



## MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

# Manager's Report

**Department:** Community Services

**Submitted by:** Michelle Honeyman, Director

**Date:** 4/8/2025

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**Director of Community Services, Michelle Honeyman**

### **Culture, Social & Emergency Services-Goal 2-Enhance communication to our public.**

Land Titles has returned the Sturgeon Heights Cemetery documents to Administration with a notice of deficiency. Administration is working on the deficiencies and will resubmit to the Land Titles office upon completion.

Administration attended a Child Care Community Needs Assessment virtually with local government representatives, hosted by the Government of Alberta, Ministry of Jobs, Economy and Trade (JET). The purpose of the session was to provide an overview of the Child Care Needs Assessment process, and get additional feedback, with 3 key objectives:

- Engagement Context: Provide an overview of the Child Care Needs Assessment
- Get your Feedback: Provide an opportunity for you to share your thoughts and feedback on your community's childcare needs, challenges, priorities, and vision for the future.
- Q&A and Next Steps: Provide an open floor for questions and outline key next steps in the upcoming engagement.

Next steps are:

- Complete a childcare needs survey before March 20
- A survey for providers will be available in the spring
- A report will be provided to municipalities by June 2025

Administration attended a virtual workshop hosted by Tamarack "Community Engagement: From Debate to Dialogue." The workshop included techniques to help facilitate engagement, creating shared realities between different perspectives how to create more opportunity for healthy dialogue.

Assisted the Grovedale Cemetery Committee in completing their annual grant report and a capital grant request.

Administration attended the Sweathouse Community Hall meeting. Discussions were had regarding safety items, updates on the hall assessment list and their plans for parking/trailer stalls behind the hall. Administration will discuss options for the group with Ag Services and Operations.

Assisted the Kakwa Sherman Trail Society with grant reporting and their 2025 grant application.

Assisted the Valleyview Sun Valley Pioneers with getting started on the Grant Portal and starting their annual report. Also went over how to submit a sponsorship request.

The Big Horn Golden Age Club funding agreements for a \$550,000.00 capital grant towards matching funds for a CFEP grant and a capital grant up to \$17,000.00 for the ramp project have been completed.

Administration delivered asset surplus items to the Valleyview Vipers Swim Club. The board was incredibly grateful for the two laptops and two iPad as it will help immensely with their coaches and board members.

**Governance-Goal 4-Provide quality municipal services.**

The CAO has approved the following sponsorships and donations:

Organization Name	Event	CAO Approved
Valleyview Cup	Valleyview Cup Hockey Tournament	\$300.00 in kind
Alberta Game Wardens Association	General Meeting and fundraiser hockey tournament	\$200.00 in-kind
Valleyview Sun Valley Pioneer Center	Valleyview Sun Valley Pioneers 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration	\$500.00 in kind plus 200 items for swag bags
<b>Competition Sponsorships</b>		
Grande Cache Community High School	4 students to attend High School Curling Provincials	\$600.00
East Smoky Minor Hockey (Ridge Valley Rustlers U15)	6 athletes attended the U15 hockey provincials	\$800.00
Valleyview Minor Hockey U18 Ice Bears	5 athletes attended the U18 hockey provincials	\$700.00
Kiran Shaw	Provincial and National Volleyball	\$600.00

The Greenview Sponsorships and In-Kind Donations Policy states the “CAO, or designate, has the delegated authority to approve a sponsorship or donation for a single event up to a maximum of \$1,000.00” and it also states, “Administration will provide an update to Council regarding sponsorships and donations approved by the CAO in the monthly manager’s report”.

**Agricultural Services Manager, Sheila Kaus**

**Environment- Goal 3; Create a balance between development and natural resources**

Administration has been busy with recruitment of seasonal staff, preparations for the upcoming control season, and early communications for active pest notices and weed infestations. All landowners and managers with land under pest notice have been contacted via phone call and then mailed letters as follow

up. Landowners with weed infestations approaching notice have been contacted ahead of field activities in hopes of control efforts being completed in tandem with spring field activities.

The Provincial Weed Review Committee met to discuss species of plants that were submitted to the Ministry through the survey in the open answer portion. Additionally, each open answer comment was assessed to determine if all concerns had been addressed. Some of the comments related to the legislation, which was not the mandate of the committee, but these suggestions have been noted by the Ministry and will be applied should the Act be open for review in the future.

To allow seasonal staff more experience with weeds common in Greenview, Administration has begun a gardening project to have weed seedlings available to staff, in-house. Working with Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, seeds were procured for Burdock, Tall Buttercup, Scentless Chamomile, Common Tansy, White Cockle, Toadflax, and Himalayan Balsam. The seed was tightly controlled, and the seedlings are currently growing in the staff room of the Agricultural Building. This will be a valuable resource for the seasonal staff. Wild Caraway seeds and other species will be collected in 2025 to allow the department to provide this training resource annually.

Administration is nearing completion of a public-facing weed complaint application. The application is built to collect the complaint, have the department investigate, and report back to the complainant. Prior to launching the application publicly, Administration is testing to ensure that no private data can be accessed through the link. Administration is hopeful the application will be available prior to the beginning of May.

### Extension and Outreach Activities

**Environment- Goal 3; Create a balance between development and natural resources**

**Economy- Goal 2; Create a diverse economy**

Shelterbelt seedlings are now 60% sold out with only 2,700 of the 6,700 available seedlings remaining. On March 8th, a Gardening and Seed Swap was held in Valleyview with 15 people in attendance. Events like seed swaps offer a valuable opportunity to increase awareness about potential seed contaminants like scentless chamomile that are frequently included in popular wildflower seed mixes available commercially. While recruitment for the Landcare Coordinator position continues, the Department aims to deliver a sprayer calibration and weed incentive event at Sunset House in late April, early May. A pruning event is scheduled for May in Grande Cache.

### Problem Wildlife Work Orders

File Status	Beaver- MD	Beaver- Ratepayer	Customer Service	Predation	Totals
In Queue	-	-	-	-	
Open	4	1	2	9	16
Closed	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>

Up to March 26<sup>th</sup>, the team has removed 4 problem beaver, 13 problem coyote, and 1 problem wolf.

### VSI Quarterly Reports and Service Breakdown – 2025

**Economy- Goal 2; Create a diverse economy**

Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) encourages livestock producers to access veterinary care and maintain herd health, protecting the economic viability of their livestock operation. The totals for 2024 were received and saw a 2.3% increase over 2023. The requisition for 2025 totals \$138,000 has been paid for the year. First quarter totals are expected in late April.

	# Client Claims	2024	+/- (%)	# Client Claims	2023	+/- (%)
Q1	84	\$20,760.79	-7.53	80	\$22,540.38	+30.01
Q2	180	\$39,801.06	-3.59	190	\$41,281.84	+23
Q3	72	\$15,074.13	+30.7	69	\$11,534.28	+81
Q4	113	\$52,151.75	+5.1%	124	\$49,639.40	+20.8
TOTAL	449	\$127,787.73	+2.3%	463	\$124,905.90	+27.1

The Agricultural Equipment Rental Program contributes to the economic viability of agricultural producers by providing equipment for rent that is cost-prohibitive to purchase when measured against the frequency of use. Rental Equipment stands at 66.5 rental days up to March 26<sup>th</sup>, without rental days from the satellite locations. Two new postpones were received and delivered to the satellite rental locations. These pieces of equipment are the most heavily utilized pieces of equipment. The heavy disc for the Grovedale location was repaired and delivered back to the Grovedale yard. The manure spreader is being outfitted with new tires and the fertilizer spreader has seen significant maintenance related to corrosion on gears and bearings. This is a frequent issue with fertilizer spreader due to the corrosive nature of the product. A new No-Till Seed Drill was ordered for delivery in 2026.

**Protective Services Manager, Wayne Brown**

**Culture, Social & Emergency Services**

**Administration:**

On March 13, 2025, STN 33-Grande Cache Deputy Fire Chief met with the Foothills FireSmart Coordinating Committee to discuss the wildfire forecast and coordinate plans for the season.

