



**Grande Prairie Aboriginal Circle of Services
Grande Prairie Museum
September 26, 2017
Minutes**



In attendance:

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| 1. Andrea Deleeuw | GPFC/GPRC Circle of Indigenous Students |
| 2. Angela Sutherland | City of GP |
| 3. Bev Cameron | CSS, GOA |
| 4. Carmella Goodswimmer | CYFEA, WCTC |
| 5. Carrie Partington | ECRC, Parent Link |
| 6. Charles Taws | City of Grande Prairie, Grande Prairie Museum |
| 7. Darlene Cardinal | Dar Car Development |
| 8. Desiree Mearon | GPPSD ,FNMI |
| 9. Hope Regimbald | CNRL |
| 10. Jackie Boivin | Centrepont Facilitation |
| 11. Jeff Erbach | Art Gallery of Grande Prairie |
| 12. Jennifer Spencer | HIV North |
| 13. Kathy Dube | GPFC |
| 14. Kelly Benning | Community Member |
| 15. Kirsten Mikkelsen | GPRC |
| 16. Krista Umble | GPRC |
| 17. Leah Chambers | ASLS |
| 18. Laura Tapson | Grande Prairie Catholic |
| 19. Louis Duke | Kelly Lake Community Centre, Foothills First Nation |
| 20. Loretta Parenteau-English | GPRC |
| 21. Lori Loureiro | Rupertsland Institute |
| 22. Marge Mueller | NCSA |
| 23. Maureen Laboucan | GPFC |
| 24. Michelle Grant | CSS, GOA |
| 25. Miranda Laroche | GPFC |
| 26. Natasha Okimaw | GPFC |
| 27. Paulette Seniantha | GPVSB |
| 28. Russel Armatage | Rupertsland Institute |
| 29. Shannon Dunfield | FNMI, GPPSD |
| 30. Shelly Calliou | Kelly Lake Cree Nation |
| 31. Stacy Lamoureux | GPPSD Family Outreach |
| 32. Vi Meck | AHS |
| 33. Walter White | Community Member |
| 34. Wendy Goulet | CSS, GOA |

1.0 Opening of meeting

- 1.1) Tobacco provided to Darlene Cardinal, 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.



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2. Agenda

- 2.1) Motion to approve agenda with additions moved by Michelle Grant/Kathy Dube. Carried.

3. Review of Minutes

- 3.1) Motion to accept minutes from June 27, 2017 with corrections accepted moved by Kelly Benning/Leah Chambers. Carried.

4. Review Action Items

4.1) Co-Chair Elections

1. Shannon Dunfield passed the Chair to Michelle Grant.
2. Michelle Grant asked the current co-chairs if they would like their names to stand.
3. Marge Mueller declined. Shannon Dunfield accepted.
4. Call for nominations for Co-chair.
5. Lois Duke nominated Kelly Benning. Seconded by Marge Mueller.
6. Kelly Benning accepted and let her name stand.
7. There were no more nominations after three calls.
8. Kelly Benning & Shannon Dunfield are Co-Chairs of GPACOS by acclamation.
9. Michelle Grant passed the chair back to Shannon Dunfield after thanking Marge Mueller for being a Co-Chair of GPACOS for 6 years.

4.2) TOR Annual Report

- Consensus that GPACOS is updated on activities via the minutes of the meetings.

4.3) Grande Prairie Parks & Recreation- Naming Projects of Bridges in Muskoseepi Park

- After speaking with community about names in the park in Dene'tha, Beaver, Cree, Mitchif we need to follow proper protocol.
- One challenge is Beaver is an oral language not written.

5. Review of Correspondence

- 5.1) Servus Credit Union Bank Statement period ending June 30, 2017 and July 31, 2017. Circulated
- 5.2) Pembina Pipeline Corporation. \$1000 donation to Orange Shirt Day.



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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.

Motion to approve balance as presented by Jennifer Spencer and Miranda Laroche. Carried.

