



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

**October 10, 2023, 9:05 A.M.  
Council Chambers, City Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT	W. Pilat M. O'Connor J. Clayton	Committee Chair Councillor Mayor
MEMBER(S) ABSENT	G. Blackmore	Councillor
ALSO PRESENT	G. Berg W. Bosch D. Bresse C. Thiessen S. Bourke D. Whiteway B. Glavin D. Lemieux  J. MacEachern J. Freeman (virtual) A. Van Beekveld	Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor City Manager Chief Financial Officer Chief Operating Officer Chief Public & Protective Services Officer Chief of Staff City Solicitor Council Committee Coordinator

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

**2. DELEGATIONS**

**3. REPORTS**

**3.1 Service Area Update**

J. MacEachern, Chief of Staff, presented Committee with an update on the current and projected activities planned throughout the service area:

- Economic Development - Between September 15 and October 1, 16 new business licenses were issued (12 commercial and 4 home-based). The recent Rural Renewal Stream statistics are as follows: 441 candidates endorsed, 26 candidate applications in queue, 255 advertised positions available, 594 employer applications received to date including 37 applications in queue for review, 193 approved, 173 complete. Administration attended the Thriving in the City event at Northwestern Polytechnic to share information on the Rural Renewal Stream Program.
- Investment Attraction - Administration attended the Carbon Capture Conference, the Alberta Heartland Association Conference, and the World Petroleum Congress. A representative from Invest Alberta was in the City to share information on opportunities for investment learn more about market opportunities.

- Events & Entertainment - Grande Prairie Storm held their Jersey Auction event last month; the team received tremendous support from the business community, bringing in over \$190k in sponsorship. Bryan Adams played a sold-out show at Bonnetts Energy Centre with 4123 guests on September 14. PBR was held September 30 – October 1 at the Bonnetts Energy Centre and will be televised on TSN later this month. Grande Prairie Women’s show will be hosting their Fall Show this weekend starting Friday. Both Vampire Circus and Stars on Ice will take place over the next month.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

**6. BYLAW & POLICY REVIEW**

**7. OUTSTANDING ITEMS LIST**

The Committee reviewed the Invest GP Committee Outstanding Items List for October 10, 2023.

**MOVED** by M. O'Connor

Committee receive the October 10 Outstanding Items List, as presented, for information.

**CARRIED (3 to 0)**

**8. ADJOURN**

The meeting ended at 9:14 a.m.

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Chair

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City Clerk