

City of Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Hello / Taa Haanach'e / Tansi,

The City respectfully acknowledges the Beaver, Cree, Dene and Métis people as the original caretakers of these Lands and surrounding areas.

We are grateful to live, learn, work and play on Treaty 8 territory within Turtle Island and acknowledge these Lands have been home to diverse and sovereign First Nations and Inuit Nations since time immemorial.

Thank You / Wuujo Aasanalaa /Kinanâskomitin



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This Annual Report is produced to demonstrate the City of Grande Prairie's transparency and accountability to our residents.

2025 marked the final year of the 2021–2025 Council term, and the welcome to the new 2025–2029 Council. Highlights featured in this report reflect successes across both Councils.

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

2025 was a year of momentum and meaningful progress for the City of Grande Prairie. Across our community, we saw strong growth, thoughtful investment, and continued collaboration focused on making Grande Prairie an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

These efforts are guided by Council's Strategic Plan, which provides a clear framework for building a vibrant, connected, and inclusive community – one that is prepared to meet challenges and seize opportunities as we grow. Advancing projects like the Multisport Dome, supporting community-led initiatives, and hosting events like the Special Olympics Summer Games that welcome visitors from across the region reflect our shared commitment to quality of life and long-term sustainability.

As we share this annual report, we do so with gratitude. Grande Prairie's success is built on the dedication of our residents, businesses, community organizations, and partners. Thank you for your continued involvement, pride, and belief in our city. Together, we are shaping a future that reflects the strength, optimism, and spirit of Grande Prairie.

Highlights include:

- Strong housing growth, with the highest level of residential construction activity in more than a decade, helping more people find a place to call home and supporting Grande Prairie's continued growth.
- Continued progress on our Health Care Attraction and Retention Strategy,

strengthening local physician recruitment, training, and community partnerships to support a healthy and resilient region.

- Demonstrated commitments to supporting a connected and supportive community for residents at every stage of life, from initiatives that support aging well to welcoming recreational spaces for children and families, and more.
- Championing of our reputation as a destination for events and sport by hosting community celebrations, supporting recreation across the city, and advancing the Multisport Dome to expand year-round opportunities for sport, gathering, and sport tourism.

Read on for more highlights and stay tuned to the official City channels to keep up to date on the exciting things happening in 2026.

Jackie Clayton

City of Grande Prairie Mayor

2025 – 2029 Council



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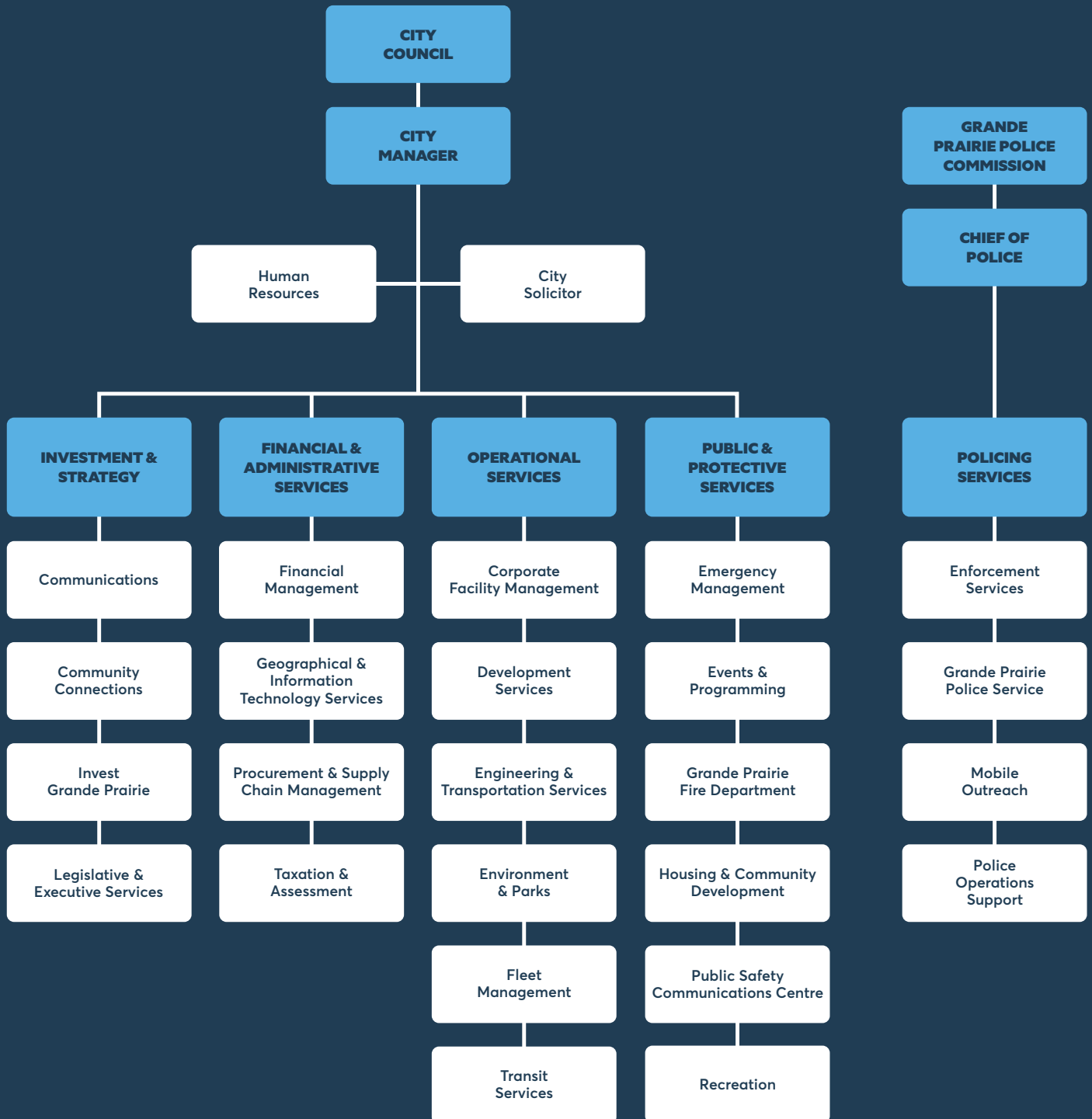


