

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

# Manager's Report

**Department: Community Services** 

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# **Director of Community Services, Michelle Honeyman**

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

Continue to assist various organizations with grant applications and funding requests.

Presented at the April 7<sup>th</sup> Greenview U Lunch & Learn regarding an overview of the Greenview Grant Program, introduced the new grant portal and provided an overview on what the Community Services Coordinators do.

The Legislative Services Manager and Community Services Coordinator met with the Grovedale Cemetery Committee to discuss the perpetual care fund. This is the only Council appointed cemetery committee that has been collecting perpetual care. After discussion the committee decided to remove the perpetual care fee and increase their plot fee, so they stay comparable in pricing to Grande Prairie. The Committee also added a disinterment fee in the amount of \$1000.00.

Administration attended Community Hall meetings at the Sunset House Community Hall and the Little Smoky Community Hall to discuss the lease agreements, insurance, current operations and updates and answered any questions the committees had.

#### Culture, Social & Emergency Services-Goal 3-Enhance public perception of Greenview

Administration assisted the Valleyview Sun Valley Pioneers Center with applying for their capital grant and submitting their annual report through the new grant portal system.

Administration assisted the New Fish Creek Cemetery Committee with their grant request on the new grant portal system.

Provided a letter of support to the Big Horn Golden Age Club to accompany their CFEP grant request for the Big Horn Golden Age Club's capital project.

#### **Governance-Goal 1-Increase staff success**

Attended an online Debate to Dialogue coaching session from the Tamarack Institute. This was a follow up to the initial session.

#### **Governance-Goal 3-Improve intermunicipal government relations.**

Administration, along with Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Stacey Wabick, met with the CAO of Big Lakes County to discuss an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement between Greenview and Big Lakes for the Sunset House Community Hall's insurance purposes. An MOU will be signed between the two parties to allow the Sunset House Community Hall's assets, located within the boundaries of Big Lakes County, be covered under their ANI with Greenview. Administrative duties will be managed by Greenview.

Administration delivered surplus asset items to various non-profit organizations throughout Greenview, including The Grande Cache Women's Transition House, The Grande Cache Daycare, The Valleyview Sun Valley Pioneer Center, Valleyview Gymnastics Club, Valleyview Vipers Swim Club, Rural Roots Childcare Centre, Valleyview Ag Society and more.

#### Governance-Goal 4-Provide good governance.

The Community Services Coordinators in collaboration with the Procurement Officer, hosted a successful workshop in Grande Cache on April 14<sup>th</sup> for not-for-profit organizations. The workshop was facilitated by the Community Development Unit from the province of Alberta with guest speaker Brenda Robinson from the Robcan Group, and focused on collaboration, succession planning and volunteer attraction and retention. Greenview welcomed 27 attendees from various organizations and communities within Greenview and surrounding areas.

## **Governance-Goal 2-Provide quality municipal services.**

Administration received approximately 50 Grant Applications for the Community Impact Grants. Administration is processing applications and will be bringing them forward to the May Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion.

The Lease Agreement for the Big Horn Golden Age Club has been revised and renewed for the next 10 years, and an executed copy has been provided to the Club. Greenview owns the land that the Bighorn Golden Age Club is on, and the Club owns the buildings.

The CAO has approved the following sponsorships and donations:

Organization Name	Event	CAO Approved
Ashley Gerwatoski	Competition Sponsorship – Volleyball Nationals	\$300
Hannah Klink	Competition Sponsorship – Science Fair Nationals	\$300
Community Futures Peace Region	SongRise Music Conference	\$500
Northern AB District 3 Highschool Rodeo Committee	D3 Alberta High School Rodeo	\$500

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 is happy to report on the successful recruitment of all seasonal staff positions, as well as the Agricultural Services Supervisor position. Preparations for the upcoming control season are nearing completion and early communications for active pest notices and weed infestations or elevated concern have been completed. 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. In addition, documented weed infestations have been shared with industrial companies to be included in their vegetation control efforts through the summer.

The Provincial Weed Review Committee met twice in April, with the final meeting taking place with an invited stakeholder meeting to communicate the committee's recommendations to the Minister on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The meeting included discussion on invasive plants submitted through the survey in 2024 within the open answer portion. Each open answer comment received from the survey, totaling 185 comments, was assessed to determine if all concerns had been addressed by the committee or if it was outside the intended mandate. Some of the comments related to the legislation itself with these being noted and recorded for administrative updates as well as for potential application should the Act be open for review in the future. The committee made firm recommendations to the minister that a review on the regulations regulated species should be done no more than once every five years, with the ministry staff committing that as a minimum with the potential for an annual check-in with municipal field staff. The recommendations will now be forwarded to the minister, and it is expected that the final decisions will be announced in 2026.