On March 17, 2025, the Regional Fire Chief (RFC) met with Atlin Solutions representative to discuss progress made on the Greenview Emergency Management Plan and the pending training and planned wildfire simulation. A training session and wildfire simulation is scheduled for April 23, 2025, at the Greenview Operations Building.

As part of the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) Grant, supported work on the re-treatment of the existing Grande Cache fire guards, interested vendors have submitted bids that are currently being reviewed.

On March 19, RFC met with Greenview Director – Land Use & Development, Forestry and the Consultant to discuss next steps regarding dispositions for the planned Nose Creek Fire Guard. The Director and the Consultant will work together to complete the task and advance the project.

On March 21, 2025, RFC conducted fire inspections with RCMP and Alberta Health Services on two Fox Creek hotels with reported fire code and gas code violations. Due to a serious gas leak and an incident of carbon monoxide exposure, ATCO gas removed the gas meter until the HVAC system is functioning safely.

Interviews continue for the Regional Deputy Fire Chief position for STN 31-DeBolt.

On March 25, 2025, as part of the FRIAA Grant application for Fire Smarting at the Muskeg Seepee Coop, RFC presented a Request for Decision requesting a letter of support from Council to facilitate the process. Council approved the request.

RFC has successfully completed the Internal Audit required by the Alberta Safety Codes Council, with the audit information submitted on March 25, 2025.

**Fire Stations:**

**STN 31-DeBolt:**

Unit 3131 Wet-Rescue Unit officially entered service on March 10, 2025. Big thanks to STN 31 firefighters who completed the upfit of this unit.

On March 11, 2025, Unit 3131 (see photo 1) responded to its' first incident, which was a fire in an abandoned cabin. Fire crew quickly extinguished the fire.

**STN 32-Grovedale:**

On March 11, 2025, RCMP Sgt. Power delivered a presentation (see Photo 2) on an Active Shooter incident and the role of a fire service in support of a RCMP response. The session was well attended and included the Grovedale Peace Officers.

**STN 33-Grande Cache**

STN33 Regional Deputy Fire Chief attended the Alberta First Responders Radio Communications meeting in Lethbridge convened by Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA). This was for an increased understanding of the system, including Dispatch, Fire, Police and EMS.

On March 22, 2025, STN33 Firefighters participated in "Sports Equipment for Kids" Charity Hockey Tournament (see Photo 3). Excellent community outreach by the firefighters.

**Emergency Response Call Volumes:**

**Emergency Incidents**

February 25, 2025 to March 25, 2025

	STN 31	STN 32	STN 33
Emergency Response	3	3	2
Medical Co-Response	6	3	16

Of the total 8 Emergency Responses:

- 2 - Motor Vehicle Collisions
- 2 – Alarm
- 1 – Structure Fire
- 2 – Vehicle Fire
- 1 – Vegetation/Wildland/Brush/Grass

Fire Crews stood down five times for Emergency Responses and five times for Medical Co-Responses.

PHOTO 1



PHOTO 2



PHOTO 3



## **Enforcement Manager, George Ferraby**

### **Culture, Social & Emergency Services**

#### **Period of February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Community Peace Officer (CPO) Thomas STEIL started in Grande Cache on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

John JABAT was hired as the new CPO for the Valleyview area on March 24<sup>th</sup>. He will serve the role of Bylaw Officer until he receives his training in the fall of 2025.

All the Starlinks have been installed in the CPO vehicles. CPOs now have the ability to communicate anywhere in Greenview. A big leap forward in officer safety for Enforcement Services.

#### **Grande Cache:**

- Patrols were conducted on Highway 40 near the coal mine in Grande Cache following complaints from staff about coworkers racing to and from the mine during shift changes. CPOs adjusted their schedules to patrol during early morning and evening hours.
- Investigated a complaint of a person living illegally in a trailer on the Beaverdam Road. Conservation assisted in removing the individual.
- Investigated several complains about snow removal in Grande Cache after the last snowstorm.

#### **Grovedale:**

- Hwy 666 speed enforcement patrols and commercial vehicle patrols continue.
- Assisted Grande Prairie RCMP looking for a wanted person in Grovedale.
- CPO GUTIERREZ trained High Prairie member with Oleoresin Capsicum Spray Course and Grande Prairie members with Control Tactics Course.
- Seized dog in Aspen Grove after it was killing livestock. Taken to veterinary clinic and rehomed as owner was unable to care for dog.

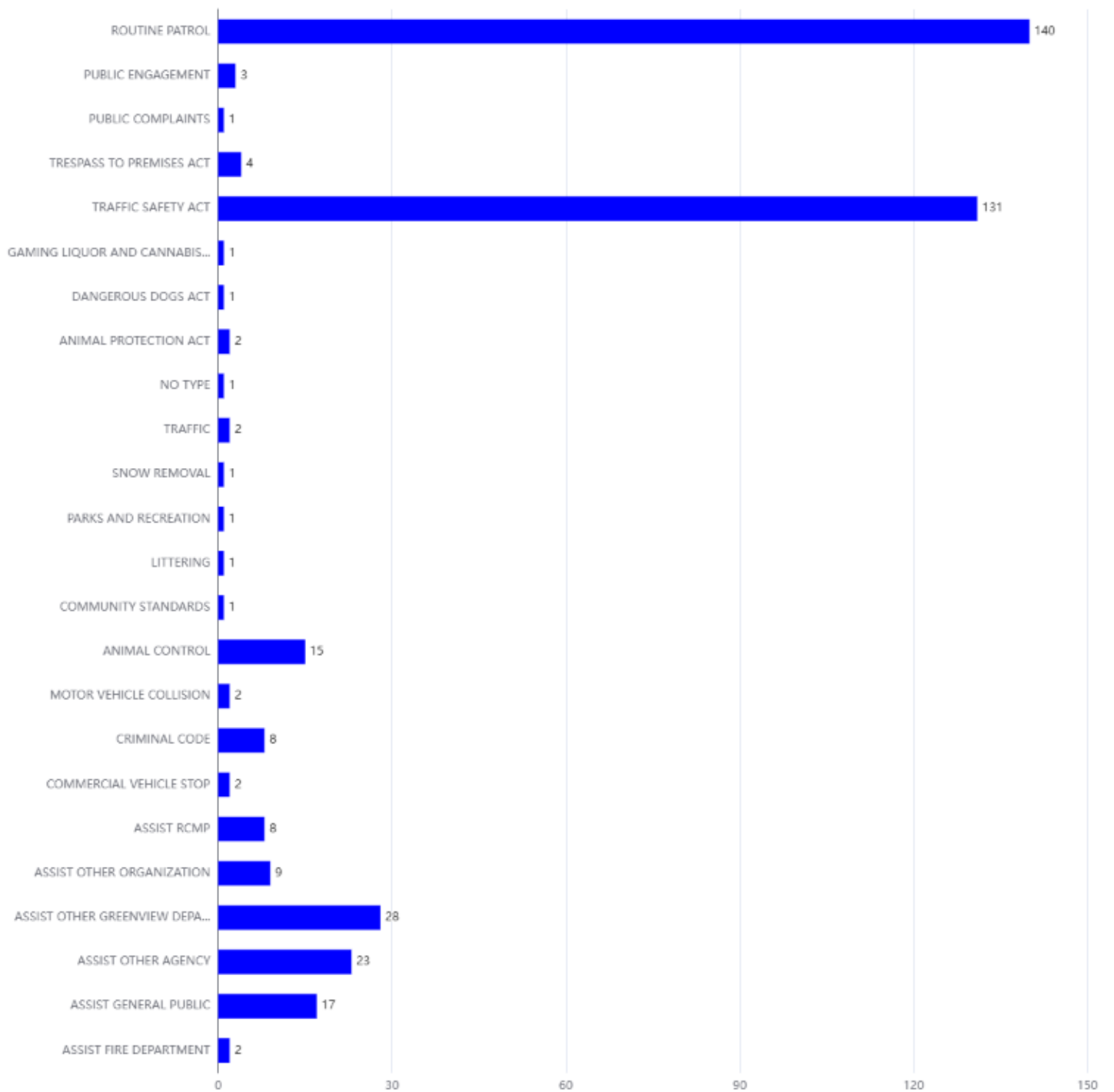
#### **Valleyview area:**

- Assisted Livestock Inspector and RCMP with found dead calf at the end of Township Road 681.
- Traffic patrols and schools zone patrols continue.
- CPO KING participated in the Stride to Bike program at Greenview Regional Multiplex and led a bike safety course.
- Forestry Trunk Road patrols ongoing during road bans.