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ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE





QUALITY OF LIFE

Where we want to live, work and play.



Active Lifestyle



Fierce Community Pride



Safety



ENGAGING RELATIONSHIPS

Strong and purposeful relationships expand local government value.



Reputation Management



Brand, Marketing & Communication



Culture & Pride



INCLUSIVE & CARING COMMUNITY

A community that includes all people and serves all people.



Multicultural



Youth to Seniors



Housing



INNOVATIVE EFFICIENCIES & ECONOMIC READINESS

A strong local economy enables a sustainable high quality of life.



Strategic Growth



Innovation Development



Attraction



QUALITY OF LIFE



Supporting a strong quality of life is the foundation of all of Council's work. Through bolstering fierce community pride, encouraging and facilitating active and involved lifestyles, and prioritizing community safety, we aim to build a community everyone is proud to join.

2025 Special Olympics Alberta Summer Games

Grande Prairie proudly hosted the Special Olympics Alberta Summer Games 2025 from July 11 to 13, welcoming athletes and coaches from across the province to compete. The Games continued Grande Prairie's legacy of hosting high-quality sporting events while strengthening community collaboration, supporting the local economy, and leaving a meaningful legacy of accessibility and inclusion in sport. Here are The Games by the numbers:

- 1,000 athletes and coaches including 60 local participants and 5 who qualified for the National Games
- 1,200 medals awarded
- 350 volunteers
- 30 local community partnerships supporting the event
- 3 Athlete Ambassadors introduced in an innovative program hiring local athletes to serve as community ambassadors
- \$18,000 in souvenir sales
- \$1 million in estimated economic impact



The City of Grande Prairie was proud to take home the Sports Tourism Canada Canadian Sport Event of the Year Award – Group B for the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships at the Prestige Sport Tourism Awards on March 20, 2025.



Annual Events

Across 2025, the City of Grande Prairie hosted a variety of annual events, offering inclusive and accessible recreational and cultural gathering opportunities to build connections and bolster community pride.

Highlights include:



January: Grande North Winter Festival



March: Women of Influence Awards



July: Canada Day

Introduced a new Accessibility Pass for carnival rides for attendees with disabilities



August: Experience GP

Featured Juno-nominated headliners The Trews



September: GirlZone

Experienced a 40% increase in attendance from the previous year



December: New Years Eve-ning Out

Multi-sport Dome Kicking-off Future of Sport

After years of vision, planning, and passionate community advocacy, the City of Grande Prairie broke ground on the Multisport Dome at Trader Ridge. This milestone brings to life a vision residents have championed for years and reflects the community's dedication to creating a space where athletes, families, and local organizations can come together to train, compete, and connect.

The dome will provide residents with year-round access to a full-size FIFA regulation field with flexible configurations to support soccer, football, rugby, and track & field sports. This new community addition will continue to grow local sport at home and attract sport tourism opportunities at every level.

Transit On-Demand Expansion

The City was pleased to expand on-demand transit services to two new neighbourhoods in 2025: Copperwood and Meadowview.

The expansion is a result of rider feedback and community engagement for increased service coverage and will enhance connections between neighbourhoods and transit hubs to foster an inclusive, caring community where all residents are supported.





