



**GRANDE PRAIRIE
POLICE COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting

April 16, 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 March 19, 2026 Regular Commission Meeting
- 4.2 Minutes of March 20, 2026 Policy & Governance Committee Meeting
- 4.3 Minutes of April 2, 2026 Police Transition Management Committee Meeting

5. PUBLIC INQUIRIES AND DELEGATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

- 5.1 Chaplain Program – Kim Penney and Stephen King

6. BUSINESS ARISING

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. STANDING ITEMS

- 8.1 Chair Report
- 8.2 Chief Report – *Superintendent Respet*
 - a) Mobile Outreach Services Update
- 8.3 Public Complaint Update
 - a) PRC Update
- 8.4 Executive Director Report
- 8.5 Committee Updates
 - a) Finance Committee – Next Meeting May 8th
 - b) Policy & Governance Committee – Next Meeting April 22nd
 - c) Personnel Committee – Next Meeting April 27th
 - d) Stakeholder Engagement Committee – Next Meeting TBD
 - e) Police Transition Management Committee – Next Meeting April 23rd

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)
 - a) Solicitor Consultation Updates
 - b) Police Transition Management Committee

- c) Policy & Governance Committee
 - i Continuation of Policy Review for the Police Service

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

12. CLOSED – Commission Discussion

13. NEXT MEETING *May 21, 2026*

14. ADJOURNMENT



**GRANDE PRAIRIE
POLICE COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting

March 19, 2026, 3:00 p.m.

Centre 2000, Al Robertson Room

Attendees:

Chair Dan Wong
Vice Chair Natalia Reiman
Commissioner Everett McDonald (virtual)
Commissioner Donna Koch
Commissioner Warren Travasso

Commissioner Tim Burnham
Commissioner Lois Duke
Commissioner Wade Pilat
Commissioner Dylan Bressey

Others:

Wendy Hunt, Executive Director
Chief Dwayne Lakusta, GPPS
Superintendent Greg Redl, GPPS
Superintendent John Respet, GPPS

Inspector Dave Knibbs, GPPS
Darrin Balanik, Executive Director, GPPS
Jodie Boyne, Sr. Strategic Advisor, GPPS

1. CALL TO ORDER 3:27

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented
Moved by: Commissioner Burnham
Carried Unanimously.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- 4.1 Minutes of February 18, 2026 Special Commission Meeting
- 4.2 Minutes of February 19, 2026 Regular Commission Meeting
- 4.3 Minutes of February 26, 2026 Police Transition Management Committee Meeting

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Moved by: Commissioner Duke
Carried Unanimously.

5. PUBLIC INQUIRIES AND DELEGATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

6. BUSINESS ARISING

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. STANDING ITEMS

- 8.1 Chair Report
- 8.2 Chief Report – *Chief Lakusta*

Motion to accept the Chief's Monthly Report.
Moved by: Commissioner Pilat
Carried Unanimously.

8.3 Public Complaint Update

- a) PRC Update

8.4 Executive Director Report

8.5 Committee Updates

- a) Finance Committee – Next Meeting TBD
- b) Policy & Governance Committee – Next Meeting April 14th



Chair

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- c) Personnel Committee – Next Meeting June 2nd
- d) Stakeholder Engagement Committee – Next Meeting TBD
- e) Police Transition Management Committee – Next Meeting April 2nd

9. ROUND TABLE

10. CLOSED SESSION

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 Duke

Carried Unanimously.

10.1 Personnel – FOIP – Sec. 17(4)

- a) 360 Review – Discussion with Bobbi Chamberlain, HR, City of Grande Prairie
- b) Decorum
- c) Review on monthly meeting dates – Referred back to Personnel Committee

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)

- a) Finance Committee
 - i 2025 GPPS Q4 Variance Report
- b) Policy & Governance Committee
 - i Section 3.1(1) Tiered Policing – Tabled to March meeting.

Motion to return to open session.

Moved by: Commissioner Reiman

Carried Unanimously

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

11.1 2025 GPPS Q4 Variance Report

Motion to approve the 2025 GPPS Q4 Variance Report

Moved by: Commissioner Duke

Carried Unanimously

11.2 Police Service Reserve/Surplus Fund

Motion to create a policy for the Grande Prairie Police Service to have a reserve/surplus fund.

