

GRANDE PRAIRIE POLICE COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2024

North Conference Room, City Hall

Attendees: Commissioner Dan Wong
Commissioner Natalia Reiman (virtual)
Commissioner Timothy Burnham
Commissioner Donna Koch (virtual)
Commissioner Duke (virtual)
Commissioner Warren Travasso
Councillor Kevin O’Toole
Councillor Dylan Bressey

Others: Lorrie Sitler, Executive Director (Commission)
Dwayne Lakusta, Chief of Police
John Respet, Superintendent
Darrin Balanik, Executive Director (GPPS) (virtual)
Jacqueline Daigneault (Admin), City of Grande Prairie

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Wong called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM

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

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Councillor Bressey
Carried Unanimously

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of February 15, 2024, Monthly Meeting as presented.

Chair

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Moved by: Commissioner Travasso
Carried Unanimously

5. BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 AAPG Nominations & Resolutions

- Executive Director Sitler - checked in as requested. Recent resolutions on extra resources for homelessness and mental health support have been submitted. The resolution Councillor Bressey asked about would not be relevant.

6. STANDING ITEMS

6.1. Chair Report

- Attended an Evening with Grande Prairie in Edmonton with Chief Lakusta, Supt. Respet and Executive Director Balanik.
- Brought forward discussion on having a youth advisory council member in attendance at Commission meetings. Discussion around other group representation. Was decided that the Policy manual advises the Chief to set up Advisory Groups and a Commission member will take part in those.

Motion for Executive Director to invite Youth Advisory Council to make a presentation on their mandate to the Commission.

Moved by: Dan Wong
Carried Unanimously

- Presented the 2023 Annual Report and 2024-2026 Strategic Plan to Council's Public and Protective Services Committee.
- Will be attending Chamber of Commerce round table.

6.2. Chief Report

a) Chief's Update

- Public Safety and Emergency Services provided their provincial policing priorities to ensure Commissions and Police Services align their community safety plans and strategic plans.
- Chief Lakusta answered several questions from Commission members regarding his report.

Motion to accept the Chief's Update dated March 21, 2024.

Moved by: Councillor Bressey

Carried Unanimously

6.3. Public Complaint Director Report

Nothing to report.

6.4. Executive Director Report

- Provided an update on the Commission logo.
- Brought forward a recommendation to move forward with a Commission website. The Commission currently has a page on the Grande Prairie Police Service website. A website would allow for more detailed information and better functionality.

Motion to create a website for the Grande Prairie Police Commission

Moved by: Councillor O'Toole

Carried Unanimously

- Emergency services ball was cancelled for April.
- EDI training opportunities with GPPS. Unconscious Bias and Addressing Racism & Discrimination.

6.5. Committee Updates

a) Finance Committee – Chair, Commissioner Burnham

Nothing to report

b) Policy & Governance Committee – Chair, Commissioner Koch

i. March 5, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the March 5, 2024, Policy, and Governance Committee meeting minutes.

Moved by: Commissioner Koch

Carried Unanimously

ii. Policy & Governance Committee Terms of Reference

Motion to approve the Policy and Governance Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

Moved by: Commissioner Koch

Carried Unanimously

iii. Strategic Plan Initiatives Workplan



Motion to approve the Strategic Plan Initiatives Workplan as presented.

Moved by: Commissioner Koch
Carried Unanimously

iv. Commission Meeting Recommendations

Motion to implement Consent Agenda and Motion Only minutes for regular Commission meetings effective immediately.

Moved by: Commissioner Koch
Carried Unanimously

- c) Personnel Committee – Chair, Commissioner Reiman
 - i. Executive Director – Annual Review

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1. GP911 Presentation– Chief Mark VanWerkhoven, Grande Prairie Fire Department
 - Provided a presentation on different dispatch models and how GPPS can fit into the GP911 model, providing integrated dispatch services.

8. ROUND TABLE

9. CLOSED SESSION

- 9.1. Personnel – FOIP – Sec. 17(4)
- 9.2. Law Enforcement Matters – FOIP – Sec. 20(1)
- 9.3. Public Complaint Director – FOIP – Sec. 24(1)
- 9.4. 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: Councillor O’Toole
Carried Unanimously

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Motion to return to open session.

Moved By: Commissioner Travasso
Carried Unanimously

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

11. NEXT MEETING – April 18, 2024, at 3:00 pm, Centre 2000, Al Robertson Room

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wong adjourned the meeting at 5:53 pm.

Date

Chair

Date

Executive Director

Chair

ED