During the period of February 24<sup>th</sup>,2025, to March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Enforcement Services attended 404 calls for service, including 19 bylaw calls. Officers issued 39 violations and issued 89 warnings.

Stats:

OCCURRENCE REPORT Count of Incident Types Total:404 | 100.0%

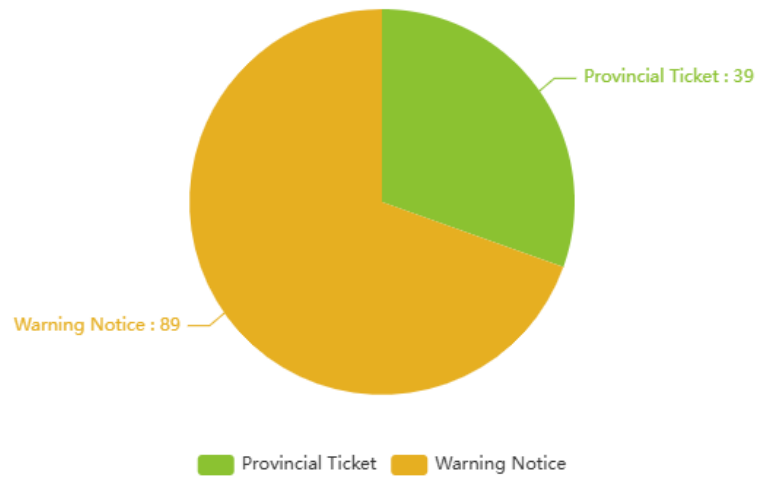




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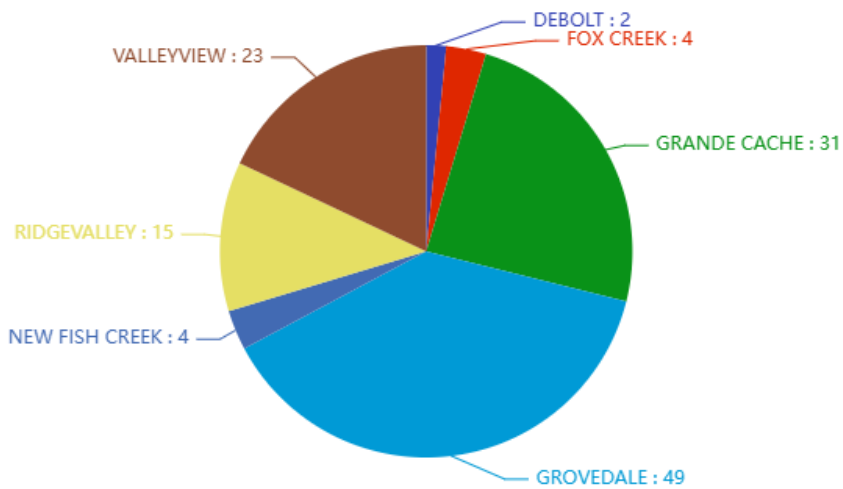
### Provincial tickets by type



Ticket Create Date:

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### Provincial tickets by zone



## **Green View Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Manager, Lisa Hannaford**

### **Culture, Social & Emergency Services**

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) is well underway, and both offices have been working closely together to ensure that all eligible residents are getting their taxes filed free of charge. Last year 920 returns were filed, and this year the numbers are expected to be similar. At time of writing, over 370 taxes have been filed.

50 Big Horn Golden Age Club members in Grande Cache were present for the Club's learn at lunch on February 12 featuring an overview of Green View FCSS programs and services. Administration fielded questions about forms assistance, the Home Support program, and Community Volunteer Income Tax Program. Several members expressed appreciation for the informative presentation and stated they learned more about FCSS.

In Grande Cache the WiseGuyz Alumni are starting to plan for post-high school life, and 3 lunch time sessions were hosted to provide an opportunity to talk with professionals from their areas of career interests. WiseGuyz curriculum focuses on personal relationships, however that same curriculum is relevant to professional relationships and work force dynamics. Relevant learnings include effective communication, decision-making, boundaries, harmful gender stereotypes, consent, self-care, and bystander behaviour. The conversations took place February 18 to 20, at the FCSS office with 2 professionals per lunch. They met with an RCMP member, a psychologist, a social worker, a millwright, a fire chief, and a communications and marketing manager. The alumni unanimously agreed the time was well spent and provided insight into their careers of interest.

The community presentation, Human Trafficking 101 for community members, hosted on February 20 was well attended in both locations and outcomes were positive. 32 people attended in Valleyview and 37 in Grande Cache.

Coming up in St. Isadore on May 21 is a community presentation by (ALERT) Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams and (ICE) Internet Child Exploitation. This presentation welcomes parents and caregivers to attend an evening information session on the realities of internet child exploitation in Alberta, and strategies to navigate these issues in an open and collaborative way with your children. Some administrative staff and board members will attend.

The Career and Employment Storefront Services contract held with the Provincial government has been re-negotiated and beginning April 1, 2025, the funding amount will increase by \$36, 200.00 yearly for a total of \$90,200 per annum. Included in the proposal is increased collaboration with Heart River Housing (to promote the rent subsidy program), economic development, including labour market information and assistance with job fairs, increased collaboration with Lifemark- career counselling services, promotion of safety courses available through Northern Lakes College, as well as increased reporting of statistics and labour market information to the province.

The following is a statement from Family & Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA) president Kayla Blanchette on the 2025 Budget:

*"The Government of Alberta has tabled its 2025-2026 budget, confirming that funding for the Family and Community Support Services program will remain unchanged at \$105 million. We acknowledge the*

*challenge of balancing fiscal responsibility with Albertan's growing needs in today's economic climate and appreciate the government's continued commitment to FCSS.*

*While stable funding provides certainty, it does not account for rising costs, inflation, or the increasing demand for social services. As our province experiences population growth and as pressures on the broader social services system continue to grow, FCSS programs are being relied upon more than ever to provide community-based program support in increasingly complex situations. Without enhanced investment from the province, local programs and municipalities will face mounting challenges to maintain service levels and accessibility in meeting Albertans needs, which force difficult decisions."*

*Impactful investment in prevention is one of the most effective ways to reduce long-term costs in health care, justice, and crisis intervention. FCSS programs provide essential support that strengthen individuals, families, and communities, preventing challenges from escalating into more costly social issues. When prevention is underfunded, the strain on emergency and crisis services increases, ultimately costing everyone more in the long run.*

*The FCSSAA remains committed to advocating for the sustainability of FCSS programs and ensuring they continue to provide the vital services that build strong, resilient communities. We look forward to continuing these meaningful discussions with the government to find solutions that support Alberta's communities and ensure prevention remains a key priority."*

As a reminder to Council, the FCSS programs funding model is based on population, and Green View FCSS currently receives \$404,583.00 annually from the province.

The financial and outcomes report to the province is due at the end of April, administration is working to have the report submitted in a timely manner.

The Kids Conference in Grande Cache, running April 1&2 is sold out. This annual event has three streams of learning including foundational skills to increase confidence and independence, physical activity and creativity. The conference has a maximum of 50 attendees, and this year Grande Yellowhead School division, in partnership with the BEST program, (bringing empowered students together) has sponsored 10 spots for low-income families whose children want to participate.

#### UPCOMING:

Some Administration will be attending an Emergency Social Services (ESS) conference, put on by the Northwest region. This conference will be held in St. Isadore on April 14 and 15.

