



# Meeting Highlights

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## **Grande Prairie Police Commission Membership Update**

The Commission is pleased to share that the terms of Commissioners Wong, Reiman, Koch, and Duke have been extended, ensuring continued leadership and stability as the Commission advances its work and supports the ongoing transition to the Grande Prairie Police Service.

The Commission would also like to sincerely thank Commissioner Burnham for his dedication, passion, and commitment throughout his tenure. His contributions and service to the Commission have been greatly appreciated.

## **Grande Prairie Police Service Update**

The Grande Prairie Police Service (GPPS) has continued its progress in the development and operational transition to becoming police of jurisdiction in the Fall of 2026. Staffing efforts remain active, with numerous officers currently assigned alongside the RCMP in frontline operations, investigations, forensic identification, community engagement, and specialized support roles. Ten new constables from Recruit Training Class #3 have entered field deployment, while Recruit Training Class #4 has begun foundational training locally at Northwestern Polytechnic. Significant work is also underway on records management, IT infrastructure, CPIC connectivity, and the transition planning for GPPS headquarters systems and backup operations.

## **Community Safety and Wellbeing**

GPPS remains dedicated to community safety by continuing to expand integrated approaches involving Mobile Outreach, offender management, restorative justice discussions, mental wellness programming in schools, human trafficking awareness, and partnerships with healthcare and social agencies. The support of programs such as the Police and Crisis Team (PACT) and the Virtual Opioid Dependency Program (VODP) reflects a growing focus on coordinated intervention, addiction support, and community-based service delivery. The VODP alone engaged 185 individuals over a two-month period, with increased treatment uptake and enhanced coordination between police, healthcare providers, and community supports.

Leadership attended several provincial and national conferences focused on public safety, organized crime, gangs, and human trafficking, while also engaging with the Calgary Police Service to examine Indigenous relations, Drug Treatment Court operations, and youth-focused prevention strategies.

To strengthen enforcement and prevention efforts, GPPS has assigned Constable Mir Lodhi to the Community Engagement Unit. Constable Lodhi has been presenting and meeting with various schools, businesses and agencies.

## **Policy Development and Review**

Chief Lakusta provided an update on the GPPS policy development, noting that significant progress continues to be made as the service prepares for full operations. More than 80 policies have now been reviewed and approved, with many others currently moving through the Commission's Policy and Governance review process. Additional policies are also being finalized or developed.

The policy work remains a major focus for GPPS, helping establish the procedures, standards, and accountability frameworks that will guide the future police service. Administration and the Commission continue to work collaboratively to ensure policies align with legislation, policing best practices, and community expectations.

## **Enforcement Services Update**

Grande Prairie Enforcement Services (GPES) reported a 38% increase in calls for service from March to April 2026, driven largely by significant rises in bylaw, social disorder, and animal-related calls. April activity included 1,103 violations issued, 371 warnings, and continued seasonal and community-safety operations, alongside strong public engagement through business outreach, presentations, and community meetings.

The Automated Traffic Enforcement (ATE) program reached its final implementation stage, with staff fully trained, equipment installed, and two enforcement vehicles ready pending Peace Officer Appointments. The Spring 2026 Vehicle for Hire (VFH) inspection cycle concluded with 116 inspections completed, 71% passing and one vehicle placed out of service, with planning underway for the fall cycle. Recruitment for Community Peace Officers remains active as GPES continues to expand operational capacity.

### **Mobile Outreach Update**

Mobile Outreach recorded a 27% increase in proactive patrols in April 2026, driven in part by the Bridge Team pilot project, which accounted for 16% of proactive activity. Mobile Outreach responded to 178 calls for service, including wellness checks, trespassing, loitering, and transportation requests from hospitals and partner agencies, while also managing a 273% rise in encampments and collecting 1,013 needles. The team also responded to two overdoses requiring Narcan.

Mobile Outreach supported 196 clients, including 19 new individuals, and delivered case management services focused on housing readiness, financial supports, identification, and coordinated access. Recovery-focused care connected 36 clients to programs such as VODP, detox, and crisis response. Public engagement included 15 business interactions, six stakeholder meetings, and participation in the Mental Health and Addiction Wellness Fair.