Alberta Agriculture updated all municipal Agricultural Services staff on the current status of 1080. The product will not be redispersed until late May of 2025. Additionally, in 2026, any producer wishing to access the product will have to complete a Farmers Pesticide Certificate that is to be facilitated by municipal staff that hold their "Train-the-Trainer" designation. Administration will bring this to the ASB for discussion

Administration, working with the Town of Valleyview, has secured permission to apply herbicide on two lots adjacent to the Greenview Agricultural Services yard. These two lots have significant scentless chamomile infestations and while the town has been picking weeds, there is still the potential for it to spread. Administration will use the one site to train seasonal staff on applying bare ground products while the other will be used to train staff on the use of residual herbicides. The town will not be charged for this service as it is a mutually beneficial arrangement.

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, though Administration admits to being more talented at controlling weeds compared to growing them. This will be a valuable resource for the seasonal staff this year and in years to come. 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 through the application. Prior to launching publicly, Administration is testing to ensure that no private data can be accessed through the link. Providing the application passes all security tests, it is anticipated to be available to the public prior to the beginning of June.

In partnership with Fire and Rescue Services, an awareness campaign geared towards implementation of FireSmart principles in agricultural landscapes was launched. There will be new posts weekly and the Wildfire Workbook has been added to the website for residents to access.

The Shelterbelt Program has been having another successful year, with almost 80% of seedlings having been sold at this time.

#### **Problem Wildlife Work Orders**

File Status	Beaver- MD	Beaver- Ratepayer	<b>Customer Service</b>	Predation	Totals
In Queue	-	-	-	-	
Open	13	9	3	5	30
Closed	0	1	3	3	7
TOTALS	13	10	6	8	37

The problem wildlife staff are well into beaver control season with 59 problem beavers have already been removed. Additionally, 5 dams have been blasted related to flooded agricultural lands. Multiple requests for assistance with skunks have also kept the team busy.

#### **VSI Quarterly Reports and Service Breakdown – 2023**

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.

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 125.5 rental days up to April 30<sup>th</sup>, without rental days from satellite locations. As has been practiced over the last two years, producers are booking equipment well in advance. This has led to disappointment for producers attempting to book equipment for the same day.

The manure spreader required a new set of tires which presented a challenge for the rental coordinator as the tires that were on the implement could not be sourced. This was overcome with a different tire option which will ease replacement in the future.

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, a rental client informed Administration that the axel of a front gang on the heavy disc had snapped while being used. The machine will be down until the parts have arrived for replacement, but they have been ordered.

The grain vac had been returned caked with rotten grain and mud, leading to the implement being down for several days. Administration informed the renter that the cleaning required would be costly, and as all costs would be his responsibility, he may want to return and clean the implement himself. The renter declined and said to bill him. The cleaning required 7 hours of the coordinators' time, as well as replacement of the drive belt. These costs will be invoiced to the renter.

## **Protective Services Acting Manager, William Parsons**

**Culture, Social & Emergency Services** 

#### **Administration:**

Regional Fire Chief (RFC), Greenview Procurement Officer, and Manager of Recreation interviewed contractors who submitted bids for the re-treatment of the existing Grande Cache fire guards on March 27, 2025. A contractor was selected on April 2, 2025, and it is expected that work will start in the next few weeks.

All required Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) Grant application, Fire Smarting at the Muskeg Seepee Coop, has been submitted. Regional Fire Chief expects the project to be approved.

On April 2, 2025, RFC attended a presentation by the Energy Consortium on the use of Air Curtain Projects for the mitigation of wildfires.

Greenview hosted an Incident Command System (ICS) 300 course on April 2, 3 and 4 for identified Greenview staff and several Town of Valleyview staff. This is part of Greenview emergency preparedness for Wildfire season. There was a total of 14 participants.

On April 8, 2025, RFC completed a fire and life safety inspection along with the property management company of the flood damaged at the Eagle Rock condominiums. Since the incident, sufficient progress has been made to allow RFC to rescind the evacuation order for re-occupation.

The Candidate Applying for Regional Fire Chief/Manager of Protective Services accepted the position with a start date of June 9, 2025.