The Volunteer Appreciation dinners have been scheduled, and nominations are starting to trickle in. The first dinner will be in Grande Cache on April 22, this is followed by the dinner in Valleyview on April 23, and finally Grovedale on April 24.

The FCSS Directors Network conference will be held in Lloydminster on May 1-2.

Green View FCSS is hosting the NW Spring Regional meeting on May 14 and 15 in the Grande Cache location. Registration will be open at the beginning of April.

The open house in Grande Cache is tentatively scheduled for June 12th.

**Recreation Services Manager, Kevin Gramm**

**Culture, Social & Emergency Services**

The Grande Cache Recreation Board approved a \$5000.00 Capital Funding Grant to the Grande Cache Golden Age Club to assist with their Facility Wheelchair ramp access to the Clubhouse. The Grande Cache Recreation Board heard presentations from the Golden Age Club, Grande Cache Heritage Rendezvous as well as updates on the Grande Cache Minor Ball and various roundtable discussion.

During the Grande Cache Recreation Board meeting, the Chairperson, who has been with the Board since its inception, resigned the position as Chairperson and on the board as a member at large. Greenview will be looking to fill this vacancy and one that has never been filled as soon as possible.

Several notices of motions are currently in progress for development and completion. Administration is currently working on the addition of a bathroom installation at the Greenview Regional Multiplex (GRM) for the upstairs track, aquatics facility hours of operation analysis at the Grande Cache Recreation Centre and a presentation of information to Council regarding the Grande Cache Ball Diamonds.

Administration reports that there are several vacancies within Recreation which several have been filled for seasonal and permanent positions across Recreation Services as a whole.

In December of 2024, Nordic Mechanical Services responded to a boiler failure at the GRM. This is one of 3 boilers originally installed during the GRM construction. During the inspection and trouble shooting it was determined the boilers original heat exchanger had ruptured rendering it inoperable. As this is not an item under their contract, due to the inability to perform maintenance on the exchanger, the unit was removed and sent out for warranty inspection, carrying a \$60,000.00 price tag. Response from the manufacturer was as follows:

*“Upon visual inspection we noticed that there is heavy build up on the inside of the tubes. The scale on the inside of the tubes will cause the Cupronickel tubes to overheat and eventually fail. Obvious signs of the tubes overheating (Burned tubes) can be seen in attached pictures.”*

*“The scale on the inner walls of the tubes will act as an insulation between the fire side and water side of the tubes which will cause the tubes to overheat. The heat exchanger was determined as not a manufacturing defect, and the warranty is rejected.”*

Nordic Mechanical, at the request of Greenview, ordered and installed a new heat exchanger. In addition they will be flushing the other two units (one had an exchanger already replaced once before Greenview took over). They will also be installing a filtration system on the incoming water supply due to the poor quality of water in the town of Valleyview.

**RE21007 Grande Cache Fieldhouse**

Administration received Council approval on March 25<sup>th</sup> 2025 to proceed with the Grande Cache Fieldhouse Project Manager and Consultant awarded to ACI Architecture. Contract approval is in progress.

The next few months will see:

- April-May; Program and Concept Validations, Regulatory Code Review & Zoning Bylaw – confirmation, Onsite Verification and Measurements -A-Built drawing of the current fieldhouse and supporting spaces, Commencement of Contract documents/Detailed Design – Architectural and onsite meetings.
- May-June; Engagement of Engineering Detailed Design (Structural, Mechanical and Electrical) to drawings up to 40%, followed by 60% in July.

### **RE22003 Victor Lake Recreation Enhancements**

Administration has received a follow up response from Aseniwuche Winewak Nation (AWN) regarding the Victor Lake Boat Launch. The letter indicates that “that the majority consensus within the community is that a designated boat launch area would be a beneficial to protecting the banks of the lake from people who launch their boats in various spots around the lake.” Additionally, “Community members have repeatedly expressed concerns about the lack of garbage disposal and bathroom facilities needed to support additional recreational lake users as well as prominent signage indicating the rules and regulations for fishing in Victor Lake as it pertains to Bull Trout, a threatened species under the federal Species At Risk Act (SARA).”

Signage around the fishery itself is outside of Municipal jurisdiction, and it is something that Greenview Administration will work on with the Province of Alberta. The request for bathroom facilities is outside of the scope of the project and could cost upwards of \$75,000.00 based on the current quotes for outhouses in the Grande Cache Area. Administration will request direction from the Province on whether or not this needs to be accommodated within the project before bringing it in front of Council again. A consultation log has been provided to AWN for review and will be sent to the Province of Alberta for review.

### **RE23017 GRM Fieldhouse Air Conditioning**

Administration met with representatives of EnGlobe Engineering Services and Nordic Mechanical Services to complete a cost review and status of the Greenview Regional Multiplex Fieldhouse Air Conditioning installation project as approved by Council during Capital Planning. After a costing evaluation and document review, plans are now set to schedule the structural upgrading necessary for the support along the roofline and completion of the ductwork removal and reinstall. This work was necessary to be completed before hoisting of the air conditioning air handler could be completed. Scheduled work is set to commence in April.

### **RE25004/RE25005 Smoky River South and Sheep Creek Outhouses**

One quote for the Smoky River South and Sheep Creek Outhouses has been received. This quote is over twice the price quoted from the same supplier at the end of 2022. If the other quotes received are not significantly lower, Administration will bring this project back in front of Council.

### **RE25008 GRM Window Coverings**

Administration presented the package of information regarding the current quotes, timelines and requirements to move this project forward to the next stages to the Greenview Regional Multiplex Advisory Board. The Advisory Board voted in favor of the motion to include this project funding under the Greenview Regional Multiplex FF&E surplus funding as required. Scheduling is set to commence in April for the project implementation.

## **RE25011 GCRC Floor Scrubber**

Administration has received delivery of the new approved floor scrubber for the Grande Cache Recreation Centre and will soon be testing and training on the equipment for the arena and curling rink pad cleanups for the upcoming ice removals commencing in April.

## **Online Campground Reservation System**

The new online reservation system, Let's Camp, is fully functional for Grande Cache Campground and Shuttler Flats Provincial Recreation Area. Shuttler Flats' popularity continues to grow with the public, with eight reservations placed for the 2025 season immediately following bookings opening.

## **Grande Cache Recreation Centre Arena Painting**

As approved in the 2025 Recreation Services Operational Budget, Administration is currently sourcing multiple quotes for the Painting Services at the Grande Cache Recreation Centre Arena.

## **Greenview Regional Multiplex (GRM)**

### **Administration**

- Nordic Mechanical on March 5th - March 7<sup>th</sup>, addressed the heating/cooling for the following 3 areas: the staff meeting/boardroom area, the studio & the fitness center. Each unit received maintenance along with troubleshooting the current temperature settings for each space.
- March 7<sup>th</sup>, we had our Greenview IT department book the boardroom for a full day of meetings and will look at booking more internal meetings here to showcase more of Greenview's facilities and meeting rooms.
- March 10<sup>th</sup> was our Activity Day - Greenview U, hosted at the GRM, where Greenview staff received an afternoon to explore the various activities, departments and operations at the GRM.
- The Fieldhouse and Kitchen were rented from Friday at 4pm to close on Sunday for a volleyball tournament, expecting over 100 athletes competing on the weekend, March 7th to 9th. Due to reasons beyond our knowledge, the booking and tournament was postponed until May. We look forward to being the venue for the hosts.
- On Sunday from March 16<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, is the Underground Basketball Camp put on by Underground Basketball from Grande Prairie. We continue to see strong participation in various sports including basketball, from all ages, but specifically in our youth ages. Basketball is certainly a popular sport at the GRM, and we look forward to building the sport and any group that develops players in the area and region.
- March 21-23, we have 3 Birthday bookings at the GRM - and continue to be the hub of activity and birthdays for Valleyview. Seeing Birthday bookings every weekend, from balloons, to cake and many smiles in between, the GRM and party packages continue to be the hub of birthdays in the region.
- Highlighting our total usage from December to February was an increase from 3961 to 4938, an increase of 977 visits.

