



Meeting Highlights

August 20, 2026

Commission Update

The Grande Prairie Police Commission welcomed Benjamin Sander as its newest Commissioner following his appointment by Grande Prairie City Council on August 17, 2026. Commissioner Sander brings a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) background and valuable financial expertise to the Commission. The Commission looks forward to the contributions and perspective he will bring to its ongoing work supporting the Grande Prairie Police Service.

Grande Prairie Police Service Update

The Grande Prairie Police Service continues to make steady progress on staffing and operational development. There are currently 58 members assigned to the RCMP, with two additional experienced officers joining next week. Recruit Class #4 is progressing well, with 10 recruits expected to graduate on October 9. Work is also advancing on the Axon RMS system, fleet expansion, and the transition of vehicles and equipment to support GPPS operations.

Work continues on the development of policies, technology systems and operational resources needed to support the new service. To date, 40 of 117 policies have been completed, with significant progress being made toward meeting provincial requirements. GPPS is also continuing work to establish a Peer Support Team to support the well-being of its members.

GPPS continues to strengthen community and justice-system engagement through presentations and outreach, participation in Drug Treatment Court, court observations, and visits to local support facilities. These activities have been well received and are contributing to positive relationships with community members, justice partners, and local service organizations.

Financial Update

The Commission reviewed and approved the second-quarter variance report, providing an overview of the Service's financial performance and year-to-date position. The Commission also received GPPS's 2027 Budget Book, which outlines the Service's operating and capital priorities for the coming year and supports the continued development of the new police service.

Following its review, the Commission approved the 2027 Budget Book to move forward to City Council for consideration. The budget reflects the resources and investments required to support policing operations, service development, training, technology, fleet, and other operational needs as GPPS continues to establish and grow its services.

Annual Report Update

Executive Director Hunt presented the 2025 Grande Prairie Police Commission Annual Report to the Commission. The report is nearing completion, with only minor changes required. Once the final updates are made, the Annual Report will be ready for distribution.