

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Public & Protective Services Committee	DATE: May 27, 2025
FROM: Dan Wong, Chair Grande Prairie Police Commission	MEETING: Public & Protective Services Committee
REPORT WRITER: Lorrie Sitler, Executive Director, Grande Prairie Police Commission	
SUBJECT: Grande Prairie Police Commission and Grande Prairie Police Service Updates	

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Committee receive this report for information.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL / COMMITTEE DIRECTIONS

On March 20, 2023, Council passed three readings of Bylaw C-1455 which formally established both the Grande Prairie Police Commission (“Commission”) and the Grande Prairie Police Service (“Police Service”).

BACKGROUND

On March 21, 2024, the Commission approved their 2024 – 2026 Strategic Plan with a strategic priority of Advocacy. The Commission understands there are no stronger advocates for the police service than City Council. To ensure the Commission executes on their priority of advocacy, they will continue to provide City Council with information on the Grande Prairie Police Service (GPPS) through regular updates to the Public and Protective Services Committee.

ANALYSIS

The transition from the RCMP to the GPPS continues to progress rapidly. GPPS is working closely with the Public Safety and Emergency Services Ministry to identify the conditions for becoming police of jurisdiction.

2024 was the first full year that included GPPS, Municipal Enforcement, RCMP Municipal Support, Mobile Outreach, and the RCMP contract under Policing Services. Costs for policing services were \$3.27 million under budget with a total cost of policing services at \$32.4 million.

The \$3.27 million in savings includes salary surplus. In the City’s 2024 financial year-end reporting, the salary surplus was reflected within City Fiscal Services, contributing to a net savings of

\$1.5 million to Policing Services. This was a result of the managed manpower budget being held centrally within Fiscal Services for 2024. For 2025, the managed manpower budget has been fully allocated to the Policing Services budget. The savings within the Policing Services budget are primarily attributed to timing of transition costs as well as contract and services savings.

Costs for policing services in the first quarter of 2025 are \$10.2 million. Operational expenses are projected to be approximately \$597K less than budget for 2025, due to anticipated increase in revenue, personnel savings offset by an increase in non-personnel expenses. A recent request from the Commission for an additional \$1.37 million in capital funds was approved by Council to address the need for a records management system, network infrastructure, and specialized policing equipment.

Relationship to City Council's Areas of Focus / Strategic Priorities

Quality of Life
Engagement Relationships
Inclusive & Caring Community

Environmental Impact

There are no notable environmental impacts related to this administrative item.

Economic Impact

There are no notable economic impacts related to this administrative item.

Social Impact

There are no notable social impacts related to this administrative item.

Relevant Statutes / Master Plans / City Documents

Police Act (Alberta)
Alberta Policing Oversight Standards for Municipal Police Commissions
City of Grande Prairie Bylaw C-1455

Risk

There are no perceived risks related to this administrative item.

Alternatives (Optional)

There are no alternatives needed for this administrative item.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

No stakeholder engagement for this report.

BUDGET / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No budget or financial implications.

SUMMARY / CONCLUSION

The Commission is pleased to report to the Public and Protective Services Committee on the progress of the transition and policing services financials. There are no concerns regarding the transition timelines, and the Commission is confident that operational costs for policing services will remain within budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Grande Prairie Police Commission 2025 1st Quarter Transition Update
2024 Policing Services Financials
2025 1st Quarter Policing Services Financials