### **Programming**

- PD Day camps and Outdoor survival camps ran on Thursday and Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> with 14 registered in the survival camp and 10 in the PD Day camp.

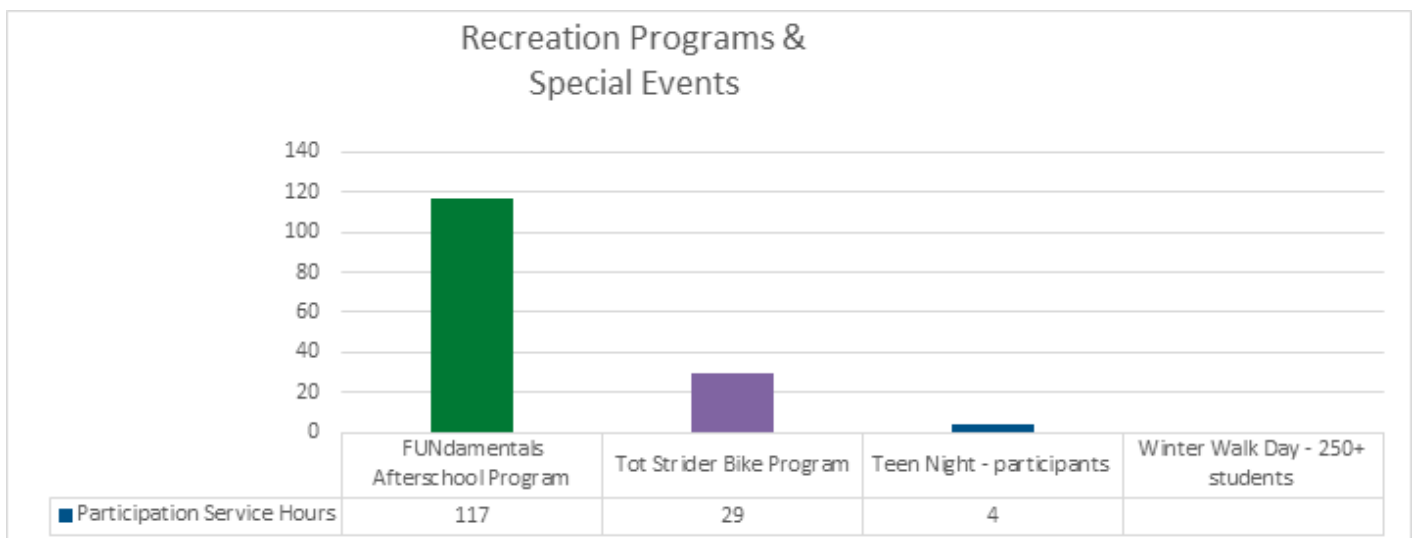
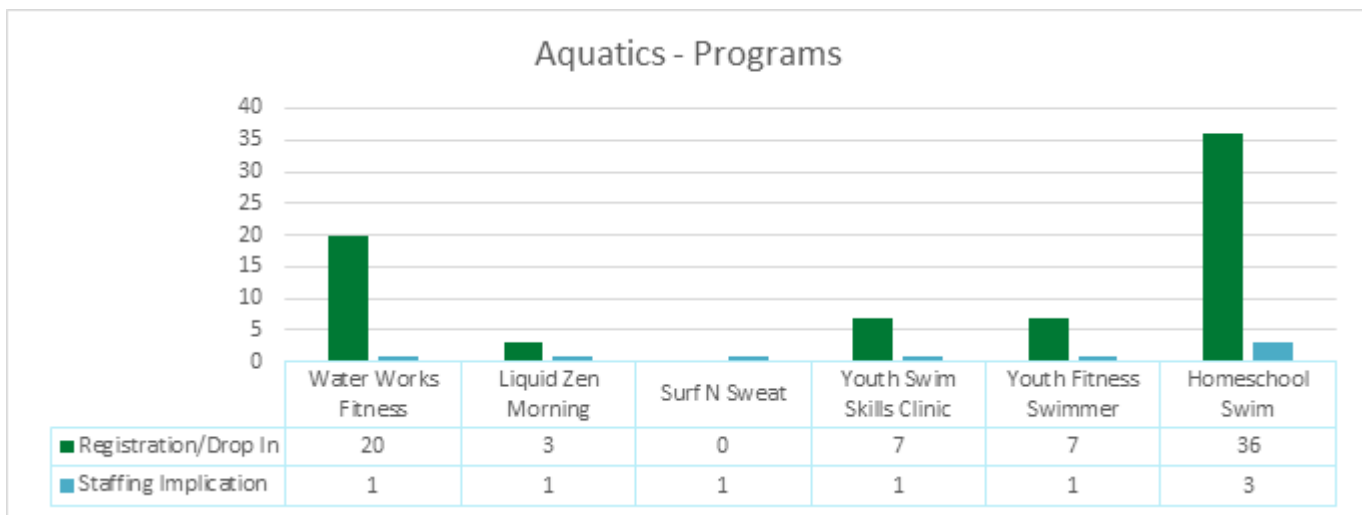
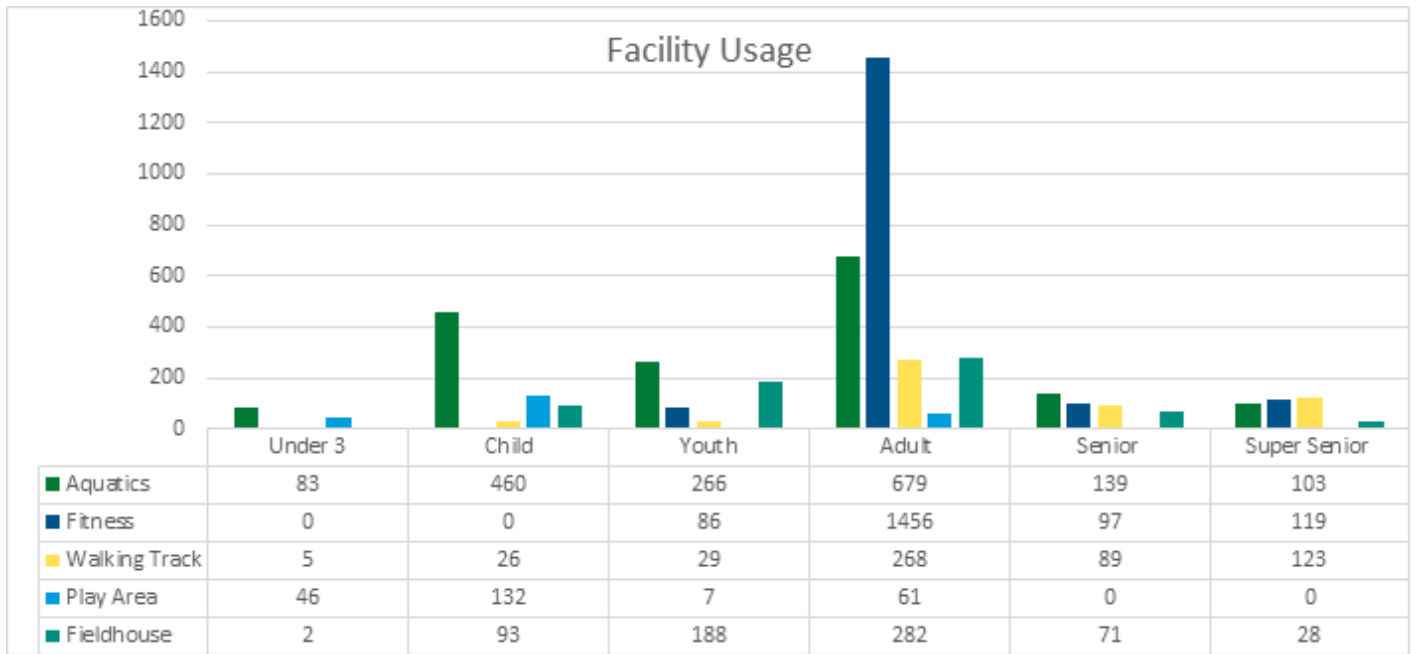
- March 17<sup>th</sup>, we had the Irish theme out around the GRM – with gold coins, rainbows and 4 leaf clovers posted around the facility, we celebrated St Patrick’s Day with all staff in green attire for the afterschool program.
- March 19<sup>th</sup> is the final day for the Tot Strider Bike program, which had full attendance in its interim year. Capitalizing on a well needed program for the community, tots learned to follow the basics, navigate obstacles and learn to move and follow instruction at the same time. We look forward to bringing this back in the future!
- In collaboration with Aquatics, comes with Pirate and Mermaid camp, where campers will get to explore the world of pirates and mermaids, with treasure hunts, and programming both dryland and aquatic based.

