

# GRANDE PRAIRIE POLICING COMMITTEE

## Regular Meeting

February 20, 2025

1:30 PM

Centre 2000, Al Robertson Room

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 5. BUSINESS ARISING**
- 6. STANDING ITEMS**
  - 6.1 Chair Report
  - 6.2 OIC Report
    - a) 2024 Q3 Community Report
  - 6.3 Committees
    - a) Police Transition Management Committee
      - i. Terms of Reference
      - ii. January 23, 2025, Meeting Minutes
  - 6.4 Public Complaint Director
    - a) RCMP December 2024 Public Complaint Report
    - b) RCMP January 2025 Public Complaint Report
- 7. NEW BUSINESS**
- 8. CLOSED SESSION**
  - 8.1 Personnel – FOIP – Sec. 17(4)
  - 8.2 Law Enforcement Matters – FOIP – Sec. 20(1)
  - 8.3 Public Complaint Director – FOIP – Sec. 24(1)
  - 8.4 Professional Standards – FOIP – Sec. 17(4)
- 9. NEXT MEETING**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

**GRANDE PRAIRIE POLICING COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**January 16, 2025**

**Centre 2000, Al Robertson Room**

Attendees: Dan Wong  
Lois Duke  
Donna Koch  
Warren Travasso  
Timothy Burnham  
Councillor Dylan Bressey  
Councillor Kevin O’Toole  
Everett McDonald

Others: Lorrie Sitler, Executive Director  
Superintendent Peter King, RCMP  
Inspector Mark MacDougald, RCMP  
Superintendent Ed Moreland, K Division RCMP  
Western Alberta District Commander Roberta McKale, RCMP  
Director Nadim Lakhani, RCMP Headquarters  
Jacqueline Daigneault, Administrative Assistant

Regrets: Natalia Reiman  
Executive Director Nina Sahasrabuddhe, K Division RCMP

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Executive Director Sitler called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM
  2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
  3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented

**Moved by:** Councillor O’Toole  
**Carried Unanimously**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes of November 21, 2024, meeting as amended: Minutes say *Interim Chair*, to be changed to *Acting Chair*

**Moved by:** Donna Koch

**Carried Unanimously**

**5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

5.1 Chair

Call for Nominations for the Chair of the Grande Prairie Policing Committee. One recommendation for the position of Chair as Dan Wong.

Call for further nominations. No additional nominations received. Nominations closed.

Motion to cease nominations.

**Moved by:** Everett McDonald

**Carried Unanimously**

Dan Wong appointed as Chair of the Grande Prairie Policing Committee by acclamation.

Timothy Burnham Arrived at 1:34 PM

Chair Wong takes over the meeting at 1:34 PM

5.2 Vice Chair

Call for Nominations for the Vice Chair of the Grande Prairie Policing Committee. One recommendation for the position of Vice Chair as Natalia Reiman.

Call for further nominations. No additional nominations received. Nominations closed.

Natalia Reiman appointed as Vice Chair of the Grande Prairie Policing Committee by acclamation.

**6. BUSINESS ARISING**

**7. STANDING ITEMS**

7.1 Chair Report

7.2 OIC Report

a) Q2 Community Report

b) November 2024 RCMP Town Hall Report

Warren Travasso arrived at 1:39 PM

Motion to accept the Q2 Community Report and November 2024 RCMP Town Hall Report as

Chair

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presented.

**Moved by:** Everett McDonald

**Carried Unanimously**

**8. PUBLIC COMPLAINT DIRECTOR**

- a) RCMP November Public Complaint Reports
- b) RCMP 2023/2024 Public Complaint Comparisons

Motion to accept the November Public Complaint Reports and the 2023/2024 Public Complaint Comparisons as presented.

**Moved by:** Donna Koch

**Carried Unanimously**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- 9.1 Correspondence
  - a) AAPG – Minister Ellis

Motion to have the Chair send a letter to Minister Ellis requesting the current two provincial Commission appointees be appointed to the Policing Committee.

**Moved by:** Timothy Burnham

**Carried Unanimously**

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

- 10.1 Personnel – FOIP – Sec. 17(4)
- 10.2 Law Enforcement Matters – FOIP – Sec. 20(1)
- 10.3 Public Complaint Director – FOIP – Sec. 24(1)
- 10.4 Professional Standards – FOIP – Sec. 17(4)

Motion to move into closed session in accordance with Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act and specified sections of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

**Moved by:** Everett McDonald

**Carried Unanimously**



Motion to move out of closed session.

**Moved by:** Councillor O'Toole  
**Carried Unanimously**

Motion to have Chair Wong send a letter to Commanding Officer Rob Hill requesting the Grande Prairie Detachment OIC position be reassessed.