- New co-chair to be added as a signer at the bank currently the signers are Shannon Dunfield, Marge Mueller, Carmella Goodswimmer and Wendy Goulet.

Motion to add Kelly Benning as a signing authority on the bank account, moved by Jennifer Spencer and seconded by Miranda Laroche. Carried.

6.2 GPACOS Snack Schedule.

- Thank you Carmella Goodswimmer for September snack.
- Sign-up sheet was passed around.

6.3 GPACOS Round Dance

- GPRC is available for November 17 ,2017
- Michelle Grant & Loretta Parenteua-English will present Walter White with tobacco to organize the cultural event component of the Round Dance.
- Request and reminder for all agencies & GPACOS members to start gathering give away items for the Round Dance. Items can be dropped off with Carmella Goodswimmer at WCTC office.
- Shannon Dunfield will create the sponsorship letter and circulate to membership.
- Carrie Partington added Parent Link will do the children activities again.
- Centrepoint provided gift cards
- Marge Mueller will help with decorating

6.4 GPRC –Indigenous Studies Degree Program Committee

- In the midst of redesigning the online component of Indigenous Studies.
- Registration has increased from last year. There is also five free community spots.+
- There is a new Indigenous Peer Mentorship Program and Tutoring Program.

6.5 Women's Initiatives ([WWOS](#))

1. Pop-up meeting & beading was held in Peace River & High Level. Kelly Lake, High Prairie, Dawson Creek, Duncan First Nation and Cadotte Lake/Little Buffalo are to happen also.
2. Fort St. John, BC is hosting the bundle after is us in August 2018. Committee has reached out to Connie Grey-Eyes.



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3. The WWOS Bundle will be retired in Batoche in Spring of 2019.
4. Call out for medicine harvesters for exhibit, sage is needed.
5. Thank you to all that have brought in medicines and especially to the Indigenous Studies Program at GPRC.
6. GP WWOS needs Men for firekeepers.
7. Please email gppwos@gmail.com to be added to email mail out list.
8. <http://www.peaceriveraic.com/gp-walking-details.php>
<https://www.facebook.com/Walking-With-Our-Sisters-Grande-Prairie-Alberta-Canada-1607809066136994/?fref=ts>

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 to September 2018.

6.7 City of GP Aboriginal Cultural Centre Tabled

1 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.
- Orange Shirt Day is included in the planning of AB Cultural Days.
- September 30, 2017 from 1:00pm- 5:00pm there will be four tipi's with teachings, WWOS Pop-up Beading, Jigging, Drum Making, Blanket Exercise, Parent-Link is hosting orange themed activities for kids.

7. Other Items

7.1 AB Education Minister Eggen Fall Tour.

- Consensus to request a meeting with Minister Eggen on his Fall Tour.

7.2 Deputy Minister of Community & Social Services Shannon Marchand

- The DM Shannon Marchand would like to meet with community and stakeholders in November on a Thursday. Consensus to meet with Shannon Marchand.

7.3 Sister in Spirit Walk in Grande Prairie October 4, 2017

starting at the GPRC front steps and continue to Grande Prairie Friendship Centre. There will be a memorial table for pictures



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and families can speak. Please where blue and if you have any Red Dress please contact Maureen Laboucan at GPFC.

7.4 Sisters in Spirit Walk in Valleyview.

- Wendy Goulet has helped Rollanda Thomas organize the first walk in Valleyview. We are requesting support from Grande Prairie. The walk will start at 11:00am at the 5201-50 ave and continue to Jubilee Park for vigil.

7.5 GPRC proposal to fund Indigenous Indigenization of TRC Calls to Action.

- GPRC requesting letter of support from GPACOS .Consensus to provide support letter.

7.6 Opening of Mamawe Concourse September 29,2017

- September 29, 2017 at 11:30am-1:30pm
- Darlene Cardinal is MC; there will be dancers and free burgers.

8.0 Sharing Circle (Agency Updates) not recorded

Date: October 24, 2017

Time: 10 am to 12 pm

Location: GP Museum

9.0 Adjournment at 12:20pm