Over 1,500 trees and shrubs were planted in Grande Prairie funded by \$250,000 in capital funding, a \$125,000 grant from Growing Canada's Community Canopies that was matched by the City, a \$10,000 grant from Tree Canada, and a \$4,500 grant from TD Tree Days.

Urban Forest Strategy

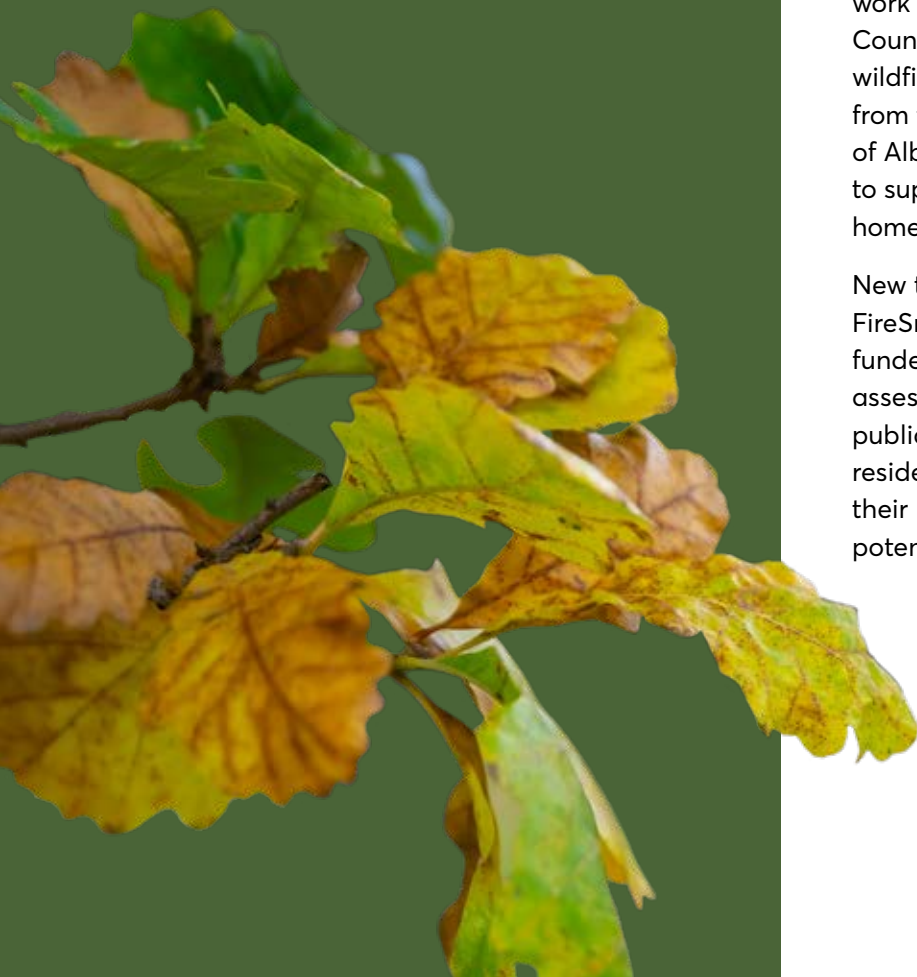
City Council planted their vision for the future, with the approval of the Urban Forest Strategy to protect and expand the city's green spaces for generations to come.

The strategy sets a clear long-term vision for the care and enhancement of trees and natural spaces across the city by providing a coordinated framework for planting, maintenance and stewardship while maximizing environmental, social and economic benefits.

FireSmart Work

2025 saw the City complete vegetation management work near the South Bear Creek ball diamonds, Country Club West and Wedgewood to reduce wildfire risk. The work was funded by a \$101,205 grant from the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) and slows potential wildfire spread to support safer conditions for firefighters protecting homes and properties.

New this year, the City also introduced the FireSmart™ Home Assessment Program, also funded by FRIAA. The program offered free home assessments for 200 homes that bordered onto public wildland urban interface areas to help residents reduce the risk of wildfire damage to their properties and protect the community from potential wildfire spread.



Road Rehabilitation and Inspection Programs

Km of road inspected:	218
Km of road rehabbed:	13.35
Km of minor resurfacing on roads:	2.24
Number of potholes repaired:	4,597
Linear meters of crack sealing:	12,754
Km of trail and sidewalk inspected:	172
Number of sidewalk sites repaired:	283
Catch basins and manholes repaired:	127
Bridges repaired:	2
Traffic poles inspected:	52
Km of storm pipes inspected and cleaned:	25

Road Collisions Reduced

Results from a 5-year analysis demonstrated that after the City lowered posted speed limits on four arterial routes, collision rates reduced up to 60%, with injury collisions reduced by 56%, helping keep our commutes safer.