**Moved by:** Councillor Bressey  
**Carried Unanimously**

11. **NEXT MEETING** – February 20, 2025, at 1:30 pm, Al Robertson Room at Centre 2000

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wong adjourned the meeting at 3:07 PM

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Chair

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Executive Director

Chair

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February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Mr. Dan Wong  
Chair, Police Committee  
Grande Prairie City, AB

Dear Mr. Wong

Please find attached the quarterly Community Policing Report covering the period from October 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. This report serves to provide a quarterly snapshot of human resources, financial data, and crime statistics for the Grande Prairie City Detachment.

In the coming weeks, we will be compiling and correlating the information gleaned from the community town hall meetings and surveys completed in November of 2024. This will form the basis of drafting the community policing issues and priorities for the detachment to focus on in 2025 through to 2026. Similar to previous years, in March, we will hold a consultative meeting with yourself and representatives from the City to ensure the policing priorities are aligned with the desires of the Policing Commission and the City of Grande Prairie.

I also want to inform you of the Real Times Operations Centre (RTOC) that is supporting RCMP detachments across Alberta. In October 2022, RTOC was established to optimize our response to incidents around the province. RTOC involves senior police officers monitoring policing operations in real-time, assessing incident risk, coordinating specialized and expert resources, and managing the response. They provide members on the ground with guidance, direction, and support. It is also used to coordinate the deployment of all RCMP resources – federal, provincial, and municipal, both within Alberta and, if required, nationally. The RTOC facility uses cutting-edge technology to provide real time support during emergency situations to RCMP officers across Alberta and is another measure used to enhance public and police officer safety.

I always remain available to discuss your community-identified priorities and any other ideas you may have that will enhance our service delivery to address the priorities that are important to you. As the Chief of Police for your community, I invite you to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

Superintendent Peter King  
Officer in Charge  
Grande Prairie City Detachment

# Alberta RCMP - Municipal Policing Report

## Detachment Information

**Detachment Name**

Grande Prairie Municipal

**Detachment Commander**

Superintendent Peter King

Report Date	Fiscal Year	Quarter
February 20, 2025	2024-25	Q3 (October - December)

## Community Priorities

**Priority #1:**

**Transition to Municipal Police Service**

**Collaborate with Partners in Transition to Grande Prairie Police Service**

**Updates and Comments:**

The Grande Prairie RCMP detachment continues to enhance service delivery through focus efforts on key initiatives. Collaborating with Grande Prairie Protective Services (GPPS), the RCMP continues to integrate GPPS officers into its operations to strengthen community engagement and public safety. This partnership has already led to joint participation in several community events, with plans to onboard additional GPPS officers in the coming months.

Simultaneously, the detachment is advancing efforts to establish a stand-alone rural detachment. The land required for a new rural facility has been purchased and the organization is diligently working to attain Treasury Board approval for the project. Plans are continuing to temporarily relocate the Grande Prairie Rural detachment to the Western Alberta District (WAD) in 2025.

We continue to hold Monthly Detachment Meetings for all employees which serve as a crucial platform for keeping all employees updated on the latest developments and any important matters that may impact detachment personnel. Through these regular meetings, the detachment fosters open communication, addresses concerns promptly, and ensures that all employees are well-informed and prepared for change.

These measures reflect the Grande Prairie RCMPs commitment to optimizing resources, improving service delivery, and addressing the needs of both urban and rural communities

**Priority #2:**

**Community Engagement and Diversity  
Enhance Community Relations  
Build Trust/Confidence in RCMP**

**Updates and Comments:**

The Community Engagement and Diversity Unit continues to be very active attending community events, schools and classrooms, support groups and organizations, etc.

The Equity Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) advisory committee completed a fall meeting and established a framework to move forward with priorities, training and community events. The goal of the EDI committee is to establish priorities with a measurable target and to complete four meetings by the end of the fiscal year.

The watch presentations are going well, we have succeeded in obtaining our goal with more educational sessions planned for the winter and spring months. The percentage integrity is a snap shot of the last three months and is not a measure that can be tallied cumulatively. This reporting period the total falls within the expected percentage.

**Priority #3:**

**Community Safety  
Enhance Community Safety through Intelligence Lead Policing**

**Updates and Comments:**

The Criminal Analyst research continued throughout this quarter and will until the end of this reporting period. The analysts completed research to identify prolific social disorder offenders in the downtown core. A short list of offenders was created and the number one target was located, arrested and remanded into custody by a Justice of the Peace as part of a Judicial Interim Release hearing. The work of the analysts directly contributed to the successful outcome and we will continue to focus our enforcement efforts on the prolific offenders in the downtown core. The Analysts continue to prepare and disseminate reports on prolific offenders and areas of the city to focus proactive patrols.

