



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

October 29, 2024, 9:00 A.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT	G. Blackmore	Deputy Chair
	W. Bosch (virtual)	Committee Chair
	G. Berg	Councillor
	J. Clayton (virtual)	Mayor
ALSO PRESENT	M. O'Connor (virtual)	Councillor
	K. O'Toole	Councillor
	W. Pilat	Councillor
	S. Bourke	City Manager
	D. Lemieux	Chief Public & Protective Services Officer
	D. Whiteway	Chief Financial Officer
	B. Glavin	Chief Operating Officer
	R. Tarant	Chief Strategy Officer, Interim
	J. Freeman (virtual)	City Solicitor
	A. Van Beekveld	Council Committee Coordinator
	M. VanWerkhoven	Fire Chief
	D. Lakusta	Chief of Police
	S. Cajolais	Executive Director of Recreation & Culture
	K. Biberdorf	Director of Sports Development, Wellness & Culture
	S. Paterson	Community Recreation Manager

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mayor Clayton was not present for this motion.

MOVED by G. Berg

Committee adopt the agenda as amended to move Item 5.3 before Item 5.1.

CARRIED (3 to 0)

4. **DELEGATIONS**

4.1 Grande Prairie Pickleball Club

The meeting recessed from 9:05 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. due to technical issues.

Dan Gorman and Wendy Trepanier, representatives of the Grande Prairie Pickleball Club, were present to provide Committee with an update on pickleball within the City.

4.2 Grande Prairie Public Library

Hailey McCullough and Deb Normington, representatives of the Grande Prairie Public Library, were present to provide Committee with the Library's 2025 funding request.

MOVED by J. Clayton

Committee move In Camera to discuss matters protected under Section 24 of the FOIP Act.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

MOVED by J. Clayton

Committee meeting resume.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

5. REPORTS

5.1 Grande Prairie Public Library Bylaws and Membership

S. Cajolais, Executive Director of Recreation and Culture, was present to provide Committee with an update to the Grande Prairie Public Library's Bylaws and Membership. In response to the community's evolving needs, the Library Board has updated its bylaws and membership criteria.

MOVED by G. Berg

Committee recommend Council accept the Grande Prairie Public Library amendment to Bylaws and Membership, as presented.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

5.2 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:

- Enforcement Services - A cleanup of tents was conducted at Wapiti House. All Enforcement Officers were present, joined by the RCMP, Mobile Outreach, and GPPS. The cleanup went well and a trailer load of material was removed in under an hour.
- Mobile Outreach - Administration attended Connect Day on October 23 at the Montrose Cultural Centre along with various community service providers. Assistance was given with transporting individuals experiencing homelessness to and from the event and distributing hygiene bags, winter clothing, and other basic needs.
- Housing & Homeless Initiatives - On Connect Day, 150 vulnerable residents engaged with 25 community-based social services and businesses.
- Community Knowledge Campus - The Eastlink Centre welcomes our Beaverlodge neighbors during the NuVista Energy Centre aquatic's shutdown from October 21 - November 11. As part of reciprocal shutdown collaboration, Beaverlodge members simply show their active membership card to gain free entry to the facility, which was also offered to ELC members in September at the NuVista Energy Centre. The Northwestern Polytechnic Wolves were proud to host the 2024

ACAC Men & Women's Soccer Championships from October 25 - 27 at Hansen Lincoln Field, with over 1000 athletes, coaches, fans and spectators in attendance.

- Sports Development, Wellness & Culture - The Heritage Village Folktales tours were attended by 180 people at the Grande Prairie Museum; the village is now closed for the season.
- Events & Entertainment - The Dr. Jodan B Peterson "We who Wrestle with God" tour is coming April 3, 2025. The Grande Prairie Storm have moved into the fourth seed in national standings. The Halloween Spooktacular event hosted 650 attendees. Upcoming events include: Grande Prairie Hindu Association's Diwali Celebration November 2; Blippi Join the Band Tour November 5; Look Up Celebration with Billy Graham Evangelistic Association November 8 & 9; and the Grande Prairie Legion Remembrance Day Ceremony November 11.

5.3 Integrated Emergency Communications Centre

M. VanWerkhoven, Fire Chief, and D. Lakusta, Chief of Police, were present to provide Committee with information regarding the Integrated Emergency Communication Centre. Funding this initiative will ensure that residents receive prompt, coordinated assistance during emergencies, strengthening community safety and public trust.

MOVED by G. Berg

Committee receive this report for information.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Peace Library System

S. Bourke, City Manager, presented Committee with correspondence received from the Peace Library System.

MOVED by W. Bosch

Committee direct Administration to bring back a report with information regarding the current contract with the Peace Library System.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Grande Prairie Pickleball Club

8. BYLAW & POLICY REVIEW

9. OUTSTANDING ITEMS LIST

The Committee reviewed the Public & Protective Services Committee Outstanding Items List for October 29, 2024.

MOVED by G. Berg

Committee receive the October 29 Outstanding Items List, as presented, for information.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

10. ADJOURN

The meeting ended at 10:57 a.m.

Deputy Chair

City Clerk, Acting