Moved by: Commissioner Travasso

Seconded by: Commissioner Pilate

Carried Unanimously

12. CLOSED – Commission Discussion

Motion to move to closed session

Moved by: Commissioner Travasso

Carried Unanimously

Motion to return to open session

Moved by: Commissioner Travasso

Carried Unanimously

13. NEXT MEETING - March 19,2026

14. ADJOURNMENT Chair Wong adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM

Chair

Date

Executive Director

Date



Policy & Governance Committee

March 20, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

Cedar Point Meeting Room #1 – Agenda

In Attendance:

Commissioner Dylan Bressey
Commissioner Tim Burnham
Commissioner Everett McDonald

Wendy Hunt, Executive Director, GPPC
Darrin Balanik, Executive Director, GPPS

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1. Call to Order 1:11p.m.
 2. Land Acknowledgement
 3. Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda as presented
Moved by: Commissioner Burnham
Carried
 4. Business Arising
 - 4.1. External Counsel Session Update to be added to Closed Session
 - 4.2. Mental Health Apprehension Legislation
 5. Policy Review
Motion to move to closed session
Moved by: Commissioner Burnham
Carried
 6. Grande Prairie Police Service
 - 6.1. Part 1, Chapter B – *Administrative – Audits* – Amendment suggestions provided.
 - 6.2. Part 1, Chapter E – *Service Directives and Memos* - Reviewed
 - 6.3. Part 1, Chapter G – *Notebooks* – Amendment suggestions provided.
 - 6.4. Part 2, Chapter C – *Commissioner of Oaths* – Amendment suggestions provided.
 - 6.5. Part 2, Chapter F – *Briefing Notes* - Reviewed
 - 6.6. Part 3, Chapter C – *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* – Amendment suggestions provided.
 - 6.7. Part 4, Chapter J – *Audio/Video/Photographs* - Reviewed
 - 6.8. Part 6, Chapter A – *Uniform & Equipment* - Reviewed
 - 6.9. Part 6, Chapter B – *Service Firearm* - Reviewed
 - 6.10. Part 9, Chapter D – *Correspondence* - Reviewed
 - 6.11. Part 11, Chapter E – *Police Headquarters Facilities* - Reviewed
 - 6.12. Part 17, Chapter D – *Occupational Health & Safety* - Reviewed
 7. Disclosure Obligations – Public Safety Call Centre and Record Management System
 8. Service Standards for Assisting Surrounding Communities

Motion to move to open session
Moved by: Commissioner McDonald
Carried
 6. Business Arising From Closed Session
 - 6.1. Grande Prairie Police Service Policy Approval or Feedback

Motion to acknowledge of review of GPPS policies
Moved by: Commissioner McDonald
Carried

Motion to bring forward policies with amendment suggestions to future meetings for review
Moved by: Commissioner McDonald
Carried

6.2. Policy Review Schedule

7. Next Meeting: April 14, 2026
8. Meeting adjourned 3:20



GRANDE PRAIRIE
POLICE COMMISSION

Police Transition Management Committee

April 4, 2026, 1:30 p.m.

Virtual

MEETING MINUTES

In attendance:

Committee Chair Natalia Reiman
Commission Chair Dan Wong
Commissioner Timothy Burnham
Chief Dwayne Lakusta, GPPS
Superintendent John Respet, GPPS
Superintendent Greg Redl, GPPS
Superintendent Anthony Hanson, RCMP
Senior Executive Nadim Lakhani, RCMP

Superintendent Adrian Marsden, RCMP
Staff Sergeant Brent Lawson, RCMP
Janine Richardson, RCMP
Grant Smith, RCMP
Chief of Public & Protective Services – Arlen Miller
Executive Director Wendy Hunt
Executive Director Darrin Balanik, GPP

Regrets:

A/Commr. Wayne Nichols, RCMP
Superintendent Mark McDougald, RCMP

Inspector Dave Knibbs, GPPS
Jamie Freeland, Solicitor City of Grande Prairie

1. CALL TO ORDER: 1:3 P.M.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

3. AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented
Moved by: Commissioner Wong

Motion to move to closed session
Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

4. CLOSED SESSION

4.1. Standing Items

- (a) Human Resources – Mobilisation/Demobilisation and Civilian Transition
- (b) Assets and Equipment
- (c) Records Transfer/RMS System
- (d) Accommodations
- (e) Business Continuity
- (f) Public Safety Communication Centre
- (g) Detainee Management

4.2. Joint Media Release

Motion to move out of closed session
Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