Roadways included in the study:

- 100 Street
(between 140 Avenue and 133 Avenue)
- College Bypass
(between 100 Avenue and 100 Street)
- 108 Street
(between 100 Avenue and 69 Avenue)
- 100 Avenue
(between 108 Street and 124 Street)

Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Reviews

To better support traffic and pedestrian safety, 64 intersection traffic counts and 43 speed surveys were completed to model and adjust signal timings at intersections.

Also in 2025, two new flashing beacons were installed, one on O'Brien Lake Drive and the other on 108 Avenue near 96A Street. Two new radar speed displays were additionally installed on Knowledge Way as a cost-effective way of enhancing visibility for pedestrians.



CITY OF
GRANDE
prairie

Your City. Your Choice.

**MUNICIPAL
ELECTION
2025**

**ENGAGING
RELATIONSHIPS**



Across the community and region, we know we are stronger together and our success is better when it's shared. By prioritizing Engaging Relationships, the City aims to highlight our collaboration with stakeholders and other levels of government to build on mutual success.

2025 Municipal Election

Alongside municipalities across the province, the City of Grande Prairie held a municipal election on October 20.

21.45% of eligible voters cast their vote, including an increased number of advanced voters, to elect a new City Council and shape Grande Prairie's future.



\$15,000 was awarded from the 2025 ATCO Community Energy Fund to complete an energy audit at the Dave Barr Community Centre, an important step in planning future improvements that strengthen efficiency and support the facility's long life in the community.

Additionally, over \$50,000 from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation was awarded towards life-saving equipment for the Grande Prairie Fire Department.



Advocacy Priorities

One of City Council's responsibilities is to advocate for the needs and desires of City residents and stakeholders to both the Province of Alberta and the Federal Government. Focus areas for 2025 included:

- Electricity distribution costs
 - Mayor Clayton re-introduced the City's resolution, seconded by the Town of Drumheller, on electricity distribution costs at the 2025 Alberta Municipalities Convention.

This resolution highlights a stark reality: Alberta runs on one electrical grid, with equal service, but some residents will pay three times more in distribution costs than our larger centre urban neighbours.

This creates real affordability pressures and puts communities in higher-cost regions at a disadvantage when competing for investment and jobs.

The resolution calls for a fairer model that reflects the shared nature of the grid and supports all Albertans.

- Enhanced rail capacity, improve road networks, and expanded air services to better serve residents and the region.
- Northwestern Polytechnic Advocacy Support
 - 911 Levy
 - Seniors Housing and Long-Term Care
 - Health Care Supports
 - Medical First Response Funding
 - Regional Service Centre

State of the City

Early spring saw the annual State of the City: Grander Conversations event take place, welcoming nearly 200 community members and leaders to connect, network and explore the city's growth, opportunities and future development.

The event featured a wide variety of panelists from a variety of sectors to showcase community initiatives, outlooks and trends across the city, providing an opportunity to share and collaborate together.

Panelists include:

- **Kendra Sledding**
 Community Development Specialist,
 The Mustard Seed
- **Candice Edey**
 Senior Operating Officer,
 Grande Prairie Regional Hospital
- **Dr. Vanessa Sheane**
 President, Northwestern Polytechnic
- **Brock Mulligan**
 Senior Vice President,
 Alberta Forest Products Association (AFPA)
- **Claire Hafner**
 Senior Advisor for Alberta Policy and Strategic
 Outreach, Canadian Association of Petroleum
 Producers (CAPP)
- **Jesse Meyer**
 Region 5 Delegate, Alberta Grains
- **Ken Drysdale**
 Chair of the Board of Directors on progress
 updates on the Maskwa Medical Centre
- **Larry Gibson**
 Manager for Economic Development at the
 MD of Greenview on progress updates on the
 Greenview Industrial Gateway (GIG) and its
 upcoming projects



Community Groups and Funding

The City is proud to offer a multitude of funding and grant opportunities to support local individuals and organizations who are making a positive impact in our community. Highlights from 2025 include:

- \$935,649 in Family and Community Support Services Funding was distributed to support 16 local organizations providing preventative social services
 - Examples include supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grande Prairie and Area to open Big Horizons, a free after-school care program in the Patterson neighbourhood.
- \$45,790 in Pursuit of Excellence Funding was awarded to 60 local athletes and athletic groups.
- \$34,000 in Sport Hosting Funding was awarded to 11 local sport organizations to host events that generate community and economic impact.
- \$98,500 in Arts & Culture Funding was awarded to support the operations of performance groups and festivals in the community.
- \$100,000 in Large Scale Tourism Funding was awarded to 2 events that resulted in a significant economic and/or tourism benefit to Grande Prairie.
- \$2,151,602 in Community Group Funding was awarded to 30 groups or agencies who deliver programs and services that enhance the quality of life for the City and its residents.
- \$4,700 in Community Improvement Granting was awarded to 2 projects
 - New in 2025 we introduced an Active Transportation funding stream that aims to support initiatives that enhance non-motorized transportation options within the community. One applicant has received \$2500 so far for their project that promotes walking, cycling, and other forms of active transit that improve public health, reduce carbon emissions, and create safer, more sustainable transportation infrastructure.

