



# Meeting Highlights

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## **Grande Prairie Police Service Update**

The Grande Prairie Police Service (GPPS) continues to build its operational capacity, with front-line staffing currently consisting of six Sergeants, including three acting positions, and 33 Constables, with an additional member awaiting RCMP security clearance. Specialized assignments include detectives in the Criminal Investigations Section, ALERT, and the Caribou Centre, as well as members dedicated to forensic identification, community engagement, addictions support through the Virtual Opioid Dependency Program, and police canine training. The Service has also deployed ten new Constables from Recruit Training Class (RTC) #3, who are completing their Block 2 training and are expected to complete the program in early July. Internal promotional processes are underway for squad supervisor and detective positions.

Recruit Training Class #4, consisting of ten recruits, is also progressing well with no concerns identified. As part of their training, recruits have begun using the Axon Records training environment to complete scenario-based investigations and reporting exercises. Early exposure to the system is enhancing their understanding of reporting workflows and operational processes and is expected to support a seamless transition to active duty upon graduation, eliminating the need to transition from the RCMP's legacy records management system.

GPPS has begun the process of developing a self-sufficient Tactical Unit, with member selection focused on identifying individuals who possess the physical, tactical, cognitive, and behavioural competencies required for high-risk operational environments. The selection process will include fitness testing, tactical assessments, scenario-based exercises, and evaluations of performance under stress.

The Forensic Identification Section continues to expand, with the new crime scene response van currently undergoing final outfitting by City Fleet. An internal competition has been launched to select a third team member, who will complete specialized training and certification requirements, including mandatory training with the Edmonton Police Service in late 2026.

## **Community Safety and Wellbeing**

GPPS is developing a Community Safety Registry to support vulnerable individuals who may require additional consideration during interactions with emergency responders. Policy and intake procedures have been drafted, and work has begun with the Axon project team to integrate the registry into Axon Records. The program will be administered by the Community Safety & Wellbeing Unit.

## **Enforcement Services Update**

Enforcement Services reported a 5% increase in calls for service and a 9% increase in dispatches from April to May. Seasonal activity contributed to increases in animal control calls, animal licensing, and unsightly premises complaints. Traffic enforcement initiatives continued, including operations targeting speeding, distracted driving, uninsured vehicles, and mechanically unsafe vehicles. Planning also continued for Axon Records Management implementation and the development of GPES call prioritization procedures.

The Community Engagement Team reported increased enforcement activity, including more arrests, removals, and bans issued, while continuing public outreach through bike patrols, community cleanups, downtown engagement, and Safety City presentations. GPES is actively recruiting Community Peace Officers and a Peace Officer Sergeant to support ongoing service delivery.

## **Mobile Outreach Update**

Mobile Outreach responded to 270 calls for service in May, an increase from April, while also supporting 91 client-initiated referrals and conducting 160 proactive responses to social disorder. Notably, only 4% of calls required escalation to Enforcement Services, Police, or EMS, demonstrating the effectiveness of outreach, de-escalation, and social support interventions.

The team continued to address homelessness, addictions, and community safety concerns through encampment management, needle mitigation, case management, and referrals to housing and recovery supports. Collaborative efforts with community partners resulted in no active encampments at month-end, while ongoing outreach and advocacy expanded support options for vulnerable individuals experiencing complex barriers to housing and services.

### **Grande Prairie Police Commission to Host Mixer Event**

The Grande Prairie Police Commission will be hosting a Chamber of Commerce After 5 Mixer on September 24 at Centre 2000. The event will provide an opportunity for business and community members to connect with Commission representatives, learn more about the Commission's role in civilian governance of policing, and engage in discussions regarding public safety initiatives within the community.

Representatives from the Grande Prairie Police Service will also be in attendance, making this a valuable opportunity for the community to engage with both the Commission and the Service. The event is particularly timely as it takes place shortly before the transition of policing jurisdiction, offering an opportunity to increase public awareness and understanding of the upcoming change and the future of policing in Grande Prairie.