## Fitness

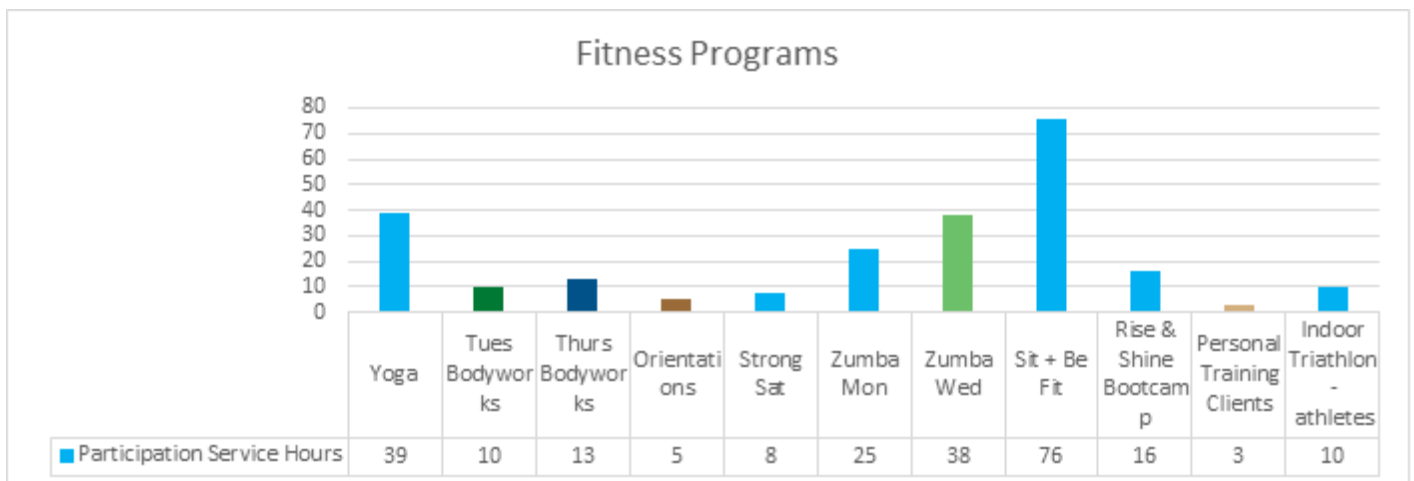
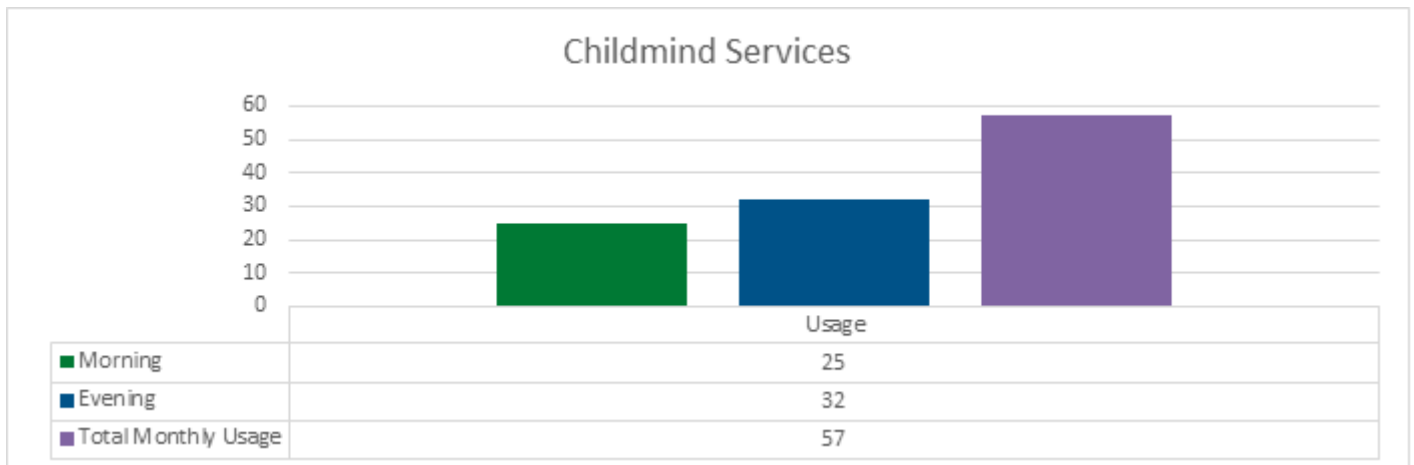
- Moving into weeks 10-12 for the 12 week-improved-me-challenge, the fitness team is preparing for the final week of check-in during the week of March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 4<sup>th</sup>. With 20 participants taking place, we are looking forward to the progress for every individual and are preparing the prize for each category over the coming weeks.
- Highlighting one of our internal and long-standing fitness classes; Sit and Be Fit received the highest number of members participating in March, with 19 in attendance. Typically, this class averages around 12. The following has increased and our fitness programmer who leads this class is evidently making their mark with this program.
- Fitness class participation remains steady from both contractor and in house led classes, their respective days of the week will remain the same moving into our spring season.
- The fitness department continues to see a very high turnout from each day and week, with an increase of over 400 more visits from December to February, from 1029 in December 1377 in January and 1456 visits in February, respectively.
- We continue to have inquiries about the fitness center orientation, both youth and adult orientations, and have just completed 6 youth and adult orientations in February.

## Aquatics

- March swimming lessons wrap up on the 20<sup>th</sup> and aquatic staff are gearing up for the following week spring break week and camp; the Pirate and Mermaid Camp and ultimately will be increasing our public swim time for the week. The Spring Break schedule will increase the public swimming hours and will be increased to 1-8pm from 4pm-8pm for the week to accommodate the spring break. All other swim times remain the same and will resume regular swim schedules on March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Homeschool swim lessons ended on March 12<sup>th</sup> and was successful in teaching more aquatics users essential life skills in the water, while having fun and learning new skills.
- Youth fitness swimmer wrapped up on March 14<sup>th</sup> and allowed users to work on their swimming strokes and improving their endurance and technique.
- For first aid, we had 7 participants which continue to build local lifeguards as they continue to be trained in all requirements and will then be taking their Bronze Cross and Bronze Medallion courses during the Spring Break week, with 8 registered in the Bronze Medallion and 6 registered for the Bronze Cross course.







## **Grande Cache Recreation Centre (GCRC)**

### **Administration**

- The U18 Tournament saw a significant number of attendees. RCMP were contacted and present during several games due to spectators getting out of hand.
- The Otters Swim Club hosted several events throughout the month including their mini meet.
- The Akasaka Figure Skating Club's Ice Carnival drew a large crowd, with many people accessing the facility during the weekend to view 2 showcases of young talent in attendance.
- Ice rentals, both private and public, increased this month, though user group activity is tapering off.
- A fundraising hockey event, the Grande Cache Fireman's Association and the Caribou Hockey Leagues Hornets was held raising over \$4000.00.
- The FCSS Kids Conference will be hosted in the Grande Cache Recreation Centre, utilizing the arena, traditional lobby area, and multiple multipurpose rooms. 53 children will be in attendance for the multi day programming extravaganza.
- Individual and family memberships saw an increase, attributed to new residents and workers moving to the area with considerable evening attendance at the facility seeing a noticeable rise.

