



**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE  
PROTECTIVE & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**September 13, 2022, 9:30 A.M.  
Council Chambers, City Hall**

PRESENT	K. O'Toole	Committee Chair
	D. Bressey	Councillor
	C. Thiessen	Councillor
	J. Clayton	Mayor (ex officio)
ALSO PRESENT	G. Berg	Councillor
	W. Bosch	Councillor
	G. Blackmore	Councillor
	M. O'Connor	Councillor
	R. Nicolay	City Manager
	A. Miller	Deputy City Manager
	C. Manuel	Protective & Social Services Director
	D. Lemieux	Community Services Director
	D. Whiteway	Corporate Services Director, Interim
	B. Glavin	Infrastructure & Economic Development Director
	A. Van Beekveld	Council Committee Coordinator
	Supt. M. Lefebvre	Enforcement Services Manager
	R. Gear	Peace Officer Sergeant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:29 a.m.

**2. DELEGATIONS**

**3. REPORTS**

**3.1 Director's Service Area Report**

C. Manuel, Protective & Social Services Director, presented Committee with an update on the current and projected activities planned throughout the service area:

- Community Social Development - As of September 8, there have been 43 applications for the Explore GP program, which supports newcomers to Grande Prairie and is assisting 83 individuals. The kickoff to Welcoming week was held last weekend at the GP Museum.
- Enforcement Services - The Public Security Unit (PSU) is now operational with 4 full-time positions and is looking to fill the next 4 positions within two weeks. Plans to expand their hours of operation are in the works once additional team members are added to the unit. PSU has currently been tasked with patrolling the downtown core and Administration has received positive feedback from the community. A second Vehicle for Hire operation was conducted to continue addressing concerns

raised by the Designated Driving Services operating within Grande Prairie regarding illegal operators providing service without the appropriate permitting/licensing. Two additional illegal operators were caught, and violation tickets issued. Enforcement has received numerous complaints regarding unsightly properties within the City. A sizeable portion of these complaints are regarding tall weeds and overgrown grass. Some owners that Administration has been in contact with have begun compliance with the remedial notices. Administration will now be looking to issue violations and orders to enter and remedy the properties for owners who are not in compliance.

- Emergency Management (GPREP) - Administration was contacted to provide assistance in the event that accommodations in British Columbia were over capacity for evacuees from the Battleship Mountain Fire.
- Fire Department - The annual hose testing has been completed for 2022. The testing is carried out once a year to ensure the equipment is still in an acceptable condition for emergency operations. Administration will be hosting a Pump Course starting September 19. This course teaches firefighters how to operate the pump and any ancillary equipment on the units. Passing this course is a requirement before the fire fighters can operate the units at an incident.
- RCMP - The Community Engagement Unit completed safety initiatives within school zones during the first week of school. The unit also completed UTV and foot patrols throughout Muskoseepi Park, the Eastlink Centre, and the Community Knowledge Campus. Furthermore, the unit attended a community barbecue at the Sunrise House and was present at the Experience GP event.
- Mobile Outreach Program - The Public Security Unit (PSU) has been a great support for the Mobile Outreach team and have responded to calls for service and additional support when needed.

### 3.2 Traffic Safety and Speed Concerns

Supt. M. Lefebvre, Enforcement Services Manager, and R. Gear, Peace Officer Sergeant, presented Committee with information regarding traffic safety and speed concerns in the City. Statistical data supplied by the Collision Reporting Centre and the RCMP show that the collision rate has dropped significantly since 2014. Administration intends to continue to build upon the success of the Safe City Roads Action Plan and will adjust operational practices as circumstances warrant.

**MOVED** by D. Bressey

Committee direct Administration to bring back further information including adding traffic counts to Figure 1, a map showing each intersection listed in Figure 1, and whether any intersections in Figure 1 can no longer be photo enforced due to recent provincial changes.

**CARRIED (4 to 0)**

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**
5. **OTHER BUSINESS**
6. **BYLAW & POLICY REVIEW**
7. **OUTSTANDING ITEMS LIST**

The Committee reviewed the Protective & Social Services Committee Outstanding Items List for September 13, 2022.

**MOVED by C. Thiessen**

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

**CARRIED (4 to 0)**

**8. ADJOURN**

The meeting ended at 10:58 a.m.

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Chair

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City Clerk