GRANDE PRAIRIE
POLICE COMMISSION

Meeting Highlights

October 15, 2026

Commission Update

The Grande Prairie Police Commission remains focused on the October 21, 2026, transition from the RCMP to the Grande Prairie Police Service (GPPS). Planning is underway for a strategic planning event in early 2027, with an ad hoc committee established to advance preparations.

Grande Prairie Police Service Update

The GPPS is preparing to assume Police of Jurisdiction responsibilities on October 21, 2026, with 80 sworn officers deployed and operational systems in place. Recruit Class #4 graduated on October 9 and will continue with additional training before progressing to the next phase.

The new Axon Records Management and Computer-Aided Dispatch systems have been successfully launched within Municipal Enforcement Services, allowing technology and procedures to be tested ahead of the transition. GPPS continues to work with provincial partners to advance recovery-oriented supports for vulnerable individuals and strengthen community safety initiatives.

A multi-agency framework has also been established to support the continued management of provincially remanded prisoners, with financial and administrative arrangements being finalized.

Additional operational readiness activities include conducted energy weapon and records management training, inter-agency coordination, and sharing lessons learned from the development of a municipal police service.

Grande Prairie Enforcement Services (GPES) continued targeted traffic enforcement, school safety patrols, and ongoing efforts to address illegal encampments in September. Enforcement activity included 829 violation tickets, 298 warnings, and 301 parking tickets. Calls for service statistics remain unavailable due to the transition to the new dispatch system and pending analytics reporting module.

The department transitioned to the Public Safety Communications Centre and the HxGN Computer-Aided Dispatch system on September 16, with training and implementation of the Axon Records Management System also progressing.

GPES continues to recruit Community Peace Officers, with Peace Officer Shawn O’Hanlon promoted to Sergeant and joining the Enforcement Management team.

Mobile Outreach responded to 176 community-generated calls in September, resolving 95% without escalation and supporting 222 unique individuals. The team collected 944 needles, responded to 27 encampment structures, and continued connecting vulnerable individuals with housing, basic needs, and recovery supports. Preparations also continued for the transition of Mobile Outreach call-taking to the Public Safety Communications Centre.