- The arrival of a new Greenview 16 passenger bus has created some excitement again in the hamlet. The unit is currently in Valleyview receiving the final touches and assignments before being relocated to Grande Cache where it will be put into service.

### Programming

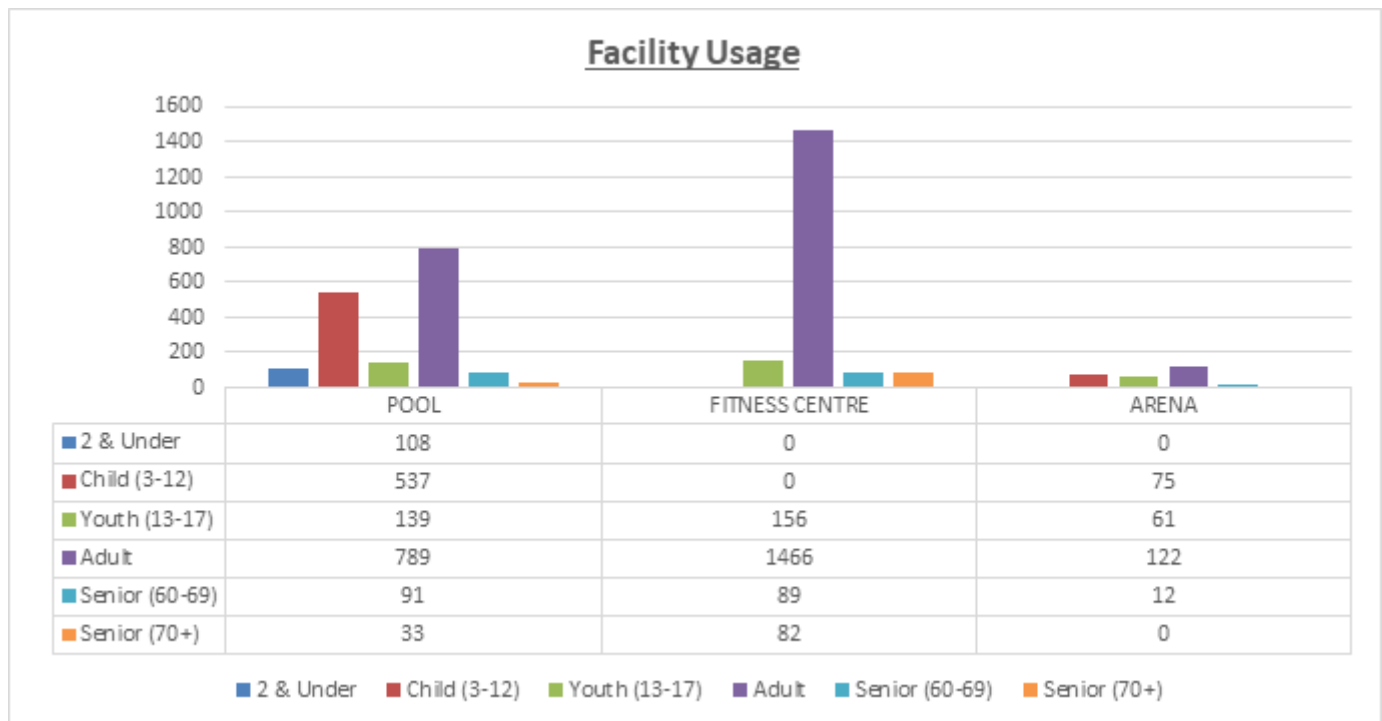
- March afterschool programs is Music theme. We have had up to 12 kids attend each session so far and are seeing some new kids attend. Each program we have a different instrument we learn about and so far, we have made guitars, maracas, a record player, tambourine, boombox, microphone and a trumpet.
- The programs department had their first meeting with other organizations to start planning summer activities, have the joint summer youth calendar and pick a date for our Annual Summer Kick Off Fair event that will be held in June.

### Fitness

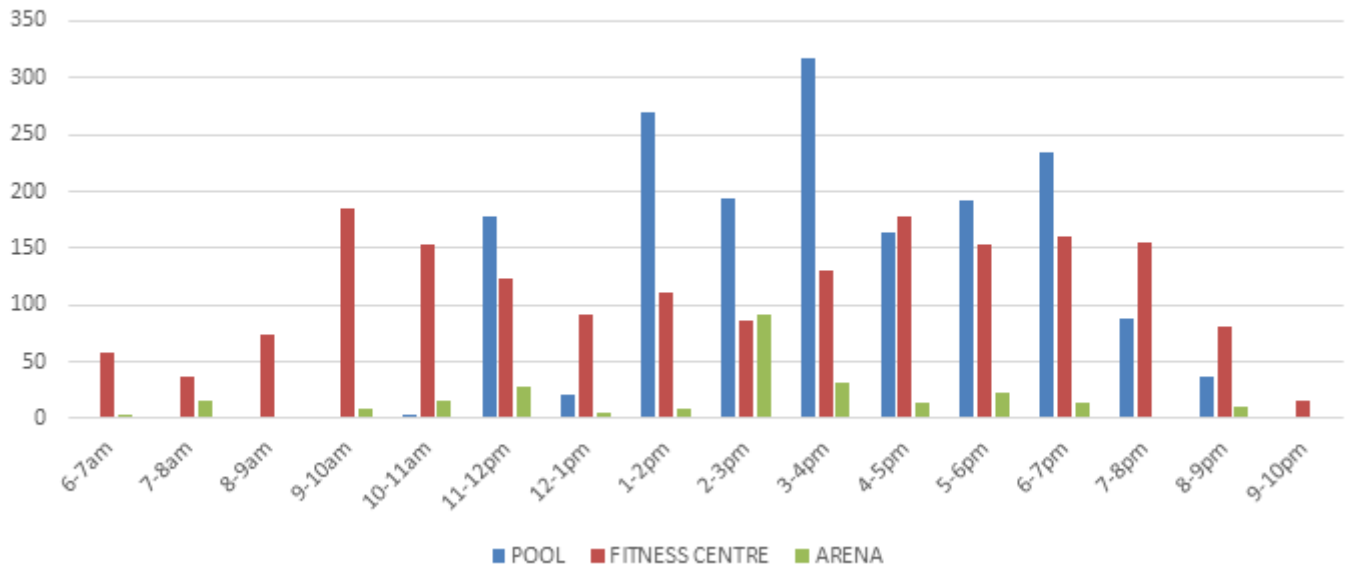
- The variety of aquatic, land and spin classes for the February Fitness Class line up was very successful. All classes had great numbers in attendance as well the Length Swim and Monthly Fitness Challenges have participants signed up. March's challenge is all about HYDRATION!