5. BUSINESS FROM CLOSED SESSION

6. NEXT MEETING: April 23, 2026 1:30 p.m. (virtual)

7. ADJOURNMENT: 2:43 P.M.



Chief's Monthly Update To The Grande Prairie Police Commission

Meeting: GPPC Public Meeting

Date: April 16, 2026

Ongoing Initiatives

1. Current Staffing Deployment on assignment to the RCMP

- Five Sergeants front line operations (two acting)
- 33 Constables front line operations
- Three Detectives assigned to Criminal Investigations Section (CIS)
- One Detective assigned to ALERT
- One Detective (Polygraph examiner) assigned to Caribou Center
- One Sergeant and one Constable assigned to Forensic Identification Section (FIS)
- One Constable assigned to Community Engagement
- One Constable assigned to the Virtual Opioid Dependency Program as an addictions support officer
- One Constable training a police canine
- Ten new Constables from RTC #3 have been deployed and are progressing well through their Block 2 training.

2. RMS Records/IT Development:

- GPPS continues to hold recurring working sessions with Axon to manage the deployment, including progress reviews on configuration, integration, and data migration planning
- Internet connections from Telus and Eastlink have been successfully installed within the RCMP server room
- Connectivity from these circuits to the city server room has been completed
- This setup enables the GPPS technical team to begin staging network equipment in the city server room without requiring access to the RCMP server room or impacting current operations
- GPPS received approval for our Network Communications Access Control Request (NCACR) managed by the RCMP. This allows access to the national database (CPIC). This requires strict adherence to RCMP IT policies



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3. Victim Services:

Approved the utilization of the regional victim services model provided by the Western Alberta Regional Victim Services Society (WARVSS) for the Grande Prairie Police Service (GPPS), with a service level review to be completed within six months of GPPS becoming the police of jurisdiction.

The analysis presented a clear trade-off between a provincially funded regional model, and an in-house model that required additional funds from the municipality. While the local model would provide greater operational control and alignment with GPPS priorities, it came at a higher overall cost and increased organizational responsibility.

4. Transition Meetings:

Biweekly JMT meetings are ongoing as the transition continues to progress. In support of this work, three dedicated working groups are meeting weekly to advance key deliverables, with regular reporting provided directly to the JMT. The GPPS executive also participated in the Police Transition Management meeting hosted online by the GPP Commission/Committee.

5. Operational Support Development:

Containment Training – Frontline Officers

- Containment training was delivered to 26 frontline officers in March, representing the first two days of a three-day course
- The final day of training is planned to be delivered prior to POJ, subject to scheduling
- Additional members from the front line will be scheduled for training as operational and training capacity allows

Canine Capability

- Canine training with the first GPPS handler is progressing well
- No issues are anticipated, and the handler is expected to return and be operational ahead of schedule



Chief's Monthly Update To The Grande Prairie Police Commission

Training Team – Enhanced Tactical Capability

- A focused training program is being developed to provide the training team with enhanced skills in support of a “transitional tactical team” model leading into POJ
- This enhanced training will also be used to refine and strengthen existing training delivered to recruits and experienced officers, ensuring a seamless integration of tactics and doctrine across the GPPS training syllabus
- Work is being conducted in close coordination with the training unit to ensure no impact on recruit training or in-service training delivery

These initiatives collectively strengthen GPPS' readiness for POJ by enhancing frontline containment capability, developing transitional tactical capacity, and building sustainable supervisory and command proficiency for high-risk and critical incidents. Progress will continue to be monitored, with further updates provided as milestones are achieved. The long-term goal is to have a fully trained tactical team to respond to high-risk occurrences in the city and not utilize RCMP ERT. The first Tac training course is scheduled for 2027.

