

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE
INVESTMENT AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE

March 18, 2025, 10:15 A.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:23 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by M. O'Connor
Committee adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1 APG Property Group

Greg Podolski and Andrzej Podolski, representatives of APG Property Group, were present to discuss proposed tax incentives within the City.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Service Area Update

D. Whiteway, Chief Financial Officer, presented Committee with an update on the current and projected activities planned throughout the service area:

- Community Connections - A new museum exhibit "120 Years of Strong and Free" has opened; this exhibit celebrates Alberta's 120th anniversary and highlights the history of settlement in the Peace Region. It includes many hands-on activities for

children and a wide assortment of Alberta memorabilia and souvenirs. Administration is attending the Sport Event Congress in Calgary this week, where they will meet with national sport organizations to identify future sport hosting opportunities for the City.

- Invest Grande Prairie - Apex Security is celebrating 20 years of business in the City. Administration attended the World Agri-Tech Conference to strengthen connections and explore investment opportunities in Agri-Tech. Between March 3-13, 7 new commercial and 2 new home-based business licenses were issued. Administration participated in the Alberta Health Refocus engagement session held in Grande Prairie regarding the Province's health care reorganization. The City is hosting an industry-focused mixer on March 25, bringing together businesses in energy, forestry, and agriculture.
- Communications - Recent announcements include: Residential Snow Clearing; Community Group Funding Applications; State of the City Event; Aging Well Together; and Women of Influence Awards.
- Legislative & Executive Services - New information regarding election workers has been added to the website; the City encourages everyone to consider participating as an election worker. Administration participated in the AB Munis Spring Leaders Caucus and Mid-Sized Cities Mayors Caucus events in Edmonton. The 2025 State of the City Event is happening on March 25; ticket sales are extended until March 20.

4.2 2022-2025 Strategic Priorities Progress Update Q4 2024

C. Bilodeau, Director of City Manager's Office, presented Committee with the Q4 2024 update on Council's Strategic Priorities.

MOVED by D. Bressey

Committee recommend Council receive this report for information, as amended.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

7. **BYLAW & POLICY REVIEW**

7.1 Policy 206 Rescindment

D. Whiteway, Chief Financial Officer, presented Committee with information regarding the rescindment of Policy 206 - Policy on the Arts.

MOVED by M. O'Connor

Committee recommend Council rescind Policy 206 - Policy on the Arts.

For: (2): G. Blackmore, and M. O'Connor

Opposed: (2): D. Bressey, and J. Clayton

DEFEATED (2 to 2)

MOVED by D. Bressey

Committee direct Administration to bring forward revisions to Policy 206 that reflect current practices and policy frameworks.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

8. OUTSTANDING ITEMS LIST

The Committee reviewed the Investment & Strategy Committee Outstanding Items List for March 18, 2025.

MOVED by D. Bressey

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

CARRIED (4 to 0)

9. ADJOURN

The meeting ended at 10:57 a.m.

Deputy Chair

Council Committee Coordinator