



**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**September 13, 2022, 9:15 A.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall**

PRESENT	C. Thiessen	Committee Chair
	W. Bosch	Councillor
	G. Berg	Councillor
	J. Clayton	Mayor (ex officio)
ALSO PRESENT	G. Blackmore	Councillor
	D. Bressey	Councillor
	M. O'Connor	Councillor
	K. O'Toole	Councillor
	R. Nicolay	City Manager
	A. Miller	Deputy City Manager
	D. Lemieux	Community Services Director
	D. Whiteway	Corporate Services Director, Interim
	B. Glavin	Infrastructure & Economic Development Director
	C. Manuel	Protective & Social Services Director
	A. Van Beekveld	Council Committee Coordinator
	K. Biberdorf	Community Recreation Development Supervisor
	S. Cajolais	Sports Development, Wellness & Culture Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. DELEGATIONS

3. REPORTS

3.1 Director's Service Area Report

D. Lemieux, Community Services Director, presented Committee with an update on the current and projected activities planned throughout the service area:

- Community Knowledge Campus - The Eastlink Centre has seen an increase in memberships over the last few months. The Junior Lifeguard Club is starting September 24 for youth ages 7 to 14 who are passionate about swimming or interested in becoming a lifeguard. Aquatera sponsored a free community swim at the Outdoor Pool on September 1, with 228 people in attendance. Season shutdown of the Outdoor Pool is underway; in total, over 25K participants enjoyed the 2022 season.

- Events & Entertainment - Hansen Lincoln has signed a five-year naming agreement for the Outdoor Turf Field at the Community Knowledge Campus; the field will now be known as the Hansen Lincoln Field. The Offspring concert was announced at Bonnetts Energy Centre; the show will be held November 22, 2022.
- Facilities - Sound Attenuation Consultant reports have been completed for the Eastlink Centre and the Activity & Reception Centre. Administration will be reviewing recommendations with site operational staff. Seasonal building shutdowns have begun.
- Sports Development, Wellness & Culture - The City celebrated Alberta Day on September 3; an estimated 332 residents took advantage of the free public swim at the Eastlink Centre and a combination of 945 hamburgers and hotdogs were distributed at the community barbecue at Bonnetts Energy Centre. Kudos to the team at Better Than Fred's who prepared and cooked all the food. After the barbecue, the Grande Prairie Storm entertained approximately 200 skaters at the Bonnetts Energy Arena. GirlZone took place on September 10 with 53 participants. This event was an activity-based day for girls ages 10-15 to encourage gender equality in sport and recreation. Residents are invited to celebrate Neighbour Day with free activities taking place at the Activity & Reception Centre September 17 from 3-5pm. Communities are also encouraged to host community activities in their neighbourhood.
- Transit - VIA staff are on site this week to provide additional driver and dispatch training, observe how the system is operating, and work on the software while riding along with the drivers. A third On Demand bus has been added during morning and afternoon peak service.

3.2 Grant Recommendation

K. Biberdorf, Community Recreation Development Supervisor, presented Committee with grant recommendations from the Community Advisory Committee.

MOVED by W. Bosch

Committee recommend Council approve funding allocations as presented in Appendix A.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

4. CORRESPONDENCE

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. BYLAW & POLICY REVIEW

7. OUTSTANDING ITEMS LIST

The Committee reviewed the Community Services Committee Outstanding Items List for September 13, 2022.

MOVED by G. Berg

Committee receive the September 13, 2022 Outstanding Items List, as amended, for information.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

8. ADJOURN

The meeting ended at 10:23 a.m.

Chair

City Clerk