Naming Rights and Sponsorship

The City's partnership approach to naming rights and sponsorship provides a unique opportunity for local and regional businesses to directly connect and engage with new audiences and customers, while building new revenue streams to enhance our facilities and events across the community.

In 2025, the City received \$123,636 in sponsorship from 70 community partners to support 9 different events including Grande North Winter Festival,

Canada Day, and Experience GP. The City also secured \$188,000 in sponsorship for the Special Olympics Alberta Summer Games representing 26 community partners.

Late 2025, the City was also proud to host an open house for Keyera Place, formerly the Activity and Reception Centre, to recognize the new naming rights partner Keyera.

Public Engagement

Public engagement efforts saw strong participation across a wide range of initiatives. Residents were proactively involved in shaping key projects and decisions, including infrastructure planning, community services, and budget priorities. The use of interactive tools and diverse outreach methods – both online and in-person – ensured that voices from

across the community were represented. The Engage Grande Prairie platform continued to serve as a vital connection point between the City and its residents, receiving a total of 26,884 visits in 2025, with this participation playing a vital role in Council decision making and City services.



2026 Budget

- 389 Prioritize Tool submissions
- 502 in-person event attendees



Bear Creek Dam Feasibility Study

- 54 survey responses received
- 21 questions asked by residents



Community Supports and Services

- 874 survey responses received



Fibre Gap Analysis (ongoing)

- 11 questions asked by residents
- 494 speed and services tests completed



Jumpstart Inclusive Playground

- Meeting with The Lions Club, Accessibility Committee and Highland Park Neighborhood Association



Legion Field Improvements

- Targeted engagement sessions held with school divisions, sport user groups, and key stakeholders



Passport to Grande Prairie

- 11 survey responses received



Social Prescribing

- 61 people attended in-person engagement events



The City received 1.3M views on Facebook and 107K views on Instagram, helping us share vital news, information and updates to keep our community in the know on City events, programs and opportunities.

INCLUSIVE, CARING COMMUNITY



The City of Grande Prairie is committed to supporting all members of our community through a variety of programs and initiatives that foster deep and sincere inclusiveness throughout all social and economic dimensions of the community.

Jumpstart Playground

The new Jumpstart Inclusive Playground in Lions Park was open for play this September.

Jumpstart Inclusive Playgrounds are designed to remove physical and social barriers to play, ensuring children of all abilities can enjoy shared spaces. With features like double-wide ramps, roller slides, the We-Go-Round and the Sway Fun Glider, these thoughtfully designed play areas promote active, imaginative and inclusive play. This meaningful investment creates a vibrant, accessible space for children and families in the heart of Grande Prairie.

The City extends gratitude to Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities for their generous gift that made this project possible, along with local Canadian Tire Dealers David Dungey and Lisa Miller whose support and advocacy helped secure Lions Park as one of the newest Jumpstart Inclusive Playground locations in Canada. The playground represents a shared vision between the City and Jumpstart to remove barriers to sport and play so all kids can participate.



Aging Well Together

In early March, Council adopted the Aging Well Together Action Plan, setting a clear path to enhance the community's age-friendliness in 2025.

The Aging Well Together initiative seeks to address the specific needs of about 20% of the population aged 55 and older. The project kicked off in 2024 with community engagement, which helped inform and guide the priorities document.

Successes to date include:

- Accessibility, Mobility and Connectivity
 - Installed 18 flex parking stalls at the Eastlink Centre, with 2 additional stalls scheduled for installation.
 - Completed a citywide bench inventory and mapping update in October, including benches along the Muskoseepi corridor and at transit stops.
 - Launched the City's outdoor walking group in June where a total of 30 older adults participated during the 6 weeks.
 - Launched the City and Primary Care Network indoor walking group in November, averaging 15 participants age 55+ per week, with a second 6-week session beginning January 2026.
 - Delivered 2 Transit Education Sessions, engaging 34 participants.
 - Provided Aging Well Together progress updates at 3 seniors' lodges, 55 North Community Centre, and during a PCN/City walking group, engaging a total of 34 community participants and sharing information on available City supports and programs for older adults, including the Transit Access Program and Recreation Access Program.
- Housing and the Cost of Living
 - Delivered the Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) information session to 5 participants.
- Social Participation, Recreation and Wellness
 - Adult-only swim time added at the Aquatera Outdoor Pool from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Mondays to Thursdays from June 28 to September 21, 2024.
 - Strengthened intergenerational connections through the Bridging Generations pen-pal program, which brought together 18 seniors and 22 students to share stories, build relationships, and promote social inclusion.
- Community Supports and Health Services.
 - Home Support Program supported an average of 260 clients per month, with a total average of 675 client hours per month.
 - Social Prescribing project currently has 20 active clients, and 49 discharged clients which connects older adults to non-medical supports that promote social connection and wellbeing.
 - Yard Gnomes volunteer lawn and snow support program currently has 95 registered seniors with an average of 25 volunteers.
 - In October, the City submitted its application to the Age-Friendly Alberta Recognition Program, reflecting meaningful progress toward age-friendliness across the community.



