



**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE
COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 16, 2025, 3:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall**

PRESENT

J. Clayton	Mayor
M. O'Connor	Councillor
W. Pilat	Councillor
G. Berg	Councillor
K. O'Toole	Councillor
D. Bressey	Councillor
C. Thiessen	Councillor
G. Blackmore	Councillor

ALSO PRESENT

S. Bourke	City Manager
D. Whiteway	Chief Financial Officer
B. Glavin	Chief Operating Officer
D. Lemieux	Chief Public & Protective Services Officer
P. Bailey	Chief Strategy Officer
J. Freeman (virtual)	City Solicitor
A. Van Beekveld	Council Committee Coordinator
K. Biberdorf	Director of Community Connections
C. Esau	Manager of Community Connections
C. Ridgeway	Director of Events & Programming

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. NATIONAL ANTHEM

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

4.1 City Council Meeting

MOVED by G. Berg

Council adopt the minutes of the City Council meeting held June 2, as presented.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by K. O'Toole

Council adopt the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Veterans Memorial Gardens & Interpretive Centre

Renee Charbonneau and Wanda Zenner, representatives of the Veterans Memorial Gardens & Interpretive Centre, were present to request that the City provide water free of charge for the Veterans Memorial Gardens Community Garden.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Aquatera Board Appointments - Verbal

MOVED by W. Pilat

Council authorize the Mayor to vote in favour of endorsing the recommendations of the Aquatera Board for the following appointments: Cal Watson and Christine Gillespie for a three-year term each to the Board.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

7.2 AB Munis Resolution

MOVED by G. Blackmore

Council endorse the "Electricity Distribution Costs" Alberta Municipalities Resolution.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

7.3 Community Group Funding Recommendations

MOVED by M. O'Connor

Council approve the 2026 Operational Funding as presented in Table 1 - Option 2.

MOVED by G. Blackmore

Council amend the motion to strike "Option 1" and insert "Option 2".

CARRIED (8 to 0)

Vote on Main Motion as Amended.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

MOVED by M. O'Connor

Council approve the 2026 Community Group Funding - Option 2 operating grant allocations as presented in Attachment 1.

MOVED by G. Blackmore

Council amend the motion to strike "Option 1" and insert "Option 2".

CARRIED (8 to 0)

Vote on Main Motion as Amended.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

MOVED by G. Blackmore

Council defer the 2026 Capital funding requests to 2026 budget deliberations as presented in Attachment 2.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

8. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

8.1 Investment & Strategy Committee

MOVED by M. O'Connor

Council adopt the minutes of the Investment & Strategy Committee meeting held June 10, as presented.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

8.1.1 2022-2025 Strategic Priorities Progress Update Q1 2025

MOVED by M. O'Connor

Council receive this report for information.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

8.1.2 Grande Prairie Storm Loan Repayment

No action was taken on this item.

8.1.3 Meeting Highlights

Councillor O'Connor provided highlights from the Investment & Strategy Committee meeting.

8.2 Operational Services Committee

MOVED by W. Pilat

Council adopt the minutes of the Operational Services Committee meeting held June 10, as presented.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

8.2.1 Bylaw C-1483 Cemeteries Bylaw and Policy 608 Memorial Tree & Bench Policy

MOVED by W. Pilat

Council give first reading to Bylaw C-1483, being the Cemeteries Bylaw.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

Bylaw C-1483 was read for the first time.

MOVED by W. Pilat

Council give second reading to Bylaw C-1483.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

Bylaw C-1483 was read for the second time.

MOVED by W. Pilat

Council have third reading of Bylaw C-1483 at this meeting.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

MOVED by W. Pilat

Council give third reading to Bylaw C-1483, being the Cemeteries Bylaw.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

Bylaw C-1483 was read for the third time and finally passed.

MOVED by W. Pilat

Council approve Policy 624, being the Cemetery Policy, as presented.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

MOVED by W. Pilat

Council approve amendments to Policy 608, being the Memorial Tree & Bench Policy, as presented.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

8.2.2 Meeting Highlights

Councillor Pilat provided highlights from the Operational Services Committee meeting.

8.3 Public & Protective Services Committee

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council adopt the minutes of the Public & Protective Services Committee meeting held June 10, as presented.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

8.3.1 Hansen Lincoln Field Naming Rights Renewal

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council approve the extension of the naming rights for the CKC Turf Field, located at 10511 - 68 Ave, to Hansen Lincoln for an additional five-year term, with the terms and conditions outlined in this report.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

8.3.2 Policy 364 - Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Funding

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council approve Policy 364, being the Family & Community Support Services Funding Policy, as presented.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

MOVED by W. Pilat

Council direct Administration to bring a report to the appropriate Standing Committee showing what percentages other mid-sized cities are contributing to Family & Community Support Services funding.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

8.3.3 Meeting Highlights

Councillor Thiessen provided highlights from the Public & Protective Services Committee meeting.

8.4 Council Committee of the Whole

MOVED by C. Thiessen

Council adopt the minutes of the Council Committee of the Whole meeting held June 11, as presented.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

8.4.1 SCORES Agreement

MOVED by M. O'Connor

Council approve the updated Standing Committee on Recreation and Education Services (SCORES) Agreement in principle, and direct Administration to execute the agreement, containing terms and conditions satisfactory to the City Manager and City Solicitor.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1 Bylaw C-1478 - Borrowing Bylaw for Montrose Cultural Centre

MOVED by G. Berg

Council give second reading to Bylaw C-1478, being a Borrowing Bylaw.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

Bylaw C-1478 was read for the second time.

