

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE
INVEST GP COMMITTEE**

**February 14, 2023, 10:00 A.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m.

2. DELEGATIONS

3. REPORTS

3.1 Service Area Update

J. Harrop, Chief Investment Officer, presented Committee with an update on the current and projected activities planned throughout the service area:

- Economic Development - Administration has finalized the 2023 business survey and will have in-person visits with local businesses to help identify areas of support. The Rural Renewal Stream Program continues to be very successful, with 117 candidates endorsed, 174 approved employer applications, 43 waiting for external information, and 6 new. Updated software will eventually be required to meet the demands of the program. Registration for the Growing the North Conference closes today; there are currently over 360 attendees registered.
- Events & Entertainment - Administration is attending the Pollstar Conference next week. This conference serves as the primary source of early information on artists that are planning to tour, and highlights industry trends to improve guest experience. A Dinosaur Tale will play at the Bonnetts Energy Centre on Friday;

limited tickets are still available. Blippi: The Wonderful World Tour is coming to Bonnetts Energy Centre on May 15 and has already sold many tickets.

- Planning & Development - Administration has scheduled a workshop with Council regarding policy direction for review of the Municipal Development Plan. A review of the Land Use Bylaw is underway regarding building height and setback requirements for multiple forms of development.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Development Regulations

Mayor Clayton introduced discussion regarding development regulations in the Medium Density land use district.

MOVED by J. Clayton

Committee direct Administration to review the development regulations in the Medium Density land use district with attention to increasing the building height for multi-attached developments.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

6. BYLAW & POLICY REVIEW

7. OUTSTANDING ITEMS LIST

The Committee reviewed the Invest GP Committee Outstanding Items List for February 14, 2023.

MOVED by M. O'Connor

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

CARRIED (4 to 0)

8. ADJOURN

The meeting ended at 10:40 a.m.

Chair

City Clerk