The Aquatera Outdoor Pool expanded programming in 2025 to better support the diverse needs of all residents.

An Older Adults Swim was added, providing dedicated swim times designed to support active aging in a welcoming and comfortable environment. These sessions offered older adults' opportunities for low-impact physical activity, mobility, and social connection, contributing to overall health, independence, and wellbeing.

Likewise, Youth Day was introduced, offering a \$2 entry rate, and adding evening recreational activities such as in-water volleyball and basketball. This helped reduce financial barriers while creating safe, active opportunities for youth to connect, be physically active, and enjoy positive summer recreation.

Food Security Committee

Work progressed on the Food Security Committee, a two-year pilot project strengthening collaboration and improving coordination of food security initiatives across the community, with Helping Hands (a division of Northreach Society) as the backbone organization for the initiative.

Milestones to date include:

- Helping Hands becoming a member of Food Banks Alberta & Food Banks Canada, unlocking grants, operational support, and regional distribution benefits.
- Securing a dedicated warehouse space, along with a refrigerated truck and forklift, increasing food storage and distribution capacity.
- Launching the community's first grocery-style food bank, giving families the dignity of choosing their own foods, while also providing access to staples such as eggs, milk, fresh produce, and meat.
- In partnership with Northwestern Polytechnic, an app was developed to enhance the accessibility of both applying for holiday hampers and collecting sponsorship and donations.
- Helping Hands is collaborating with GPREP to formalize processes and ensure that food supports remain organized, efficient, and accessible during future emergencies.



Passport to Grande Prairie

This summer, the City launched a new Passport to Grande Prairie booklet to support newcomers in exploring our community. The passport serves as a one-stop, user-friendly guide to help newcomers settle into the community by providing accessible information about local services and resources. It includes an interactive element that encourages newcomers to explore the city by visiting various locations and collecting stamps.

In 6 months, over 1,445 copies of the passport have been distributed from 24 locations around the city.



Welcoming Week

This year's Welcoming Week began with a Mayoral proclamation, recognizing September 12–21 as a time to celebrate inclusion and connection across Grande Prairie.

Throughout the week, the Grande Prairie Local Immigration Partnership (GPLIP) and the Immigrant Advisory Table (IAT) hosted a series of engaging events that brought residents together:

- Film screenings (The Farewell and Capernaum) created space for reflection and dialogue at the Grande Prairie Public Library and Grande Prairie Live Theatre.
- Story Sharing & Coffee, hosted by the Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta (ACFA), offered an informal, welcoming space to connect and learn from one another.
- The Coco drive-in movie at the Grande Sunset Theatre was a standout event, welcoming nearly 170 attendees.
- A story wall captured more than 120 community messages, reinforcing a shared sense of belonging and highlighting the connections that strengthen community.
- A favourite feature across multiple events was the Global Candy Table "Taste of Stories", showcasing candy from 14 countries and sparking meaningful conversations about culture, identity, and community.

Housing Supports

Our housing initiatives work to end homelessness by partnering with community agencies to provide housing supports and move people out of shelters and into homes.

The Cedar Point Permanent Supportive Housing program maintained an average of 55 residents per month, providing wrap-around supports funded by the Government of Alberta and delivered through The Mustard Seed, ensuring residents have consistent access to care, stability, and on-site assistance. The independent, affordable apartment suites in the facility reached 86% occupancy by the end of December.

In Fletcher House, the supportive housing units maintained an average occupancy rate of 96%, and the independent, affordable housing units maintained an average occupancy rate of 90%. The mix-model facility is leased by the City, with services provided by Wapiti Community Support Services and program funding provided by the Government of Alberta.

Together, these housing options contribute to long-term stability, safety, and accessibility for residents with diverse needs, while reinforcing the City's leadership in innovative housing solutions.

Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS)

In 2025, the City strengthened its Coordinated Access system by launching the Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS). Organized by the Housing Hub Table, the Coordinated Access system provides a collaborative, personalized approach to connecting individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness with the supports they need.

