



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

**September 27, 2022, 9:00 A.M.  
Council Chambers, City Hall**

PRESENT	C. Thiessen W. Bosch G. Berg	Committee Chair Councillor Councillor
ALSO PRESENT	G. Blackmore D. Bressey M. O'Connor K. O'Toole R. Nicolay D. Lemieux D. Whiteway B. Glavin A. Van Beekveld K. Biberdorf  S. Cajolais  C. Taws	Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor City Manager Chief Public & Protective Services Officer Chief Financial Officer Chief Operating Officer Council Committee Coordinator Community Recreation Development Supervisor Sports Development, Wellness & Culture Manager Historical Resources Supervisor

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

**2. DELEGATIONS**

**3. REPORTS**

**3.1 Director's Service Area Report**

D. Lemieux, Chief Public & Protective Services Officer, presented Committee with an update on the current and projected activities planned throughout the service area:

- Community Knowledge Campus - Administration has been receiving positive feedback about the new canteen that has been added to the Grandstands. Howler's Cup Volleyball Tournament was held September 23; there were 26 grade 9 male and female teams present, and approximately 1,575 athletes, coaches, volunteers, and spectators enjoyed the action. The Grande Prairie Family Centered Coalition Teddy Bear Carnival was held September 24. There were approximately 45 vendor booths providing games, interactive activities, crafts and prizes to a total of approximately 500 attendees. The swimsuit spinners have been repaired and re-installed in all three aquatic changerooms. Education on proper use will continue. Second Cup is set to reopen this week; welcome to the new franchisee operator and team.

- Events & Entertainment - Peace Country Invitational PBR, presented by Ritchie Brothers, is at the Bonnetts Energy Centre this weekend. In partnership with the Grande Prairie Friendship Centre and Hammerhead Resources, the PBR opening ceremonies on Friday night will be redesigned to honour our National Day of Truth & Reconciliation with dignitaries, traditional dancers, and the Red Elk Drummers. Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling kick off event was held at the Grande Prairie Curling Centre on September 21 and included an appearance by World Curling Hall of Fame inductee Kevin Martin. The 2022 Hearing Life Tour Challenge will take place October 18-23 at the Coca-Cola Centre. Tickets are available at [the grandslamofcurling.com/tickets](http://the grandslamofcurling.com/tickets).
- Facilities - Exterior stucco repairs at the Coca Cola Centre are nearing completion; the contractor is working to complete this project before the Grand Slam of Curling event. The front entrance/landscaping project at the RCMP building is nearing completion; a temporary railing is in place due to a delay in materials. The east parkade landscaping and re-sealing project at the Montrose Cultural Centre is complete.
- Sports Development, Wellness & Culture - The 2025 Special Olympics Summer Games Bid was submitted on September 22. The local branch facilitated 30 letters of support to accompany the bid application. The City hosted its first Harvest Festival on September 24 at Muskoseepi Park, which consisted of local entertainment, a pie eating contest, beer gardens and a chili cook off. The event went well with over 2,000 attendees.
- Transit - There was an increase of ridership for the week of September 11-17 compared to the previous week; conventional increased by 12%, on-demand increased by 24%, and Paratransit increased by 20%. Administration met with residents of Dieppe Manor to listen to their transit concerns on September 24 and is looking to make changes to the current schedule.

### 3.2 Community Advisory Committee Annual Report

K. Biberdorf, Community Recreation Development Supervisor, presented Committee with an update on the activities of the Community Advisory Committee over the past year.

**MOVED by W. Bosch**

Committee receive this report for information.

**CARRIED (3 to 0)**

### 3.3 Grande Prairie Public Library Needs Assessment

S. Cajolais, Sports Development, Wellness and Culture Manager, presented Committee with information regarding an Efficiency Audit of the Grande Prairie Public Library. The Library Board has been exploring opportunities and innovative ideas to achieve their organizational goals.

**MOVED by W. Bosch**

Committee receive this report for information.

**CARRIED (3 to 0)**

3.4 Notice of Intention to Designate the Grande Prairie Courthouse

C. Taws, Historical Resources Supervisor, presented Committee with information regarding the designation of the Grande Prairie Courthouse as a Municipal Historic Resource.

**MOVED by G. Berg**

Committee recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to designate the Grande Prairie Courthouse located at 9904-101 Avenue, Grande Prairie as a Municipal Historic Resource under Section 26 of the Alberta Historical Resources Act.

**CARRIED (3 to 0)**

3.5 Alberta Community Partnership Program Grant Application for Regional Handibus Project

D. Lemieux, Community Services Director, presented Committee with information regarding the Regional Handibus Project and a related grant application submission.

**MOVED by G. Berg**

Committee recommend Council support their involvement with the Regional Handibus Program.

**CARRIED (3 to 0)**

**MOVED by G. Berg**

Committee recommend Council support the County of Grande Prairie's application to the 2022 Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Intermunicipal Collaboration Grant for this project.

**CARRIED (3 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 27, 2022.

**MOVED by W. Bosch**

Committee receive the September 27, 2022 Outstanding Items List, as amended, for information.

**CARRIED (3 to 0)**

**8. ADJOURN**

The meeting ended at 9:40 a.m.

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Chair

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City Clerk