Executed warrants at the end of this quarter have exceeded targets. The detachment target and goal for quarter two was to execute 415 outstanding warrants. For quarter two the team executed 484 warrants. Conditions checks are exceeding target for this quarter and have surpassed overall annual target. The target for quarter two was to complete 150 conditions checks while the team completed 458. Proactive and visibility patrols at the Community Care Campus, Wapiti and Downtown all far exceed the targets for this quarter. Benchmark targets were established at 80, 400 and 100 while the team achieved 317, 1157 and 1423. Overall these measures are surpassing this initiative!!



## Community Consultations

### Consultation #1

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>
October 3, 2024	Community Connection
<b>Topics Discussed</b>	
Education Session; Diversity; Regular Reporting/Information Sharing	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b>	
Two members spoke with approx. 150 citizens about various topics at an event on October 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024.	

### Consultation #2

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>
November 20, 2024	Community Connection
<b>Topics Discussed</b>	
Education Session; Youth	
<b>Notes/Comments:</b>	
One member attended Alliance Church and spoke with approx. 20 youth on theme of resilience, mental health, and self-confidence.	

## Municipal Operations: Human Resources Overview

Staffing Category	Established Positions	Working	Special Leave	Hard Vacancies
Regular Members	110	88	12	10
Detachment Support	58	52	1	0

### Notes:

1. Data extracted on February 4, 2025 and is subject to change.
2. Once Regular Members are placed on "Special Leave" (e.g., Maternity/Paternity leave, medical leave more than 30 days, leave without pay, graduated return to work), they are not included in the FTE count and their pay is not charged directly to each location. However, any salary expenditures associated with these employees while on leave is included as an "indirect cost" and billed within the Divisional Administration rate, charged to all contracts.
3. Hard Vacancies reflect positions that do not have an employee attached and need to be filled.

### Comments:

As of February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Information changes frequently.

#### Police Officers:

- Of the 110 established positions, 101 positions are funded.
- 88 officers are currently working.
- 12 officers are on special leave.
  - o Six Medical, three Parental, three Graduated Return to Work and two Other.
- 10 hard vacancies.
  - o Three experienced RCMP officers identified to transfer in to backfill vacancies. Pending house sale at current posting/location.
  - o Seven vacancies created for incoming GPPS officers.
  - o One experienced GPPS officer and six GPPS new recruits starting in March.
- This information includes two municipally-funded ALERT positions.

## Crime Statistics

The following table provides policing statistics on actual offences within the periods listed.

Category	October - December			January - December		
	2023	2024	% Change YoY	2023	2024	% Change YoY
<b>Total Criminal Code</b>	2858	2526	- 12%	11340	10968	-3%
Persons Crime	574	559	- 3%	2387	2291	-4%
Property Crime	1408	1263	-10%	5750	5573	- 3%
Other Criminal Code	876	704	- 20%	3230	3104	-3%
<b>Drugs Offences</b>	61	60	-2%	257	269	+5%
<b>Total Federal Acts</b>	73	69	- 5%	328	322	-2%
<b>Total Provincial Acts <sup>4</sup></b>	828	881	6%	3440	3455	0%
<b>Municipal By-Laws</b>	6260	48	-23%	240	209	-13%
<b>Motor Vehicle Collisions</b>	502	494	-2%	1711	1633	-5%
<b>Total Traffic Offences</b>						
Provincial Code Traffic	1562	955	- 39%	6351	4592	- 28%
Criminal Code Traffic	<b>128</b>	82	- 36%	558	392	-30%
Other Traffic	28	14	- 50%	73	46	-37%

### Notes:

1. Data is extracted from a live database (PROS) and is subject to change over time.
2. Statistics for the [Months] period reflect RCMP records as of October 8, 2024.
3. Full-year statistics reflect RCMP records as of January 5, 2024.
4. "Total Provincial Acts" include records of non-offence activities that are undertaken by Detachment members, in addition to actual offences under various provincial acts. Non-offence activities may include activities under the *Mental Health Act*, *Coroners Act*, and other provincial legislation in Alberta.



GRANDE PRAIRIE  
**POLICE COMMISSION**

Police Transition Management Committee  
Draft Terms of Reference

**1. Objective and Purpose**

- 1.1. The Police Transition Management Committee (PTMC) is established to provide support by the Policing Committee and support and oversight by the Police Commission during the phased and integrated police transition.
- 1.2. To ensure the safe, orderly, effective and efficient transition of municipal policing services in Grande Prairie from the RCMP contract policing to the Grande Prairie Police Service (GPPS), in a manner that maintains a high level of public confidence, community safety and cost-effectiveness for the City's residents.
- 1.3. To provide the Police Commission and Policing Committee with timely detailed updates on the transition from the GPPS and RCMP perspective.