#### **Fire Stations:**

#### STN 31-DeBolt:

Regional Deputy Fire Chief (RDC) Position for DeBolt has been filled. Adam Hawryliw accepted the position with a start date of May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Introduction to DeBolt Firefighters happened Tuesday April 22 with a tour of the other Greenview fire stations and districts April 23.

#### STN 32-Grovedale:

RDC and Fire Captain completed ICS400, hosted by GPREP and Alberta Emergency Management Agency on April 15, 16, and 17.

April 26<sup>th</sup> STN32 Hosted Live Fire Training with 12 members of the Grande Prairie West Fraser OSB Mill Emergency Response Team. Crew trained with various System 64 training props and wildfire simulations instructed by 5 STN32 Firefighters. (see Photo 2)

#### **STN 33-Grande Cache**

On the weekend April 5-6, Greenview Fire-Rescue Services (GFRS) firefighters (see Photo 1) attended at the County of GP - the Dunes Live Fire Facility. STN 33 had 8 firefighters complete their NFPA 1001 Certifications. STN31 and 32 Supported efforts with personnel attending to help operate the live fire prop and assist with practical skills at STN32 on day two. A Fire Captain from the Jasper Fire Department attended as an evaluator.

# **Emergency Response Call Volumes:**

## **Emergency Incidents**

March 25, 2025, to April 29, 2025.

	STN 31	STN 32	STN 33
Emergency Response	5	5	6
Medical Co-Response	5	4	9

Of the total 16 Emergency Reponses:

- 6 Motor Vehicle Collisions
- 3 Outside Fires
- 1 Structure Fire
- 1 Smoke Investigation
- 3 Vegetation/Wildland/Brush/Grass
- 1 Electrical Hazard
- 1 Service Call

Fire crews stood down four times for Emergency Responses and three times for Medical Co-Response. Photo 1 Photo 2





# **Enforcement Manager, George Ferraby**

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

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

April was a productive month for training and professional development within Enforcement Services. Community Peace Officers (CPOs) attended a range of specialized training courses to enhance their skills and knowledge. The Manager of Enforcement Services participated in the Alberta Municipal Enforcement Association (AMEA) Conference in Red Deer. CPO Tom Steil is in the process of completing the Dangerous Goods Inspector Course, which will authorize him to conduct inspections on commercial vehicles transporting hazardous materials—further supporting public and roadway safety. Additionally, Unit E9 is now fully operational.

CPO GUTIERREZ has taught two Control Tactics courses to outside enforcement agencies, bringing in a new revenue stream for Enforcement Services.

Officers participated in two joint forces operations. One operation took place in Valleyview, where several vehicles were stopped. Multiple warnings and tickets were issued. In a separate initiative, officers conducted a Commercial Vehicle Check stop on the Forestry Trunk Road. Several commercial vehicles were inspected during the road ban period. All vehicles were found to be compliant with weight restrictions; however, warnings were issued for other vehicle-related infractions.

School zone patrols continue throughout Greenview, Valleyview and Fox Creek.

#### Grande Cache:

- Several dog complaints have been reported over the past month.
- Removed an abandoned fish shack from the parking lot at Grande Cache Lake.
- Dealt with 2 trailer complaints where RVs are being parked on the streets with no vehicles hooked up. Owners were compliant with the requests to move the trailers.

#### Grovedale:

- Officers stopped a commercial vehicle for a stop sign violation. Further investigation revealed five serious cargo securement violations. The driver was issued over \$4,500 in fines.
- Officers responded to multiple complaints about vehicles speeding through the construction zone. A joint traffic operation resulted in seven violation tickets being issued. The highest recorded speed was 98 km/h in a 50 km/h zone with workers present. Officers are continuing to patrol the area.

