# GRANDE PRAIRIE

#### **QUARTERLY TRANSITION UPDATE**

July 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024

## **Organizational Updates**

- ➤ Of the five experience officers from the first Experience Officer Program, two were deployed to the Grande Prairie RCMP detachment in early July.
- ➤ The MOU was finalized with ALERT with one experienced officer being deployed to their team on July 8<sup>th</sup> at the rank of Detective.
- > The remaining two experienced officers will remain with the transition team to develop critical areas such as the Tactical Response and Crime Scene Investigations
  Teams
- ➤ The Commission approved the 2025 Policing Services budget to be presented to City Council.
- ➤ The Commission welcomed Provincial Appointee, Everett McDonald, at his first meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- > GPPS initiated a response to concerns regarding road and traffic noise disruptions throughout the city. Two structured vehicle check points were established, resulting in numerous violations.
- > GPPS is working with stakeholders to develop a community based Integrated Social Response and Wellness Model for Grande Prairie. This includes 211 and 988 calls for assistance.

## **Recruitment Updates**

- In partnership with Eastlink Centre, GPPS created a training program to assist female applicants who are anticipated to, or may have, struggled with successfully completing the APREP portion of the application process. A number of females have signed up for this program.
- Applications for the second recruit class, that will commence in March of 2025, continue to be received. As of September, there were 164 applications received. 40 applicants have already passed the APCAT stage.
- > GPPS continues to facilitate APCAT and APREP testing in Grande Prairie.
- Municipal Enforcement Services continue to receive applications for five open positions. Over 130 applications have been received.

### **Equipment and Branding Updates**

> Developing the Remote Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) and have a vendor coming at the end of September to provide GPPS and Fire a demonstration on their drones. A

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- potential partnership with GP Fire would provide financial efficiencies for both organizations.
- ➤ The Operations Support Commander continues to work with the Edmonton Police Service on developing the K-9 and Tactical programs.

## **Training Updates**

- ➤ On July 9<sup>th</sup>, several GPPS, Enforcement Services and Mobile Outreach team members attended Edmonton to learn strategies on combatting social disorder, encampments, and associated crime with the Edmonton Police Service and toured several facilities that support these initiatives.
- > Sergeant Fraser attended Edmonton Police Service to learn about best practices from their Forensics Identification Team.
- > The first recruit class (RTC #1) commenced training on September 9<sup>th</sup> and are anticipated to graduate in February of 2025.
- > RTC #1 completed the Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) providing them with the knowledge and skills necessary to operate emergency vehicles in emergency and non-emergency situations.
- Three Peace Officers are completing their Peace Officer training at the Lac La Bich Peace Officer Training Academy.

## Coming Up in Q4

- ➤ The second experienced officer class will commence on October 21<sup>st</sup>. With members anticipated to be deployed in December.
- > One experience officer from EOP #1 is anticipated to be deployed to the RCMP Detachment in the Forensic Identification Unit.
- > Three experiences officers have been identified for the second Experienced Officer Program (EOP) that will commence on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- > Several GPPS members will participate in the City's Engage Grande Prairie event on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.