**2. Composition**

- 2.1. The Police Transition Management Committee (PTMC) will consist of a minimum of three (3) Commission/Policing Committee members, the Commission Executive Director, Grande Prairie Police Service Chief of Police (Chief), Grande Prairie RCMP Detachment OIC (OIC), City of Grande Prairie Chief of Public and Protective Services.
- 2.2. The PTMC Chair and Members will be appointed by the Police Commission and Policing Committee Chair.

**3. Meetings**

- 3.1. The PTMC will meet on a regular basis, as determined by the Chair, no less than once every three months.
- 3.2. Additional meetings may be called by request of the majority of the Committee.

3.3. All discussions by the PTMC will follow the protocols of a Closed Meeting; therefore, they will remain confidential to allow for an environment conducive to open dialogue.

#### **4. Responsibilities & Scope**

- 4.1. Have the Chief and OIC provide the PTMC with updates regarding the police transition and keep the Committee informed of risks or issues that are impacting a phased and integrated police transition.
- 4.2. Provide guidance and support to the Chief and OIC in respect to a successful police transition.
- 4.3. Address risks, evaluate their impact, and provide suggestions to navigate successfully when possible.
- 4.4. Keep the Police Commission and Policing Committee informed on transition progress and potential risks in accordance with Section 5.

#### **5. Reporting**

- 5.1. The Police Transition Management Committee will provide meeting minutes to the Police Commission and Policing Committee.
- 5.2. The PTMC Chair will provide the updates at the Police Commission and Policing Committee meetings.

#### **6. Review and Amendments**

- 6.1. These Terms of Reference will be in place until change of command.
- 6.2. Amendments require the approval of the Police Commission and Policing Committee.

These Terms of Reference were approved by the Police Transition Management Committee on January 23, 2025.

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Chair, Police Transition Management Committee

These Terms of Reference were approved by the Commission and Policing Committee on .

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Chair, Grande Prairie Police Commission  
Chair, Grande Prairie Policing Committee

Grande Prairie Police Commission  
Grande Prairie Policing Committee  
Police Transition Management Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 23, 2025  
City Hall, South Conference Room

In attendance: Committee Chair Reiman, Commissioner Bressey, Commissioner Burnham, Chief Lakusta, Superintendent King, Chief of Public & Protective Services Lemieux, Executive Director Sitler

1. Committee Chair Reiman called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented

Motion: Commissioner Bressey  
Carried

3. Committee Terms of Reference

Motion to approve the Terms of Reference as presented

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham  
Carried

Motion to move into closed session  
Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

4. Transition Updates

Motion to move out of closed session

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham  
Carried

5. Recommendations to the Commission and Policing Committee

- a) Approve the Committee Terms of Reference as submitted
- b) Have RCMP National and K Division representatives return to a Policing Committee meeting

Motion to bring recommendations to the Commission and Policing Committee

Moved by: Commissioner Bressey  
Carried

6. Meeting adjourned at 5:08 PM



**December 1 – 31<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**(City and Rural Public Complaints)**

<b>New Complaints- December 2023</b>	<b>Total Complaints for 2023</b>	<b>Active 2023 Complaints</b>	<b>Active 2022 Complaints</b>	<b>Active 2021 Complaints</b>	<b>Concluded</b>	<b>Total Active Complaints</b>
2	29	29	1	0	0	30

**December 1 – 31<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**(City and Rural Public Complaints)**

<b>New Complaints- December 2024</b>	<b>Total Complaints for 2024</b>	<b>Active 2024 Complaints</b>	<b>Active 2023 Complaints</b>	<b>Active 2022 Complaints</b>	<b>Concluded</b>	<b>Total Active Complaints</b>
0	25	5	0	0	8	5

**January 1-31, 2024**  
**(City & Rural Public Complaints)**

<b>New Complaints- January 2024</b>	<b>Total Complaints for 2024</b>	<b>Active 2024 Complaints</b>	<b>Active 2023 Complaints</b>	<b>Active 2022 Complaints</b>	<b>Concluded</b>	<b>Total Active Complaints</b>
0	0	29	29	1	0	30

**January 1-31, 2025**  
**City**

<b>New Complaints- January 2025</b>	<b>Total Complaints for 2025</b>	<b>Active 2025 Complaints</b>	<b>Active 2024 Complaints</b>	<b>Active 2023 Complaints</b>	<b>Concluded</b>	<b>Total Active Complaints</b>
4	4	2	0	0	2	2