By introducing HIFIS, the City can better support this system by centralizing information for 11 funded programs. As the community data steward for the provincial and federal governments, the City ensures the data collected through HIFIS is consistent, secure, and actionable. This supports clearer insight into service needs, system pressures, and community trends across the housing and homelessness continuum.



Youth Economic Empowerment Microgrant

The City launched new Youth Economic Empowerment Microgrant in the fall to help youth and young adults access opportunities that support their employment or skill development goals.

Seven youth received grant funding, most commonly to help cover the cost of winter work gear.

Fully funded by the Tamarack Institute and the Government of Canada, the microgrant provides meaningful support to residents aged 15 to 30 who are taking steps toward their future. It offers up to \$750 per individual to help cover costs such as safety training, professional certification courses, workwear and the tools or equipment needed for employment.

Many young people face financial hurdles that can slow their progress, and this support helps make essential training and equipment more accessible for all.

Youth Career Discovery Expo

Early spring saw the Bonnetts Energy Centre welcome youth ages 14 to 30 to explore career opportunities, discover education options, and maximize their full potential at the Youth Career Discovery Expo.

The event was visited by 24 schools and 2200 participants who explored over 100 exhibitors representing a wide range of industries, post-secondary institutions and community organizations.

The Youth Career Discovery Expo continues to serve as a valuable platform for employers seeking to connect with motivated, career-focused youth from across the region. Exhibitors had the opportunity to showcase their industries, inspire the next generation of talent, and build connections with potential future employees in an energetic, hands-on setting.





The 2024–2025 Youth Advisory Council was the largest in its history, and continued to strengthen youth engagement across the community. The council hosted an interactive survey at the Youth Career Discovery Expo where peers shared ideas on issues that mattered most to local youth. The top responses focused on:



Mental health supports



Sport and recreation opportunities



Education



Transit



Entertainment and community events



INNOVATIVE EFFICIENCIES & ECONOMIC READINESS



Focusing on efficiency, innovation, and strategic growth helps Grande Prairie build a strong economy and stay ready for new investment.

Health Care Attraction and Retention

Through the Health Care Attraction and Retention Strategy, the City aims to attract and retain physicians and health care workers, encourage local training and explore innovative and incentivized investments in our local health care.

This was achieved in 2025 through:

- More than 20 specialized physicians recruited to our area
- 5 new doctors supported through the Family Physician Attraction Incentive Program
- 30 new students enrolled in the first cohort of the Northern Alberta Medical Program
- 7 ambassadors trained through the Grande Prairie Health Care Ambassador Program
- 2 Family Physician Appreciation events
- Hosting of the Aclepius Medical Camp for Youth



Housing Surge

The City of Grande Prairie is experiencing a surge in housing construction not seen in a decade, with 1,115 in residential building permits recorded by the end of 2025, representing over 846 new housing units in various stages of construction. Over 366 housing units were started by the end of the year based on submitted development permit applications for larger multi-family developments.

In response to the strong growth in multi-unit housing developments, City Council increased funding for the Municipal Fee Rebate program to meet increasing demand and continue incentivizing the development of new multi-unit housing projects across the city. The program incentives accounted for over 900 units being added under this program since it opened in 2024.

City and County Councils Approve Expanded Facilities Framework

In early fall, the City and County of Grande Prairie Councils jointly signed the Recreation and Culture New or Expanded Facilities Agreement, solidifying a collaborative approach to guide the region's capital needs and future recreation and culture facility developments.

The Facilities Framework ensures that future projects in the region undergo joint feasibility and cost-sharing consideration before commitments are made. This ensures fair and equitable contributions and provides clarity, builds trust, and reinforces that joint investments will be based on shared evidence, mutual agreement, and measurable regional benefit.

2025 Minister’s Award for Red Tape Reduction and Service Delivery Enhancement

The City of Grande Prairie proudly accepted the 2025 Minister’s Award for Municipal Excellence in the Red Tape Reduction or Service Delivery Enhancement award category for streamlining the permitting process. Significant improvements were identified and implemented by consolidating three separate applications – development permit, building permit, and civil site work – into a single, unified application and moving to a digital platform.

The City has seen measurable and meaningful results following the implementation of its streamlined, single-application permitting process. The initiative has delivered significant efficiency gains for both applicants and internal staff, with the following key performance indicators:

- Reduction in turnaround time for permitting approvals from 10 business days to 2–5 business days
- Time and cost savings for applicants
- Internal efficiency gain of 45 minutes of staff review time per application
- Increase in digital submissions
- Improved customer experience based on feedback from stakeholders
- Province-leading turnaround time based on the Alberta Municipal Indicators dashboard

These outcomes reflect the City’s commitment to innovation, accountability, and continuous improvement in municipal service delivery.