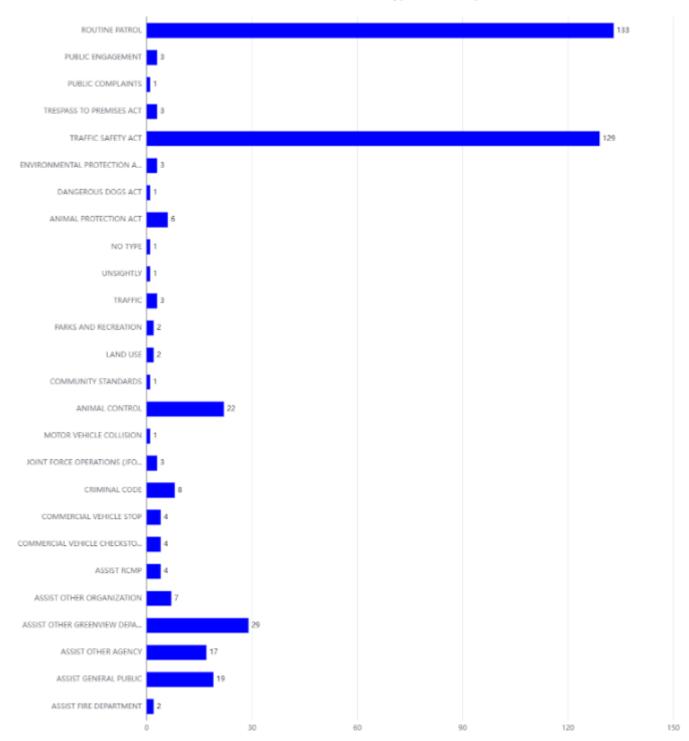
#### Valleyview area:

- Conducted JFO check-stop with Valleyview RCMP, Grande Prairie Traffic Unit & Alberta Sheriffs. Greenview Officers conducted a total of 20 vehicle stops which included 8 warnings issued and 3 violation notices issued.
- Investigated a complaint of dog attack on toddler- which resulted in a face injury that required stiches/medical treatment.
- Officer recovered a stolen vehicle.
- Conducted patrol of Forestry Trunk Rod KM 1-71. One warning issued.

During the period of March 26<sup>th</sup>,2025, to April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Enforcement Services attended 409 calls for service, including 28 bylaw calls. Officers issued 55 violations and issued 86 warnings.

#### Stats:

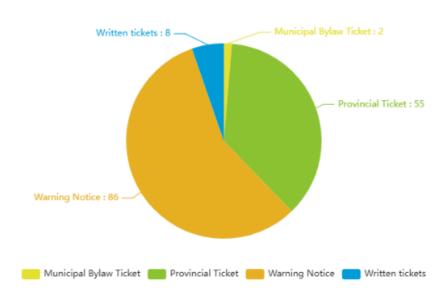




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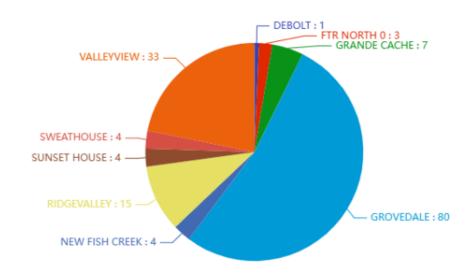
# Provincial tickets by type



Ticket Create Date:

2025-03-26 ~ 2025-04-29

# Provincial tickets by zone



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

## **Governance-Provide Quality Municipal Services**

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program assists seniors and low-income individuals with completion of their income tax returns. There have been 677 returns filed this year bringing 8.1 million dollars back into communities with Greenview.

The Kids Conference took place on April 1&2 in Grande Cache with 53 children aged 5-12 in attendance. The two-day event provided 24 session options that offer a wide range of developmentally appropriate skill development. Skills like teamwork, problem solving, and communication were woven into each session. Attendees were surveyed and all stated they learned new ways to get along better with others and made new friends during the event. Additionally, 7 youth aged 12-14 volunteered to assist with various tasks through-out the conference. Their time is used to practice leadership skills and learn about mentorship.

Administration held two emergency social services mock tabletop exercises, one in Grande Cache and another in Valleyview. Two members also attended the Northwest Emergency Social Services conference that was held April 14 and 15.

3 Volunteer Appreciation dinners were hosted to celebrate and recognize volunteers in community. In Grande Cache, 78 people attended, in Valleyview there were 95 people, and in Grovedale approximately 100 community members attended the dinner. Several community groups and individual nominations were received.

Home Support re-assessments are currently underway. Re-assessments provide the Adult Coordinator an opportunity to have a face-to-face conversation, ensure level of service and hours provided in the home still meet the client's needs, make any required changes in fees, and to ensure the clients are aware of any other programs and services that may be of benefit.

Two Just in case File workshops are scheduled, one in Grovedale on May 6 and a second one in DeBolt on May 12. These workshops prepare participants with the documentation required in case of sudden death or emergency.

Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation has requested a one-day Home Alone course once again this year. While we can accommodate this request, transportation, lunches, and supervision will be their responsibility. As in the past, there will be a charge to facilitate the program.

Green View FCSS will host the Northwest Spring regional conference held on May 14 and 15. We anticipate approximately 40 participants that will include staff, board members and councillors from across the region.