6. Policy Development Update:

- Total reviewed and approved by Chief Lakusta: 69
- Total ready for Commission review: 67 - 20 approved by GPPC Policy & Governance Committee, 20 currently with Policy & Governance Committee
- Total ready for Chief review and approval: 4
- Total reviewed by Chief and edits required: 18
- Total outstanding: 16 being developed

Engagements

Ongoing engagement continues with community groups, businesses, and residents throughout Grande Prairie. Engagement highlights during this reporting period include meetings with:

- Chief Lakusta presented as a panel member for the State of the City



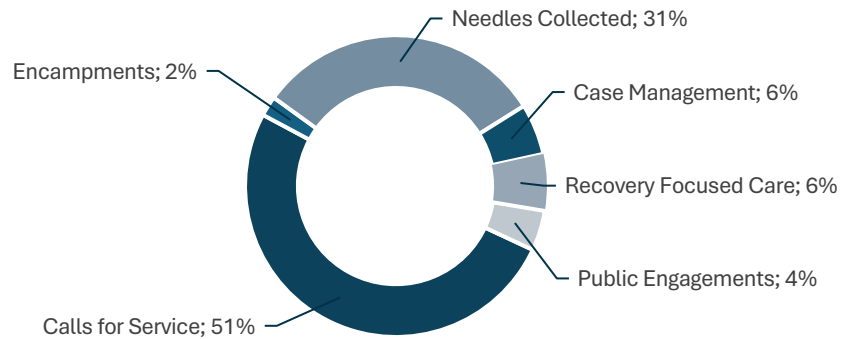
Chief's Monthly Update To The Grande Prairie Police Commission

- Chief Lakusta presented to two Rotary Clubs, providing an update on the transition. Both were well received
- Chief Lakusta and Superintendent Respet met with the CEO of the Grande Prairie Airport to discuss operations
- Chief Lakusta provided opening comments for Gender Based Violence Training, provided by PSES

Summary Highlights

Mobile Outreach continues to divert non-criminal, social disorder-related calls from police response, allowing officers to focus on higher-priority public safety matters.

- Calls for Service - **260**
- Encampments - **11**
- Needles Collected - **159**
- Case Management - **28**
(Referrals Received)
- Recovery Focused Care - **31**
- Public Engagements - **22**



Special Projects

Frequent Users of Service - A regularly generated list identifying individuals who initiate the highest volume of community-related calls for service. This approach supports targeted intervention, service connection, and efforts to reduce repeat demand on emergency services.

The Bridge Team - A dedicated team providing a focused approach to community safety through targeted outreach, including rapport building, service connections, and system navigation for Frequent Users of Service. The team also supports encampment response, community collaboration, and public engagement.

Outreach Calls for Service

- Encampments - **4**
- Wellness Checks - **36**
- Trespassing - **25**
- Loitering - **45**
- Public Intoxication - **1**
- Public Disturbance - **1**
- Needle Debris / Paraphernalia - **13**
- Transportation - **135**
(requests originating from hospital and partnering agencies)

240 clients supported.
23 new clients to
Mobile Outreach.

Client Support and Transfer to Services

- Total Transportation - **714**
(includes client requests to community supports as well as hospital and partnering agency requests)
 - Shelter - **210**
 - Medical Support / Appointments - **58**
 - Recovery Focused Care - **16**
(Opioid Dependency Program, addictions counsellor, Opioid Antagonist Therapy, Detox)
 - Other - **430**
(basic needs, food security, legal support, etc.)
- Proactive Responses to Social Disorder - **113**

Encampments

- Total - **11**
 - Call for Service - **4**
 - Found Proactively - **7**
 - Required Cleanup - **0**
 - Active at Month End - **1**

Warmer weather has
contributed to an increase
in encampments.

Needle Mitigation Services

- Needles Collected - **159**
- Naloxone Kits Distributed - **10**
- Naloxone Trainings Provided - **1**

Case Management Services

Case Workers provide support to individuals facing complex barriers to housing instability, with efforts focused on improving housing readiness, reducing service duplication, and fostering coordinated approaches with community partners.

- Referrals Received - **28**
(Clients connected for case management and stabilization support)
- Identification - **8**
(Individuals assisted in obtaining ID to access services)
- Financial Supports - **17**
(Individuals assisted with financial support to enhance housing readiness)
- Diversion - **3**
(Clients reconnected to home communities, natural supports, or treatment services)
- Coordinated Access - **7**
(Housing assessments completed; referrals made to the Housing HUB Table)
- Recovery Focused Care - **14**
(Opioid Dependency Program (ODP), Integrated Crisis and Access Team (ICAT), Treatment, Detox, Crisis Response Team (CRT), Recovery Alberta)

Public Engagements

Promoted the
Agent Program to
10 businesses.

- Business Interactions - **20**
- Stakeholder Meetings - **2**

Staffing

- Recruitment - **1**
 - Needle Mitigation Worker - Started March 11th, 2026
 - Grant Funded, 2025 - 2028
 - Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 2:00pm (25 hours/week)