Economic Data

The data shows a clear pattern: more people are choosing Grande Prairie, more homes are being built, and our economy continues to strengthen. Grande Prairie is experiencing steady, net-positive population and labour force growth. Strong interprovincial and intraprovincial migration—combined with natural increases—reflects the opportunities here and our ongoing role as the regional hub for Northwestern Alberta and Northeastern BC. Housing starts in 2025 are nearly double 2024 levels and building permits are the highest we have seen in five years. Well completions are up, indicating a healthy and sustained energy sector. Together, these trends reflect growing confidence from residents, investors, and industry.



70,385
Total population



27,937
Total number of dwellings



1,115
Building permits



\$273,073,852
Construction value



7,960
Over-dimensional vehicle traffic



979
Drilling licenses



1,049
Drilling completions

Invest Grande Prairie Granting

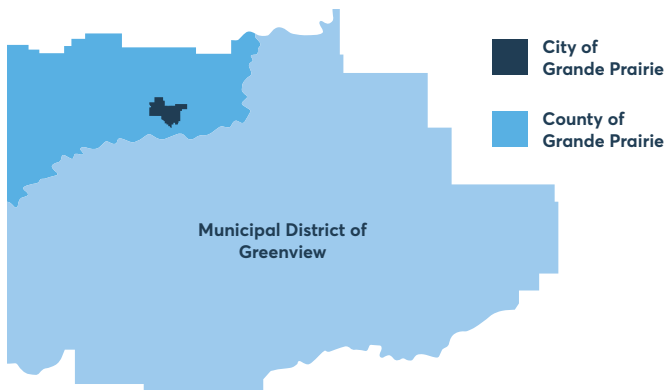
The City of Grande Prairie is committed to supporting business development and investments that create jobs, stimulate the local economy and expand a diversified tax base.

- 7 Beautification and Patio Grants were awarded, for a total of \$94,000
- The Fibre Optics Fee Rebate was introduced, a new incentive that offered up to a 100 per cent rebate on municipal fees for fibre alignment projects, promoting broadband expansion and digital infrastructure investment. 13 grants were issued for a total of \$75,619.
- The Municipal Fee Rebate expanded to accommodate high demand, ensuring more multi-family housing projects qualify for fee reimbursements and supporting greater housing affordability. 150 grants were approved, worth \$1.4 million.
- The New Business Development Grant eligibility threshold was lowered from \$25 million to \$18 million, making the grant more accessible to a wider range of businesses, including small-scale manufacturing, industrial processing and commercial warehouse projects.
- The Large Multi-Family Development Grant was introduced as a tax rebate based on incremental increase in assessed value year over year. 4 applications approved representing approximately 532 units being added under this program.

Work NW

The Work NW pilot led by the City of Grande Prairie, County of Grande Prairie and the Municipal District of Greenview in collaboration with the Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce and Northwestern Polytechnic continued with great success to cultivate a skilled and diverse labour force across the region.

Through a variety of partner grants supporting projects in the region for recruitment and retention, Work NW was able to complete Work NW pilot (2023–2025) proving the value of regional collaboration in workforce attraction and development. Delivered during this time were six regional sector profiles, a cost of living analysis, media library, workforce data and a work integrated learning (WIL) coordinator and dashboard.



By the numbers there was:



8.4x leverage of each municipal dollar, securing \$1.24 million in provincial and federal funding.



321 businesses onboarded, passing the target of 200.



1,082 people placed (665 paid), nearly tripling the target of 400.



50,729 website views from 32,000 users.



2.1M Meta impressions.





The Invest NW team, comprised of the City of Grande Prairie, the County of Grande Prairie and the Municipal District of Greenview championed our region across a number of events to showcase the opportunity that awaits.

Events included the Global Energy Show, Canadian Hydrogen Convention, Carbon Capture Canada, World Agri-Tech Innovation Summit, World Ag Expo, AFPA Conference (Alberta Forest Products Association), CERA Week, Petrochem Canada West and Alberta's Industrial Heartland Conference.



EV Charging Corridor

The City signed a 10-year lease agreement with SureCharge for land use at Centre 2000, for the installation of four electric vehicle rapid chargers in 2026. The agreement is building stronger connections for future visitors and residents to travel across the region with more diverse modes of transportation.

Transit Solar Project

The existing City Service Centre solar array was increased by 50% in 2025, adding approximately 1.2MW of microgeneration. Funded through the Canada Community-Building Fund, the solar array energy generated is used to charge transit's electric buses and surplus energy not used by the buses is fed back into the grid to reduce energy costs for the City Service Centre.



The City successfully completed year three of the Clean Energy Improvement Program, administered by the Alberta Municipal Services Corporation and funded by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund.

\$1.7 million has been awarded to date to support 67 projects for energy efficiency upgrades.





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