Administration will attend the annual FCSS Directors conference held in Lloydminster on May 1 and 2.

#### **Recreation Services Manager, Kevin Gramm**

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

April 29th was a full day of Recreation Services team building at the Greenview Regional Multiplex (GRM). Grande Cache Recreation Services and the GRM Facility staff including Outdoor Recreation, did break out

workshops, team building exercises and broke out into department groups to discuss challenges, successes and opportunities. This is a regularly scheduled tri-monthly event held at different locations each time, bringing together all programming teams, administrative leads, and senior department leaders to collaboratively build unique skill sets. It allows each sub-department to work in tandem, better serve our patrons, and further refine our internal Recreation capabilities. Communications led the group through a training and information session on better serving our patrons and our internal customers through higher quality communication processes and access to better applications to do so followed with a strong Q&A.

Administration has completed most of the notices of motions, outstanding to be completed is the request for the unisex washroom at the GRM indoor track. Delays in the specific pricing of a piece of equipment has slowed the final document however should be complete in a timely order.

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Grande Cache Recreation Centre, Public Consultation hosted by the Alberta Government regarding the Upper Smoky Sub Regional Plan drew an estimated 1,000 attendees. The event attracted a wide cross-section of the community, particularly individuals tied to local resource-based industries such as coal, mining, and forestry. 75% of attendees appeared to be connected to these sectors. While the proposed 10-year plan emphasizes the development of a conservation area with tourism at the forefront, many expressed concerns about the potential erosion of traditional livelihoods (hunting, quadding, trapping, etc.) and a lack of clarity around infrastructure improvements, such as Highway 40, and resourcing for Fish & Wildlife, Search & Rescue, and Parks Canada.

Residents from the Hamlet of Grande Cache and surrounding Co-operatives came to learn more and voice their perspectives. Although two breakout rooms were reserved, most attendees gathered in the curling rink where a dozen display stations allowed for direct engagement with subject matter experts. Interest remained high throughout the evening, with groups consistently forming around each display. A last-minute switch from the multipurpose rooms to the curling rink—coordinated earlier in the week with event organizers proved beneficial in accommodating the crowd. Attendees were encouraged to complete an online survey, though many questioned how their feedback would be incorporated moving forward, particularly considering the Minister's absence from the event.

#### RE21007 Grande Cache Fieldhouse

Administration met with representatives of ACI Architecture to kick off the inaugural fieldhouse project for the Grande Cache Recreation Centre. Upcoming development plans include any changes or requests that are required in the bid packages for contract services. Teams will meet every 2 weeks to provide updates on the status of the project, including minutes of each meeting.

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

Administration has provided the Consultation Log for the Victor Lake Boat Launch project to the Province of Alberta for review following a required two-week review period provided to Aseniwuche Winewak Nation. AWN provided confirmation that the log was received, but did not submit any further feedback.

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

Progress will commence on this project which is scheduled for completion in May 2025.

# RE25004/RE25005 Smoky River South and Sheep Creek Outhouses

Administration is still looking for additional companies to provide quotes on the replacement outhouses for Smoky River South and Sheep Creek.

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

Administration has evaluated the received proposal costs for completing the internal painting of the Grande Cache Recreation Centre Arena. Staff are currently awaiting a starting date for the process to begin.

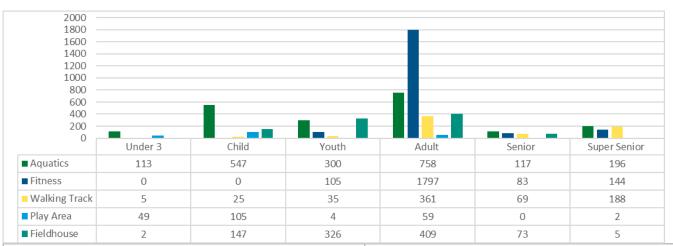
## **Community Transportation Service – Grande Cache**

The Grande Cache Recreation Services team has received and put into full service the eagerly awaited new fleet 16-passenger bus. The Community Transportation Service went through a rebranding, and we were proud to promote this newest addition to our fleet. This is a great addition that helps support mobility and access for a wide range of programs and community needs.