MOVED by G. Berg

Council give third reading to Bylaw C-1478, being a Borrowing Bylaw.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

Bylaw C-1478 was read for the third time and finally passed.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

11. DELEGATION BUSINESS

11.1 Veterans Memorial Gardens & Interpretive Centre

MOVED by D. Bressey

Council receive the delegation presentation for information.

CARRIED (8 to 0)

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

13. RECESS

Council did not recess the meeting.

14. DELEGATIONS

15. PUBLIC HEARINGS

16. DELEGATION BUSINESS

17. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councillor Blackmore highlighted the FCM Conference, the Invest Grande Prairie Hospitality & Tourism Mixer, the Work NW Alberta luncheon, the Catholic Women's League Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Convention, the 7 over 70 Awards of Distinction Celebration, the Staff Appreciation BBQ, the Budget Engagement sessions, and the stakeholder meeting with Ovintiv.

Councillor Thiessen highlighted the Indigenous Graduate Honouring Ceremony & Cultural Evening at the Grande Prairie Composite High School, the Day of Friendship event including painting of the Every Child Matters Crosswalk, a tour of the Grande Prairie Friendship Centre, the 7 over 70 Awards of Distinction Celebration, the Grande Spirit Friends of the Foundation meeting, the Budget Engagement sessions, the Staff Appreciation BBQ, and the Grande Prairie Army Cadets Ceremonial Review.

Councillor Bressey highlighted the AB Munis tour of Municipal Councils in southern Alberta, the Northern Alberta Elected Leaders meeting, the Northwestern Polytechnic Convocation Ceremony, the Philippine Flag Raising, and the film screening of "Pride vs. Prejudice - the Delwin Vriend Story".

Councillor O'Toole highlighted the Invest Grande Prairie Hospitality & Tourism Mixer, the class visits from Ecole St. Gerard, the meet and greet with the Downtown Association's new Executive Director Hywel Williams, the Upper Smoky Draft Plan Review meeting, the Work NW Alberta luncheon, the Day of Friendship event including painting of the Every Child Matters Crosswalk, the Grovedale Old-Time Music Festival, the 7 over 70 Awards of Distinction Celebration, the stakeholder meeting with Ovintiv, the Budget Engagement sessions, a 2025 Special Olympics Summer Games Board meeting, the Staff Appreciation BBQ, the ribbon cutting at Mary Brown's Chicken, and the Northwestern Polytechnic Convocation Ceremony.

Councillor Pilat highlighted the class visits from Ecole St. Gerard, the Invest Grande Prairie Hospitality & Tourism Mixer, the stakeholder meeting with Ovintiv, the Staff Appreciation BBQ, Striving for Nursing Excellence Golf Tournament, the Northwestern Polytechnic Golf Classic, the Odyssey House Sunrise House Golf Tournament, and the Philippine Flag Raising.

Councillor Berg highlighted the Grande Prairie Regional Tourism Association AGM and Mixer, the Grande Prairie Public Library Board meeting, the Budget Engagement sessions, the Staff Appreciation BBQ, and the upcoming Youth Advisory Council meeting.

Councillor O'Connor highlighted the class visits from Ecole St. Gerard, the Invest Grande Prairie Hospitality & Tourism Mixer, the Upper Smoky Draft Plan Review meeting, the Inter-City Forum on Social Policy meeting, the Here Comes Summer event, the 7 over 70 Awards of Distinction Celebration, the Budget Engagement sessions, the Staff Appreciation BBQ, the stakeholder meeting with Ovintiv, the inaugural Men's Shed Father's Day Brunch, the ribbon cutting at Mary Brown's Chicken, and the Filipino Cultural Heritage & Music Festival.

Mayor Clayton highlighted the Youth Advisory Council stakeholder meeting, the Provincial Announcement regarding police funding, the Bust Out BBQ, the Grassroots Indigenous Business Mixer, the City's Stompede Pancake Breakfast, a meeting with the UCP Caucus regarding advocacy priorities, a meeting with ATCO Energy, the Ken Sargent House sod turning event, the FCM Conference, the Grande Prairie and Area Council on Aging event in celebration of Seniors Week, the Rainbow Crosswalk Painting and BBQ, the Invest Grande Prairie Hospitality & Tourism Mixer, the Upper Smoky Draft Plan Review meeting, a meeting with Dawson Creek's Mayor and CAO, the Work NW Alberta Luncheon, the Day of Friendship event including painting of the Every Child Matters Crosswalk, the Northwestern Polytechnic Golf Classic, the Indian Relay Races, the 7 over 70 Awards of Distinction Celebration, the Budget Engagement sessions, the stakeholder meeting with Ovintiv, the Global Energy Show, a meeting with the President of Northwestern Polytechnic, the Odyssey House Sunrise House Golf Tournament, the Filipino Cultural Heritage & Music Festival, the Lemonade Day event, and the Grande Prairie Army Cadets Ceremonial Review.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Mayor

Council Committee Coordinator