



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

March 18, 2025, 9:00 A.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT	C. Thiessen	Committee Chair
	G. Blackmore	Councillor
	G. Berg	Councillor
	J. Clayton (virtual)	Mayor
ALSO PRESENT	D. Bressey (virtual)	Councillor
	M. O'Connor (virtual)	Councillor
	K. O'Toole (virtual)	Councillor
	S. Bourke	City Manager
	C. Ridgeway	Chief Public & Protective Services Officer, Acting
	D. Whiteway	Chief Financial Officer
	B. Glavin	Chief Operating Officer
	A. Van Beekveld	Council Committee Coordinator

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. Berg
Committee adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

4. DELEGATIONS

5. REPORTS

5.1 Service Area Update

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

- Enforcement Services - Three Enforcement officers are currently enrolled in the Peace Officer Induction Program, which allows officers to take on additional roles or responsibilities and increases their ability to address diverse community needs.
- Mobile Outreach - January statistics: 1,246 dispatches; 299 unique individuals supported; 839 needles collected; 6 individuals relocated to home communities/natural supports; 17 case worker active clients; and 17 individuals

referred to housing supports. February statistics: 994 dispatches; 267 unique individuals supported; 719 needles collected; 3 individuals relocated to home communities/natural supports; 23 case worker active clients; 18 individuals referred to housing supports.

- RCMP - A large sum of cash was found in a clothing donation at Value Village around September 25, 2024; the RCMP is seeking the public's assistance to reunite the cash with its rightful owner.
- Recreation - Winter swim lessons have wrapped up, with over eleven hundred participants. A new Learn-to-Tri-Swim program was launched, aimed at enhancing stroke refinement and technique in preparation for this summer's triathlon. The spring Aquatics Schedule has been released, featuring expanded Toddler Time on Fridays as part of the regular schedule. Additionally, the Spring Break Schedule includes a specialized Schools Out public swim schedule along with new and exciting Aquafit classes. As part of the Member Experience Campaign March 17-22, members are invited to bring a friend for free to select fitness classes.
- Events & Programming - Spring Break Camps are now official sold out and waitlists are being created. Grande Prairie Storm playoffs will begin March 21. State of the City: A Grander Conversation, featuring a panel discussion with community leaders, will be held March 25 at Montrose Cultural Centre.
- Housing & Community Development - Helping Hands has officially become a member of Food Banks Alberta and has been designated as the regional hub for monthly food shipments. This partnership comes at no cost to Helping Hands and lowers administrative costs for regional members.

5.2 Grande Prairie Police Commission and Grande Prairie Police Service Updates

Dan Wong and Chief Dwayne Lakusta, representatives of the Grande Prairie Police Commission, presented Committee with an update on the Police Commission and Grande Prairie Police Service.

MOVED by G. Blackmore

Committee receive this report for information.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

5.3 Grande Prairie Policing Committee and Grande Prairie RCMP Updates

Dan Wong, representative of the Grande Prairie Policing Committee, and Superintendent Steve McLeod, Officer in Charge, presented Committee with an update on the Policing Committee and RCMP.

MOVED by G. Berg

Committee receive this report for information.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

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 March 18, 2025.

MOVED by G. Blackmore

Committee receive the March 18 Outstanding Items List, as amended, for information.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

10. ADJOURN

The meeting ended at 9:42 a.m.

Chair

Council Committee Coordinator