



**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE
INVESTMENT AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE**

**July 8, 2025, 10:00 A.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT	D. Bressey	Committee Chair
	M. O'Connor	Councillor
	G. Blackmore	Councillor
	J. Clayton (virtual)	Mayor
ALSO PRESENT	G. Berg	Councillor
	K. O'Toole	Councillor
	S. Bourke (virtual)	City Manager
	D. Lemieux	City Manager, Acting
	P. Bailey	Chief Strategy Officer
	D. Whiteway	Chief Financial Officer
	B. Glavin	Chief Operating Officer
	A. Van Beekveld	Council Committee Coordinator
	K. Biberdorf	Director of Community Connections

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:14 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 Grande Prairie Cricket Association

Waqar Khan and Sandeep Singh, representatives of the Grande Prairie Cricket Association, were present to request the continued availability and preservation of the North Ridge Cricket Field.

MOVED by G. Blackmore
Committee recommend Council direct Administration to maintain the Northridge Cricket Pitch as a Youth Cricket Pitch.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

3.2 Grande Prairie Regional Sport Connection

Julia Dutove and Heather Llewellyn, representatives of the Grande Prairie Regional Sport Connection, were present to provide Committee with an update on their successes and challenges over the last year.

3.3 Prairie Gallery Society

Jessica Groome, representative of the Prairie Gallery Society (o/a Art Gallery of Grande Prairie), was present to provide Committee with an update on their successes and challenges over the last year.

MOVED by G. Blackmore

Committee direct Administration to bring back a report regarding security at the Montrose Cultural Centre.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

4. REPORTS

4.1 Service Area Update

P. Bailey, Chief Strategy Officer, presented Committee with an update on the current and projected activities planned throughout the service area:

- Community Connections - The total responses for Budget Engagement is 900, of which 500 were in person and 400 online; an update will be provided in the coming weeks to share the key insights and takeaways. The Special Olympics Alberta Summer Games are set to begin this Friday, with the opening ceremonies at Bonnetts Energy Centre; AccessGP is extending 311 Contact Centre services from Friday to Sunday to ensure athletes, families, and visitors get quick and accurate information during the event.
- Invest Grande Prairie - Registration is now closed for the Asclepius Medical Camp, a program for high school students run by University of Alberta medical student volunteers. The camp received 108 applications for 50 spots and offer letters have been sent. Administration recently met with two physicians: one who has just relocated with their family to begin work at the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital, and another who is expected to arrive in early September.
- Legislative & Executive Services - The second Candidate Information Session on August 20 will focus on municipal finance; registration is required. The election worker recruitment campaign for the 2025 Municipal and School Board Trustee election has now launched; information is available on the city's website. These are paid positions with multiple shift options available.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. BYLAW & POLICY REVIEW

8. OUTSTANDING ITEMS LIST

The Committee reviewed the Investment & Strategy Committee Outstanding Items List for July 8, 2025.

MOVED by G. Blackmore

Committee receive the July 8 Outstanding Items List, as amended, for information.

CARRIED (4 to 0)

9. ADJOURN

The meeting ended at 11:05 a.m.

Chair

Council Committee Coordinator