



Meeting Highlights

September 17, 2026

Commission Update

Commissioner Ben Sander was officially affirmed to the Grande Prairie Police Commission at the beginning of the regular Commission meeting on September 17, 2026. Commissioner Sander brings a chartered accounting background to the Commission and completes the Commission's current membership.

Grande Prairie Police Service Update

The Grande Prairie Police Service has 58 GPPS members assigned to the RCMP, with all four patrol squads being staffed by the GPPS officers and supervisors. Recruit Training Class (RTC) #4 is progressing well, with 10 recruits scheduled to graduate on October 9th. The recruits had the opportunity in their training to complete a Blanket Exercise with a Treaty 8 Elder.

Work continues on the development of policies, technology systems and operational resources needed to support the new service. Four policies remain for development, review and approval by the Chief, with ongoing review by the Commission and the Public Safety and Emergency Services (PSES) Audit team.

GPPS continues to strengthen relationships with community organizations. GPPS is nearing implementation of the Third Option Sexual Assault Reporting initiative and is working with the hospital and Victims of Crime on related processes. Work is also underway to implement biometric monitoring in eight cells following the transition from RCMP to GPPS.

The new Domestic Violence Coordinator and Criminal Investigative Section Staff Sergeant are building relationships with organizations in the domestic violence sector, while community partner presentations are being developed for operational squads to increase awareness of available resources and referral options.

GPPS also continues to support initiatives addressing gender-based violence, including partnering with the Family Education Society to host Take Back the Night on November 9. The City and 211 are developing a proposal for a localized 211 model within the PSCC, and the Police and Crisis Team continues to provide police/mental health nurse co-response support. Upcoming partnership meetings will focus on strengthening coordination with local school divisions, victim services and community service organizations.