialized Units

1. Community Engagement Team (CET)
2. Community Standards Unit (CSU)
3. Community Police Officers (CPO's)
4. Enforcement Services - Bylaw

Priorities – Enhance Community Safety

1. Enhance visibility and community safety in downtown core.
2. Enhance visibility and community safety in areas surrounding Wapiti House.

PUBLIC & PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE - OUTSTANDING ITEMS LIST - MAY 27, 2025

ID	Title	Requested on	People Responsible	Item Notes	Expected Report Date
1356	Recreation Access and Transit Programs for Seniors	3/10/2025	Tammy Wentzell	Council direct Administration to bring a report back to the appropriate Standing Committee regarding working with applicable agencies to automatically enroll seniors who qualify into our Recreation Access and Transit programs.	Q2 2025
1327	Bowes Pilot Program	7/23/2024	Catherine Ridgeway	Committee direct Administration to bring back a report 90 days after the pilot project begins with a progress update.	Q2 2025
1350	FCSS Funding	1/21/2025	Tammy Wentzell	Committee direct Administration to create a new FCSS funding policy that aligns with the FCSS Act.	Q2 2025
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