



**GRANDE PRAIRIE
POLICE COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting

January 15, 2026, 3:00 p.m.

Centre 2000, Al Robertson Room

Members of the public will have the opportunity to make a presentation or raise a question at a meeting, whether with respect to an item on the agenda or to make a general inquiry. If you wish to bring forward a question at the meeting or make a presentation, please contact the Executive Director at PoliceCommission@cityofgp.com at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. (Please note that complaints about officer conduct will not be addressed at this forum).

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes of November 20, 2025, Regular Commission Meeting

4.2 Minutes of December 3, 2025 Police Transition Management Committee Meeting

4.3 Minutes of December 19, 2025 Special Commission Meeting

5. PUBLIC INQUIRIES AND DELEGATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

6. BUSINESS ARISING

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Letter from Public Safety and Emergency Services RE: ASFCP

8. STANDING ITEMS

8.1 Chair Report

8.2 Chief Report

8.3 Public Complaint Update

8.4 Executive Director Report

8.5 Sub-Committee Updates

9. ROUND TABLE

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)

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

12. NEXT MEETING *February 19, 2026*

13. ADJOURNMENT



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Meeting: GPPC Public Meeting

Date: January 15, 2026

Ongoing Initiatives

1. Recruit Training Class #3 (RTC #3) Update:

RTC #3 has progressed well and is currently in week 16, with a scheduled graduation date of March 13. Upon graduation, the 10 recruits will be assigned to frontline patrol duties, where they will complete up to four months of mandatory field training, commonly referred to as Block 2 training. This will increase our total complement of sworn officers to 64.

2. Experienced Officer Class #5 (EOP #6):

EOP #6 is scheduled to commence training on January 26 and will include six newly hired officers with diverse and extensive policing backgrounds. This will increase our total complement of sworn officers to 70.

This cohort includes a 25-year veteran of the RCMP, with seven years of experience in Forensic Identification. She has participated in over 2,200 forensic investigations and conducted more than 1,600 crime scene examinations. This member will be a valuable addition to the Forensic Identification Section.

We are also welcoming a 25-year veteran from the Calgary Police Service, along with an additional three years of service as a Sergeant with the Canadian Pacific Kansas City Police Service. He previously served as a certified sniper with the CPS Tactical Support Section and as a certified canine handler specializing in drug detection for five years. This member will be assigned as the first canine handler for the GPPS.

Additionally, the intake includes a member with four years of service at the Thunder Bay Police Service and a further four years with the Nishnawbe Aski Police Service, as well as 10 years of dedicated service as a reservist with the Canadian Armed Forces.



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We further welcome a 2.5-year member from the Ontario Provincial Police, who will become our eighth female officer, increasing female representation within the Service to 12%.

The group also includes a patrol officer from the Lakeshore Police Service, who brings versatile and proven frontline experience in Indigenous policing.

This intake continues to reflect the diversity of experience within our ranks and supports our ongoing commitment to responsive, professional, and community-focused policing for the City of Grande Prairie.

3. Recruit Training Class #4 (RTC#4):

Recruitment efforts for RTC #4 are ongoing, with 232 applications received as of the posting's close on October 31, 2025. RTC #4 is scheduled to commence training on May 4.

4. Experienced Officer Class #7 (EOP #7):

Recruiting efforts continue for EOP #7, with significant interest of experienced officers for specialized areas and promoted ranks. The class is scheduled to commence on April 27th. EOP #8 is scheduled for July 27th.

5. Current Staffing Deployment on assignment to the RCMP

- Two Sergeants front line operations
- 23 Constables front line operations
- 11 Recruits completing Block 2 training
- Three Detectives assigned to Criminal Investigations Section (CIS)
- One Detective assigned to ALERT
- One Detective assigned to Caribou Center
- One Sergeant assigned to Forensic Identification Section (FIS)

9. Specialized Training:

- Detective Woytas and Detective Daley successfully completed the Major Case Investigative Techniques Course at the Canadian Police College. This two-week course provided advanced instruction in investigative techniques and



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a comprehensive understanding of how to apply major case management principles as they relate to the roles and responsibilities of a primary investigator. This training is an essential component of the Criminal Investigations Section (CIS).

- Detective McCormack completed a 10-week Polygraph Training Program at the Canadian Police College (CPC). The CPC polygraph program is internationally recognized and provides training to law enforcement personnel from agencies in countries including, but not limited to, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Haiti, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago. Detective McCormack is currently completing a supervised internship with the Edmonton Police Service as the final requirement for certification. Upon completion, he will be one of only eight certified polygraph technicians in the province and one of approximately 60 sworn police officers across Canada to hold this designation.

10. Mobilization/Demobilization Plan:

Several meetings have been held between GPPS Executive and the RCMP to establish an agreed-upon cadence for RCMP member transfers from the detachment. These transfers must align with GPPS recruiting and deployment timelines to ensure operational integrity is maintained.

9. Axon Records:

Work continues to the development of the Axon Records Management System (RMS). In early December, a virtual project kickoff meeting was held between GPPS and Axon representatives. The Axon project team will travel to Grande Prairie during the week of January 20 for two and a half days of in-depth working sessions with GPPS subject matter experts to establish the foundational configuration of the RMS and identify functionality required to meet GPPS specific operational needs. In advance of these discovery sessions, participating staff will complete a half-day of online training to ensure preparedness for the in-person sessions scheduled for the following week.



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Engagements

1. Ongoing meetings continue with a wide range of community partners, stakeholders, agencies, and groups to establish strong relationships and partnerships in advance of GPPS becoming the Police of Jurisdiction (POJ).
2. On December 9, Chief Lakusta travelled to Ottawa to participate in committee work, representing Alberta at the inaugural meeting of the Secure Regional Intelligence Forum, hosted by Public Safety Canada. The essence of this work is intelligence sharing with a primary focus on fentanyl and its related analogs.
3. While in Ottawa, Chief Lakusta also met with representatives from Public Safety Canada and the RCMP to discuss transition related matters.
4. Chief Lakusta attended a Christmas reception at the United States Embassy in Ottawa, proudly representing GPPS. This invitation only event was attended by U.S. dignitaries, including representatives from the ATF, DEA, and FBI.