



**Grande Prairie Aboriginal Circle of Services
Grande Prairie Museum
October 24, 2017
Minutes**



In attendance:

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| 1. Carmella Goodswimmer | CYFEA, WCTC |
| 2. Charles Taws | City of Grande Prairie, Grande Prairie Museum |
| 3. Dennis Whitford | 2Thunder Consulting |
| 4. Kirsten Mikkelsen | GPRC |
| 5. Lori Loureiro | Rupertsland Institute |
| 6. Miranda Laroche | GPFC |
| 7. Paulette Seniantha | GPVSB |
| 8. Russel Armatage | Rupertsland Institute |
| 9. Shannon Dunfield | FNMI, GPPSD |
| 10. Suzette Fowler | Big Brothers, Big Sisters |
| 11. Wendy Goulet | CSS, GOA |

1.0 Opening of meeting

- 1.1) Tobacco provided to Dennis Whitford, by Shannon Dunfield to provide opening prayer.
- 1.2) Meeting called to order at 10:00 am by Shannon Dunfield, Co-Chair.
- 1.3) Round Circle of introductions, name and organization representing.

2. Agenda

- 2.1) Motion to approve agenda with additions moved by Carmella Goodswimmer. Carried.

3. Review of Minutes

- 3.1) Motion to accept minutes from September 26, 2017 with corrections accepted moved by Miranda Laroche. Carried.

4. Review Action Items

- 4.3) GP Parks & Recreation naming projects of bridges in Muskoseepi Park. Tabled.
- 4.4) Alberta Education Minister Eggen, Fall Tour. No response from the Ministers office.
- 4.5) Deputy Minister of Community & Social Services Shannon Marchand November tour. Tabled.
- 4.6) Letter of support for Indigenous Indigenization of TRC Calls to Action for GPRC. This letter was completed by Shannon Dunfield and submitted to GPRC.

5. Review of Correspondence

- 5.1) No correspondence



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6. Standing Committee Updates

6.1 Service Credit Union GPACOS Account.

- Balance in the bank was shared. Direction not to put balance in the minutes.

6.2 GPACOS Snack Schedule.

- Thank you Paulette Seniantha, VSB for October amazing stew and fried bannock.
- Sign-up sheet was passed around.

6.3 GPACOS Round Dance

- November 17 ,2017
- Please share edited poster.
- Request and reminder for all agencies & GPACOS members need gather give away items for the Round Dance. Items can be dropped off with Carmella Goodswimmer at WCTC office 9802-77 avenue, Grande Prairie.
- Sponsorship letter has been circulated to membership.

6.4 GPRC –Indigenous Studies Degree Program Committee

- In the midst of redesigning the online component of Indigenous Studies.
- **Aboriginal Administration Diploma**, GPRC
- <https://www.gprc.ab.ca/programs/aboriginal-administration.html>
- The Aboriginal Administration interdisciplinary program is designed to provide students with basic business knowledge, an introduction to aboriginal studies, and development of essential skills for critical thinking, research, writing and planning. Graduates will be prepared to pursue entry-level careers in a wide range of organizations and businesses within an Aboriginal context.
- We as GPACOS need to help promote the program for enrollment.

6.5 Women's Initiatives (WWOS**)**

1. Core group of organizing committee is meeting October 24, 2017 at 5:30 pm at the GPFC.
2. Please email gpwwos@gmail.com to be added to email mail out list.
3. <http://www.peaceriveraic.com/gp-walking-details.php>
<https://www.facebook.com/Walking-With-Our-Sisters-Grande-Prairie-Alberta-Canada-1607809066136994/?fref=ts>



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6.6 Aboriginal Artifact & Art Show 2017 -

- Sub-Committee from May 2016 Marge Mueller, Charles Taws. Kelly Benning, Darlene Cardinal and Donna Belcourt.
- This will be an Indigenous into exhibit that will be on display at Museum from December 2017 to September 2018.
- Opening day will be December 9 ,2017

6.7 City of GP Aboriginal Cultural Centre Tabled

- Subcommittee Darlene Cardinal, Lisa Watson, Marge Mueller and Angie Crerar

6.8 Orange Shirt Day September 30,2017 at the newly opened Mamawi Concourse.

- Committee Angela Sutherland, Michelle Grant, Marge Mueller, Jackie Boivin and Shannon Dunfield.
- September 30, 2017 from 1:00pm- 5:00pm there was four tipi's with teachings & Elders, WWOS Pop-up Beading, Jigging, Drum Making, Blanket Exercise, Parent-Link hosted orange themed activities for kids. Key notes speakers speaking of Residential School impacts were very good. Orange Shirt Day was well attended.

7. Other Items

7.1 Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women

- Women in Leadership workshop. Shannon reached out them if we can confirm registration of 20 they would be interested in coming out in January, February.

7.2 Us & Them

- The United Way Alberta Northwest in partnership with HIV North Society Grande Prairie is proud to announce a screening of US AND THEM by Canadian filmmaker Krista Loughton. This screening is made possible by Presentation Sponsor Skyline Well Testing Inc.
- Admission is free, however, donations will be accepted. Please REGISTER TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT. There are only 145 seats available. Doors open at 6:30 PM. All proceeds in support of the United Way Alberta Northwest and our community partners.
- Us and Them is a film that shatters misconceptions about why people end up on the streets through its compassionate narrative. Short panel discussion with the film's writer and director, Krista Loughton to follow. This screening is on November
- <http://www.usandthemthefilm.ca/bios.html>



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8.0 Sharing Circle (Agency Updates) not recorded

Date: October 24, 2017
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9.0 Adjournment at 12:20pm