

**GRANDE PRAIRIE POLICE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

September 14, 2023

Al Robertson Room, Centre 2000

Attendees: Commissioner Dan Wong
Commissioner Natalia Reiman
Commissioner Timothy Burnham
Commissioner Donna Koch
Commissioner Lois Duke
Councillor Kevin O'Toole
Councillor Dylan Bressey

Others: Dwayne Lakusta, Chief of Police
Chris Manuel, City of Grande Prairie
Jodie Boyne, Strategic Project Advisor
Kathryn Anderson, City of Grande Prairie

Regrets: Lorrie Sitler, Executive Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wong called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

Welcome to Chief Lakusta.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We respectfully acknowledge the Beaver, Cree, Dene, and Métis people as the original caretakers of these Lands and surrounding areas. We are grateful to live, learn, work and play on Treaty 8 territory within Turtle Island and acknowledge these Lands have been home to diverse and sovereign First Nations and Inuit People since Time Immemorial.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Request to move #9 – Inquiries by the Public to #5 and remove Business Arising.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Moved by: Councillor Bressey

Carried unanimously

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 10, 2023, as presented.

Moved by: Commissioner Koch

Carried unanimously

Chair

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5. INQUIRIES BY THE PUBLIC

5.1 Dustin Archibald and Justin Sorgaard

- Delegates and the Commission discussed several items pertaining to the Grande Prairie Police Service including officer training, safeguards for ethical breaches, the Commission’s and GPPS’s dedication to transparency to the public, alongside the complaints and FOIP processes.

6. STANDING ITEMS

6.1 Chair Report

- CAPG Conference - August 16 to 18, 2023
 - Board representation
 - Strategic planning, clear and concise
 - Training for commission members
 - Political influence vs. Political interference training
 - Bad actors vs. Systemic racism
 - 3rd party expertise
 - Work on spreading the training around
- Reminder to get honorarium forms in monthly so budget updates are properly reflecting reality
- Swearing in ceremony – August 29, 2023

6.2 Chief Report

- Interviews for the superintendent position are in progress. Shortly after Chief Lakusta and the team will begin interviewing more candidates to round out the executive team and secure the Tech Manager position.
- Meeting with PTGC in person on October 11, 2023.
- Stakeholder Engagement.
 - Councillor Bressey posed the idea of having a separate meeting with 2SLGBTQ+ community.
 - Councillor Bressey will work with Transition Team’s administrative assistant, Kathryn Anderson, to make sure the right groups are being contacted.

6.3 Public Complaint Director Report

Nothing to report.

6.4 Executive Director Report

- Jodie Boyne discussed the Chief’s onboarding process
- Notes from the CAPG conference are in the Commission OneNote

6.5 Committee Updates

a) Finance Committee – Chair, Commissioner Burnham

- Provided report from September 7, 2023, meeting
- 2024 Grande Prairie Police Service Budget
 - Councillor Bressey questioned how the numbers we put forward now compare to the MNP report and engaged in discussion with

Chair

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- Commissioner Burnham and Executive Director, Chris Manuel.
- Discussion around the differences in presenting a Police Service budget compared to a normal budget presentation to Council.

Motion to approve the 2024 Grande Prairie Police Service Budget as presented and present to council.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham
Carried unanimously

- b) Policy & Governance Committee – Chair, Commissioner Koch
 - Provided report from August 22, 2023, meeting
 - Approval of meeting minutes August 22, 2023

Motion to receive the minutes of the August 22, 2023, Policy and Governance Committee meeting as presented.

Moved by: Commissioner Koch
Carried unanimously

- Social Media Plan

Motion to approve the Social Media Plan as presented.

Moved by: Commissioner Koch
Carried unanimously

- c) Personnel Committee – Chair, Commissioner Reiman
 - Report from Chair
 - Next meeting on October 4, 2023

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. INQUIRIES BY THE POLICE COMMISSION

No inquiries.

9. ROUND TABLE

- Thank you to the City and transition team for the hard work on the budget.
- In future meetings with delegates, move the public inquiries up to beginning of the meeting.
- Clarify on the website how and when questions from the public should be submitted.
- Limit delegations to a time limit



10. CLOSED SESSION

- 10.1 Personnel – FOIP – Sec. 17(4)
- 10.2 Law Enforcement Matters – FOIP – Sec. 20(1)
- 10.3 Public Complaint Director – FOIP – Sec. 24(1)
- 10.4 Professional Standards – FOIP – Sec. 17(4)

Motion to move into Closed Session in accordance with Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act and specified sections of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Moved by: Commissioner Koch
Carried Unanimously

Motion to return to open session.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham
Carried Unanimously

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

No business arising from closed session.

12. NEXT MEETING – October 12, 2023, at 2:30 pm

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Chair Wong at 5:18 pm.

Date

Chairman

Date

Executive Director

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