### Aquatics

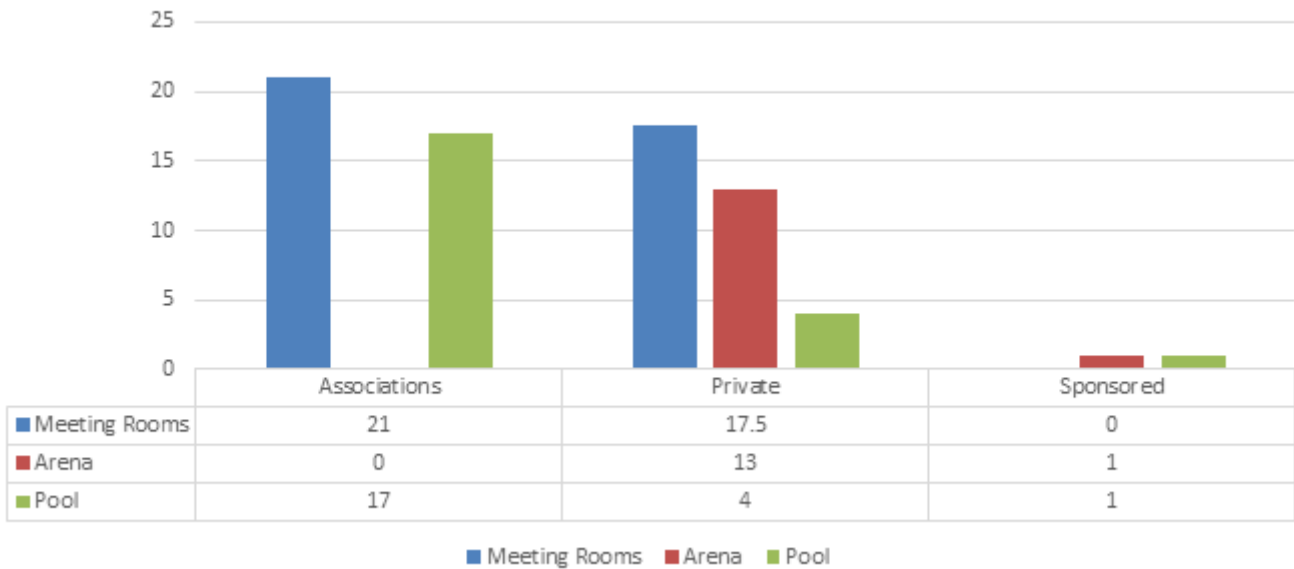
- Our Winter Session of swim lessons and Junior Lifeguard are just wrapping up last classes were this week.
- Susa Creek school lessons continue they are bused up from Susa creek school for lessons.
- Otters had a mini meet and their swim a thon.
- Slide was closed two days for liner install
- The February wave rave had 38 swimmers.

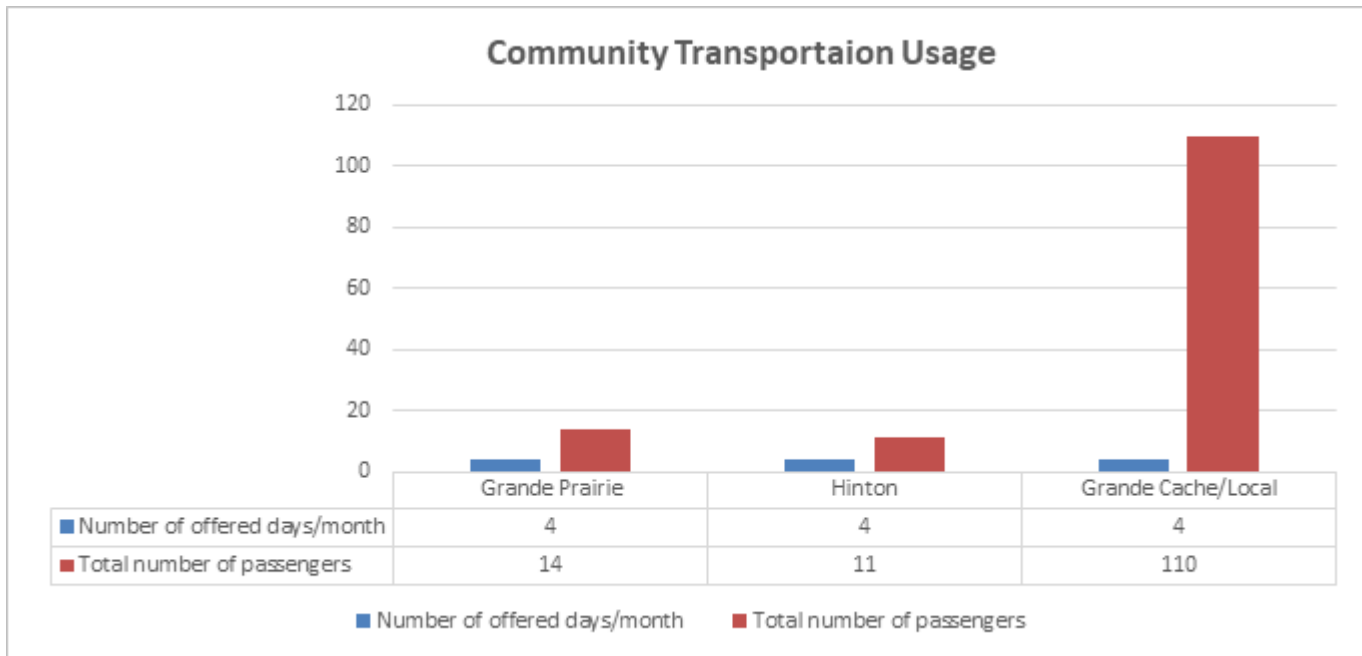


### Facility Usage by hour (all ages)



### Facility Bookings (total number of hours booked)





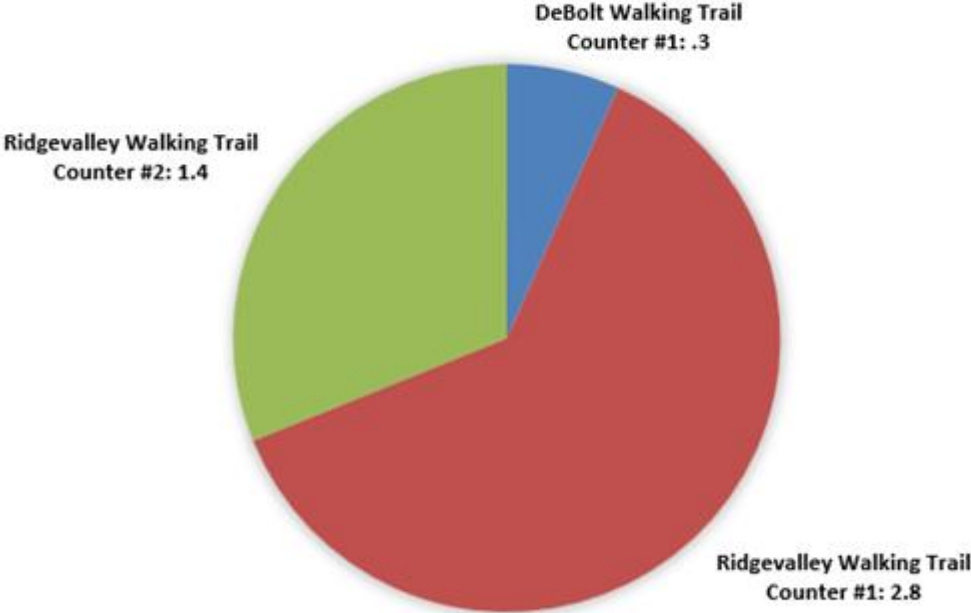
Membership Statistics	
<b>Active Memberships</b>	
10x Corporate Pass (All)	49
Corporate – Adult	114
Adult	69
10x pass – Adult	569
Corporate – Youth	5
Youth	14
10x pass – Youth	139
Corporate – Child	7
Child	2
10x pass – Child	39
Corporate – Family	122
Family	38
10x pass – Family	99
Corporate – Senior (60-69)	23
Senior (60-69)	6
10x pass – Senior (60-69)	64
Super Senior (70+)	47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,406</b>
<b>New Membership Purchases (FEB)</b>	
10x Corporate Pass (All)	5
Corporate – Adult	64
Adult	43
10x pass – Adult	13
Corporate – Youth	2
Youth	9
10x pass – Youth	1
Corporate – Child	4
Child	1
10x pass – Child	1
Corporate – Family	11
Family	3
10x pass – Family	1
Corporate – Senior (60-69)	5
Senior (60-69)	5
10x pass – Senior (60-69)	4
Super Senior (70+)	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>176</b>

#### Outdoor Recreation Services:

Thirteen youth participated in the Outdoor Winter Survival Camp that took place on March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at Johnson Park. Activities include shelter building, a fire building contest, and carving fire tongs. There have been many return participants in outdoor survival programming at Johnson Park.

The following charts show the counter data for outdoor recreation sites during February.

### DAILY WALKING TRAIL USE AVERAGES 2025-02-01 TO 2025-02-28



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## DAILY VEHICLE COUNTER AVERAGES 2025-02-01 TO 2025-02-28

