



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

**October 10, 2023, 9:15 A.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT	D. Bressey	Committee Chair
	M. O'Connor	Councillor
	G. Berg	Councillor
	J. Clayton	Mayor
ALSO PRESENT	W. Bosch	Councillor
	W. Pilat	Councillor
	C. Thiessen	Councillor
	S. Bourke	City Manager
	A. Miller	Deputy City Manager
	D. Lemieux	Chief Public & Protective Services Officer
	D. Whiteway	Chief Financial Officer
	B. Glavin	Chief Operating Officer
	J. MacEachern	Chief of Staff
	J. Freeman (virtual)	City Solicitor
	A. Van Beekveld	Council Committee Coordinator
	P. Bossen	Fire Chief
	S. Cajolais	Executive Director of Recreation & Culture
	A. Colter	Development Technologist
R. Gear	Enforcement Services Sergeant	

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:22 a.m.

Amendment to Agenda - Item 3.4 to be heard before Item 3.3.

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:

- Capital Projects - The expected day of occupancy for Fletcher House is November 1. The Housing Hub group of homeless sector service providers will be involved in referring the first group of eligible individuals. The successful service provider and property manager is Hearth Social Profit Company. Three service providers have expressed an interest in the Coordinated Care Campus to provide 24-hour

supportive housing services; a Request for Proposals has been released with a closing date of October 24.

- Community & Social Development - The City will be hosting the “Opioids Don’t Discriminate” exhibit that was gifted to the City from Strathcona County at Teresa Sargent Hall during National Addiction Awareness Week November 21-24. Through our Coordinated System of Care, three community-based organizations have been granted funds to purchase and distribute car seats, directly addressing and meeting identified community needs.
- Housing & Homelessness - The Housing Accelerator Fund application was submitted to CMHC on September 19. The City potentially qualifies for \$13.5M in funding; CMHC staff advised that cities may be updated on the status before the end of this year. Administration has coordinated several training opportunities this month that will deepen the knowledge and experience of homeless-sector staff in mental health, trauma informed principles and other types of training.
- Enforcement Services - Administration attended the Peace Autism Society and Inclusion Alberta’s autism-friendly event at Safety City on September 16. On September 20, traffic control operations were conducted to avoid gridlock caused by protesters while ensuring pedestrian safety during a protest walk.
- Emergency Management - Evacuees from the Northwest Territories returned home week of September 18. A debrief on this was held September 29.
- Fire Department - The computer dispatch upgrade project is scheduled to go live this week. Over 100 firefighters have received specialized training for fighting wildfires.
- RCMP - On September 20, traffic control and public safety were provided for the 1 Million March 4 Children protest and counter protest. Approximately 500 people marched and there were approximately 30 counter protesters. Organizers and security for both sides thanked law enforcement for their involvement in keeping everyone safe.
- Mobile Outreach Program - From May 1 to September 30, Mobile Outreach responded to 28 calls for needle debris and 13 calls for drug paraphernalia. In total 2,335 needles have been collected through community response efforts and proactive needle sweeps.
- Community Knowledge Campus - An Expression of Interest for lease space at Dave Barr Community Centre was issued this summer. A childcare service provider was the successful proponent and the lease negotiation process is underway. In collaboration with Alberta Health Services (AHS), the first session of “Connect to Move” was launched on September 26 at Eastlink Centre. This program bridges the gap between Early Stroke Intervention and supports continued stroke recovery for participants. Also in collaboration with AHS, Breastfeeding Week was celebrated at Eastlink Centre on October 5; information and support was available from Public Health nurses. In celebration of the 20-year Anniversary of the Twin Ice Arenas, “Two Decades of Twin Ice” was celebrated on September 23. Participants enjoyed a free community barbecue, showcase, trade show, alumni hockey game, and more. A private “Special Tribute to John Lehnert” was also held in Legends Lounge recognizing all of the work that John contributed to the community and region.
- Sports Development, Wellness & Culture - Alberta Winter Games promotional campaigns have begun. A large window banner will be installed on the west side of the Eastlink Centre to promote the games. In lieu of a quarterly forum, neighbourhood associations have been invited to attend a municipal policing engagement session specifically for neighbourhoods on October 24.

Administration recently presented at Rotary regarding associations and opportunities to support neighbourhoods.

3.2 FireSmart Information

P. Bossen, Fire Chief, presented Committee with information regarding wildfire mitigation strategies. Actioning priority items identified by the 2019 Wildfire Mitigation Strategy and by internal stakeholders can help to reduce wildfire risk.

MOVED by M. O'Connor
Committee receive this report for information.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

MOVED by G. Berg
Committee direct Administration to report back on progress of FireSmart initiatives.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

3.3 Indoor Climbing Wall Project

S. Cajolais, Executive Director of Recreation and Culture, presented Committee with information regarding an indoor climbing wall. Administration explored two sites and are recommending the Activity and Reception Centre for this project.

Kate Weber, representative of the Grande Prairie Climbing Association, was present virtually to provide additional information and answer questions.

MOVED by M. O'Connor
Committee recommend Council approve the location of the Indoor Climbing Wall at the Activity and Reception Centre, as recommended.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

3.4 Proposed Recreation Facility Site Options

S. Cajolais, Executive Director of Recreation and Culture, presented Council with potential locations for a recreation facility. The potential facility site layout options in this report have been developed through consultation with various City departments.

A. Colter, Development Technologist, was present to provide additional information and answer questions.

MOVED by G. Berg
Committee recommend Council select preferred site layout(s) for the proposed recreation facility to guide the public engagement program.

MOVED by J. Clayton
Committee amend the motion to remove Options 1 & 2.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

Vote on Main Motion as Amended.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

3.5 School Bus Safety

R. Gear, Enforcement Services Sergeant, presented Committee with information regarding school buses within the City. An analysis of the advantages and disadvantages of school buses using red flashing lights and stop arms within the City was completed, with information obtained from local consultation, as well as a review of studies from across the province.

MOVED by G. Berg
Committee receive this report for information.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

3.6 Coordinated Care Campus Phase 3 Roof Replacement

D. Lemieux, Chief Public & Protective Services Officer, presented Committee with information regarding the Coordinated Care Campus. The roof is close to its end-of-life and requires replacement, and significant savings can be realized if the roof replacement takes place as part of the Phase 3 renovations.

MOVED by M. O'Connor
Committee recommend Council approve up to \$780,000 to replace the roof at the Coordinated Care Campus from the Financial Stabilization Reserve.

CARRIED (4 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 October 10, 2023.

MOVED by M. O'Connor
Committee receive the October 10 Outstanding Items List, as amended, for information.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

8. ADJOURN

The meeting ended at 10:46 a.m.

Chair

City Clerk