



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

**February 14, 2023, 9:00 A.M.  
Council Chambers, City Hall**

PRESENT	D. Bressey M. O'Connor J. Clayton	Committee Chair Councillor Mayor
ABSENT	G. Berg	Councillor
ALSO PRESENT	G. Blackmore W. Bosch K. O'Toole W. Pilat C. Thiessen A. Miller D. Lemieux  J. Harrop B. Glavin J. MacEachern J. Freeman A. Van Beekveld A. Sutherland  S. Cajolais	Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Deputy City Manager Chief Public & Protective Services Officer Chief Investment Officer Chief Operating Officer Chief of Staff City Solicitor Council Committee Coordinator Community Social Development Director Recreation & Culture Executive Director

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. DELEGATIONS**

**3. REPORTS**

**3.1 Service Area Update**

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

- Community & Social Development - Municipal Police Service Reviews: Grande Prairie Local Immigration Partnership (GPLIP) members participated in a session last week, and the Youth Advisory Council members will be participating in a session tomorrow. Youth Advisory Council members will take part in the Coldest Night of the Year event on February 25.

- Housing & Homelessness - Administration will be attending the 6th Annual Alberta Recovery Conference next week; this conference focuses on recovery-oriented systems that build recovery capital. The Winter Emergency Response, (located at South Bear Creek and managed by Wapiti House staff) is a grant funded, temporary mat program to alleviate shelter capacities as a result of the closure of Oasis. This temporary overnight program is only operational during evening hours, and Mobile Outreach assists with transportation. Wapiti House reports that on average there are 12-15 individuals utilizing the program, which ends on March 31, 2023. Administration is hosting a workshop session this week with local agencies to seek their input on identifying needs, gaps and priorities in the community. Sessions aiming to support Indigenous peoples will be held this Friday.
- Enforcement Services - Briefings between Administration and the RCMP have been occurring, taking a collaborative approach towards community concerns. A mischief investigation is ongoing regarding a fire started beside City Hall near an air intake. The Public Security Unit responded to the Grande Prairie Public Library for a protest during a children's book reading. The protesters entered the facility for a short period of time and were then redirected outside. Protesters of the event were grossly outnumbered by supporters of the event, which was attended by over 200 participants.
- RCMP - The report regarding the Police Model Review will be presented next week at a Council Committee of the Whole meeting.
- Mobile Outreach Program - Mobile Outreach has become a Naloxone distribution site and will be able to provide training to kit recipients. Administration will be attending Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training next week.
- Community Knowledge Campus - The 45th Annual U13AA Classic Tournament took place February 3-5, with 12 Teams, 364 Participants, and approximately 650 spectators. There were 700 tickets sold for the February 7 GP Athletics Home Game. Organizers for the Racquetball Canada Team selections have reported a successful event with 50+ high performance athletes from across Canada. With the increased foot traffic on the Walking/Running Track as well as user experience feedback, improvements have been made including additions to the functional fitness corner, additional seating and resting benches, more lockers and coat hooks; public feedback is very valuable. There will be a free Family Day event this Sunday at the Design Works Centre and Eastlink Centre.
- Sports Development, Wellness & Culture - PlayCare at Eastlink Centre was very busy with a record number of 1,014 children attending in the month of January 2023. Free drop in opportunities at the Activity and Reception Centre begin today, and are being offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6pm during youth times, Wednesdays from 9-11am for toddlers, and Saturdays from 1-3pm for all ages community drop in. Program instructors will be on site to assist with facilitating play during youth and community drop-in times. The County of Grande Prairie and MD of Greenview Councils have approved funding as well as gift-in-kind for the Alberta Winter Games.
- Transit - There are a total of 655 registered Accessible Transit clients. In Q4 of 2022, there were 7,205 trips delivered and 47 new clients added. There is an Accessible Transit Survey running, with results to be reported. On Demand ridership is steadily increasing; 4,511 rides were delivered in Q4 of 2022. Results of the On Demand Survey will be released shortly. Conventional ridership continues to slowly grow, with an increase of 5.8% in Q4 of 2022. System reliability is now close to 100% with all routes arriving Downtown on time, with train delays being the only exception.

3.2 Food Security Committee

A. Sutherland, Community Social Development Director, presented Committee with information on the Salvation Army's Food Security Committee, which City Administration has been a part of since 2018. Food security is an ongoing issue and will continue to affect more residents due to increases in cost of living and inflation.

**MOVED by J. Clayton**

Committee receive this report for information.

**CARRIED (3 to 0)**

3.3 Charitable Drop-Off Points

A. Sutherland, Community Social Development Director, presented Committee with information regarding the potential for City facilities to be used as drop-off points for charitable donations. Standards of practice and expectations will need to be explored if the City would like to formalize City facilities as drop-off points.

**MOVED by J. Clayton**

Committee direct Administration to bring a report back with potential locations and guidelines regarding charitable drop-offs at City facilities.

**CARRIED (3 to 0)**

**MOVED by J. Clayton**

Committee receive this report for information.

**CARRIED (3 to 0)**

3.4 Grande Prairie Cricket Association Funding Request

S. Cajolais, Recreation & Culture Executive Director, presented Committee with information regarding the funding request from the Grande Prairie Cricket Association. With the upcoming construction of a practice pitch at North Ridge Field, Administration is confident that an appropriate location will be determined that will satisfy all parties involved.

**MOVED by M. O'Connor**

Committee receive this report for information.

**CARRIED (3 to 0)**

3.5 Recreation and Culture Strategy

S. Cajolais, Recreation & Culture Executive Director, presented Committee with the proposed Recreation & Culture Strategy for the City. The Strategy is designed to be a guiding document for Administration and will provide elected officials information needed for future decision-making.

**MOVED by J. Clayton**

Committee direct Administration to update Figure 3 in the Strategy with current statistics.

**CARRIED (3 to 0)**

**MOVED by J. Clayton**

Committee direct Administration to update the Strategy to include point in time utilization rates at our facilities, as well as the inclusion of the Arctic Winter Games as a significant event.

**CARRIED (3 to 0)**

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

**6. BYLAW & POLICY REVIEW**

**7. OUTSTANDING ITEMS LIST**

The Committee reviewed the Public & Protective Services Committee Outstanding Items List for February 14, 2023.

**MOVED by M. O'Connor**

Committee receive the February 14, 2023 Outstanding Items List, as amended, for information.

**CARRIED (3 to 0)**

**8. ADJOURN**

The meeting ended at 9:58 a.m.

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Chair

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City Clerk