



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

November 12, 2024, 9:00 A.M.  
Council Chambers, City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT	W. Bosch	Committee Chair
	G. Blackmore	Councillor
	G. Berg	Councillor
	J. Clayton	Mayor
ALSO PRESENT	D. Bressey	Councillor
	M. O'Connor	Councillor
	K. O'Toole	Councillor
	W. Pilat	Councillor
	C. Thiessen	Councillor
	S. Bourke	City Manager
	S. Cajolais	Chief Public & Protective Services Officer, Acting
	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
	C. Frizzell	Mobile Outreach Manager
	H. Napier	Mobile Outreach Managing Director
	T. Wentzell	Director of Housing & Community Development
	M. Tucker	Social Policy Advisor

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOVED** by G. Blackmore

Committee adopt the agenda with the addition of Item 4.2 - Nitehawk.

**CARRIED (3 to 0)**

Mayor Clayton joined the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

#### 4. DELEGATIONS

##### 4.1 Helping Hands

Dalyce Sather-McNabb and Brittany Kelly, representatives of Helping Hands, were present to discuss the opportunity for their group to be the Food Security Backbone Organization in the City.

**MOVED** by J. Clayton

Committee refer this item to the 2025 budget deliberations.

**CARRIED (4 to 0)**

*This motion was rescinded during Item 5.3.*

##### 4.2 Nitehawk

Johnathan Clarkson and Aaron Lazaruk, representatives of Nitehawk, were present to discuss the driving range at the Par-3 golf course.

#### 5. REPORTS

##### 5.1 Service Area Update

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

- Enforcement Services - Vehicle for Hire fall inspections were conducted October 21 - 25, resulting in 100 Vehicles being inspected and 73 passing inspection. On Halloween, Administration took part in both the Safety City and Downtown Association events, later transitioning to street patrols to maintain public safety and distribute candy to youth in the community.
- Mobile Outreach - Administration participated in a KAIROS Blanket Exercise facilitated by Northwestern Polytechnic; this is an experiential teaching tool that explores the historic and contemporary relations between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples in Canada. Patrols were conducted during the Halloween Spooktacular event.
- RCMP - During the past few weeks, the Community Engagement and Diversity Unit (CEAD) has been busy with safety presentations at numerous schools, along with a Canadian Policing presentation at Design Works and active engagement in events and proactive visits with groups within the City.
- Recreation & Events - From October 7 to November 8, Administration successfully delivered nine advanced courses including the National Safe Swim Recovery Program and public offerings. As a result, 15 candidates are working towards lifeguard certification. The ASAA Football Provincials will take place November 22-23. Peace Wapiti Speed Skating Club welcomes speed skaters from Western Canada to compete November 23-24. The Grande Prairie Museum hosted a Remembrance Day lecture on November 6, the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Airforce. Bonnetts Energy Centre in partnership with the Grande Prairie Legion #54 hosted the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony yesterday. Grande Prairie Look UP Celebration with Will Graham was hosted at the Bonnetts Energy Centre November 8-9, with over 7,000 guests in attendance over the 2 days. Upcoming events include: Storm vs Camrose November 15 & 16; Peace Region Girl's Choir Concert November 17; Tenille Townes "Thing That Brought Me Here Tour" November 19; and Tinseltown Winter Market November 22-24.

- Housing & Community Development - A Free Family Skate will take place November 27 from 7-8:15 p.m. with the Grande Prairie Storm in recognition of National Addictions Awareness Week. Community-based organizations will also be on-site, providing information. Admission is free, and a limited selection of rental equipment will be available
- Fire Department - The 2024 Firesmart Vegetation Management project has been completed, treating 8.92 hectares within the South Bear Creek Corridor. A grant application has been made for additional funding to continue this work in 2025. The Regional Fire Training Centre was officially unveiled last week in partnership between the City, County of Grande Prairie, and MD of Greenview.

5.2 Mobile Outreach Statistics

C. Frizzell, Mobile Outreach Manager, and H. Napier, Mobile Outreach Managing Director, presented Committee with statistics regarding the Mobile Outreach program in the City. Administration remains dedicated to working closely with individuals experiencing homelessness to address their basic needs.

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

**CARRIED (4 to 0)**

5.3 Food Security Backbone Organization

T. Wentzell, Director of Housing & Community Development, and Melissa Tucker, Social Policy Advisor, presented Committee with information regarding a Food Security Backbone Organization in the City. This will facilitate a more coordinated approach to addressing food insecurity, leveraging existing community resources while focusing on long-term solutions.

**MOVED** by J. Clayton  
Committee rescind the motion made under Item 4.1 "Committee refer this item to the 2025 budget deliberations."

**CARRIED (4 to 0)**

**MOVED** by J. Clayton  
Committee recommend Council fund \$80,000 per year, over two years (total of \$160,000) to Helping Hands, a division of Northreach Society, from Council's Strategic Initiatives Fund, and defer this matter to the 2025 budget deliberations.

**CARRIED (4 to 0)**

Mayor Clayton left the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**
7. **OTHER BUSINESS**
8. **BYLAW & POLICY REVIEW**

**9. OUTSTANDING ITEMS LIST**

The Committee reviewed the Public & Protective Services Committee Outstanding Items List for November 12, 2024.

**MOVED** by G. Berg

Committee receive the November 12 Outstanding Items List, as presented, for information.

**CARRIED (3 to 0)**

**10. IN CAMERA**

10.1 FOIP Act Section 24 - Advice from Officials

**MOVED** by G. Blackmore

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

**CARRIED (3 to 0)**

Mayor Clayton returned to the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

**MOVED** by J. Clayton

Committee meeting resume.

**CARRIED (4 to 0)**

**11. ADJOURN**

The meeting ended at 10:46 a.m.

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Chair

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City Clerk