



Meeting Highlights

April 16, 2026

Chaplaincy Program

The Police Commission had the pleasure of having a presentation by Kim Penney and Stephen King on the Chaplaincy program provided to the local police agencies. The Chaplaincy program offers confidential spiritual and emotional support to the Grande Prairie Police Service employees and their families, recognizing the growing pressures of modern policing, including trauma, high operational demands, and evolving public perceptions. It operates within a respectful, pluralistic framework that honours diverse beliefs and traditions, offering a safe space for members to process ethical, moral, and personal challenges. The role is relational and invitational rather than clinical, focusing on presence and support rather than counselling or judgment. Services may include regular detachment visits, ride-a-longs, crisis and hospital support, participation in debriefs, assistance during ceremonies, and support to members and their families during critical incidents, all aimed at strengthening overall wellbeing and resilience within the organization.

Grande Prairie Police Service Update

The Grande Prairie Police Service continues its progress toward operational readiness. Staffing deployment remains strong, with members assigned across frontline operations, investigations, specialized units, and training, alongside the successful integration of new recruits. Operational capacity is being strengthened through ongoing training initiatives, including containment training, canine development, and enhanced tactical preparedness, with a long-term goal of establishing an internal tactical team.

Significant advancements have been made in records management system (RMS) implementation, including infrastructure setup and secured access to national databases. A regional model for victim services has been approved, balancing cost efficiency with service delivery. Transition planning remains active through regular joint management and working group meetings. Policy development continues to advance steadily, with a substantial number of policies reviewed and moving through approval stages. Community engagement remains a priority, with leadership actively participating in local events, stakeholder meetings, and public presentations to support awareness and collaboration throughout the transition process.

Enforcement Services

Enforcement Services operated seven days a week from 6:00 a.m. to midnight in March 2026, responding to 524 calls for service—an increase of 13% from February—while maintaining a strong proactive presence through 891 Community Engagement Team patrols. Key service areas included parking, bylaw, traffic, social disorder, and animal control, alongside administrative functions such as issuing 228 animal licences and managing 301 active chauffeur permits. Officers issued 683 violations, 574 warnings, and 449 parking infractions, with increased enforcement partly attributed to snow route bans. Proactive efforts were notable, with 382 trespassing and loitering incidents addressed and 32 bans and 14 arrests resulting, despite 76 social disorder calls. Progress was also made on developing an in-house Automated Traffic Enforcement program, with training scheduled for April. Ongoing training initiatives and recruitment efforts for four new Community Peace Officers support continued service delivery and capacity building.

Mobile Outreach

Mobile Outreach operates Monday thru Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and continues to play a key role in the diverting non-criminal, social disorder-related calls from police. supporting 240 clients in March, including 23 new individuals. Through targeted initiatives such as the Frequent Users of Service list and the Bridge Team, efforts remain focused on proactive outreach, service connection, and reducing repeat demand. The team responded to 260 calls for service, provided extensive transportation support, and addressed social disorder through 113 proactive responses, while also managing 11 encampments—an increase influenced by warmer weather. Additional impacts include 159 needles collected, ongoing case management for individuals with complex needs, and continued collaboration with community partners to improve housing stability, recovery access, and overall community well-being.