



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

**June 24, 2025, 10:00 A.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT	C. Thiessen	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
	S. Bourke	City Manager
	S. Cajolais	Chief Public & Protective Services Officer, Acting
	D. Whiteway	Chief Financial Officer
	B. Glavin	Chief Operating Officer
	P. Bailey	Chief Strategy Officer
	A. Van Beekveld	Council Committee Coordinator
	T. Wentzell	Director of Housing & Community Development
	H. Napier	Managing Director of Enforcement Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:58 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by G. Berg

Committee adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

3. DELEGATIONS

4. REPORTS

4.1 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 - Seasonal bike patrols are now underway in the City's green spaces and trail systems. Peace Officers assisted in the recent wildfire response by supporting access control in County evacuation zones, helping to safeguard residents and property, and supporting regional emergency operations. Properties with recurring foxtail growth continue to be monitored. While foxtail is not

classified as a noxious weed, it can pose a risk to animals once it reaches the seeding stage. As a preventative measure, notices have been sent to property owners who experienced challenges with foxtail control last year, encouraging early removal before it goes to seed. Additionally, proactive patrols in previously affected neighbourhoods began last week, and enforcement action will follow if necessary. In partnership with the Communications department, a public education campaign on the impacts of feeding feral rabbits will launch later this week.

- Mobile Outreach - In May 2025, a total of 285 unique individuals were supported. Of these, 52 were new to outreach services, with 26 individuals actively engaged in Case Work services during this period.
- Recreation - The Westfraser Fieldhouse reopened as scheduled this week featuring a refurbished floor, updated sport lines, and improved netting infrastructure to support multi-sport use. The squash courts also received new back wall panels and additional maintenance to further enhance the facility's overall amenities.
- Events & Programming - Residents are invited to celebrate Canada Day with a full day of festivities: the parade will begin at 2:00 p.m.; activities begin at 3:30 p.m. featuring carnival rides, food trucks, and community booths; live entertainment at 3:30 p.m. including TJ Ruckus, Hey! Driver, Brad Sims, and Aaron Goodvin; and fireworks at 11:30 p.m. presented by Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre. To support a more inclusive experience, a new Accessibility Pass has been introduced this year to help individuals with physical or cognitive disabilities reduce wait times for carnival rides. The annual Grande Prairie Triathlon is returning on July 6 at the Eastlink Centre. Summer Camps officially begin on July 2 and are 75% full. To help bridge the gap after school ends on June 25, Single Day Camps have been added for June 26, 27, and 30. A new "Seniors Walk and Talk" group has launched for the summer, running Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at Muskoseepi Park. Each session begins at the Ernie Radbourne Pavilion and features a walking route that changes weekly. Curriculum-Based Programs wrap up today, with a total of 210 programs being delivered since May.
- Housing & Community Development - The Youth Advisory Council wrapped up their 2024–25 term with a year-end celebration at Muskoseepi Park. Thank you to all members for their active participation and meaningful contributions and congratulations to the nine graduating seniors. Applications for the 2025–26 term are open until October 15 for youth aged 14 to 24.

4.2 Recreation Access Program and Transit Access Program for Seniors

T. Wentzell, Director of Housing & Community Development, presented Committee with information regarding recreation and transit access programs for seniors.

MOVED by G. Blackmore

Committee direct Administration to develop a Fair Access Policy and Procedure to improve clarity, consistency, and equitable access to the City's affordability programs, including:

- Recreation Access Program (RAP);
- Transit Access Program (TAP);
- AISH Card Program; and
- Explore GP Pilot.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

4.3 Traffic Bylaw Amendment C-1166M

H. Napier, Managing Director of Enforcement Services, presented Committee with proposed amendments to the Traffic Bylaw.

MOVED by G. Berg

Committee recommend Council give three readings to Bylaw C-1166M, being an amendment to the Traffic Bylaw.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. BYLAW & POLICY REVIEW

8. OUTSTANDING ITEMS LIST

The Committee reviewed the Public & Protective Services Committee Outstanding Items List for June 24, 2025.

MOVED by G. Blackmore

Committee receive the June 24 Outstanding Items List, as amended, for information.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

9. ADJOURN

The meeting ended at 11:19 a.m.

Chair

Council Committee Coordinator