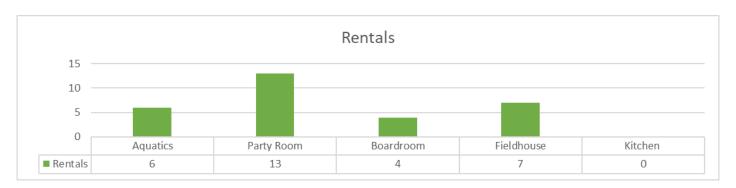
#### **Greenview Regional Multiplex (GRM)**

#### Administration

- April was a great month for development and training at the GRM. The Facility Manager and Aquatic Supervisor attended the AARFP conference on April 13-16 in Canmore. Both attended sessions related to Building Maintenance, Aquatics, Leadership and Client Service, and overall Recreation. The conference consisted of a tradeshow as well and provided ample opportunities for networking and building a network of recreation facility personnel.
- The Facility Manager completed a course throughout the month of April, Management Skills for Supervisors, working towards a professional certificate. This exemplifies the values that Greenview instills in developing and training opportunities.
- April saw 17 Party Room bookings alone and saw 25 birthday parties in the month of April.
   Underground Basketball bookings continued throughout April on Sundays and will wrap up in May.



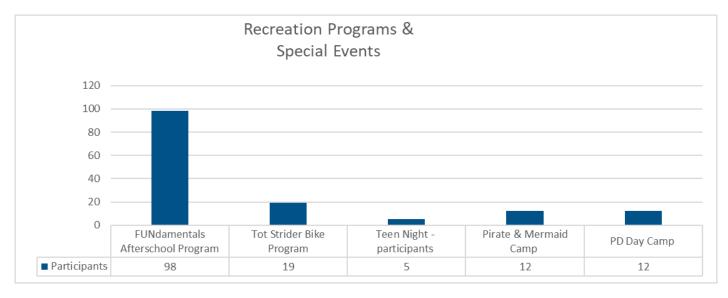
Active Memberships		New Membership Purchases in March	
Corporate - Adult	435	Corporate - Adult	148
Adult	422	Adult	69
Corporate - Youth	42	Corporate - Youth	12
Youth	66	Youth	15
Corporate - Child	41	Corporate - Child	5
Child	89	Child	5
Corporate - Family	57	Corporate - Family	17
Family	35	Family	3
Corporate - Senior	48	Corporate-Senior	5
Senior	99	Senior	26
Super Senior	154	Super Senior	24
Childmind Punch Pass	94	Childmind Punch Pass	0
Toonie Track Punch Pass	16	Toonie Track Punch Pass	2
Total	1598	Total	331

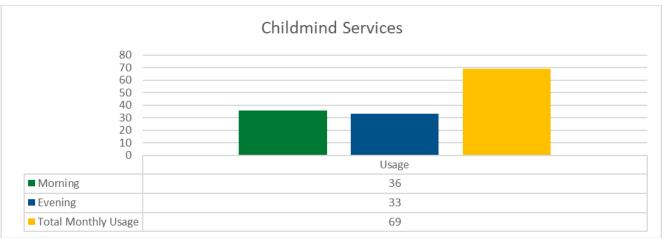


# **Programming**

• April 12<sup>th</sup> was the 4<sup>th</sup> annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. With 12 teams, 8 local and 4 out of town, this was our best and most successful tournament to date. ARC Resources sponsored the Door Prize,

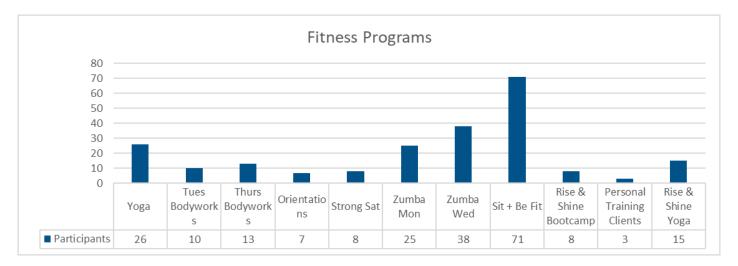
- packed full of basketball gear. The tournament received many positive compliments and feedback around the format, setup and presentation.
- Game Day Vouchers were also brought in this day, which provided athletes with a one-day redeemable voucher at the Magic Breeze Concession, and the concession staff informed it was their best day of business to date. This shows the commitment to both GRM and MBC in providing members and participants with healthy nutrition options while they recreate at the GRM. We look forward to future events and supporting both athletes and concession.
- April 17<sup>th</sup> was our PD Day Camp running from 9am-3pm, with Easter activities and getting ready for the long weekend of Good Friday to Easter Monday. It was a hoppy time! This translated into Earth Week and had programming centered around that. Overall spring and summer are in the air!
- Our newest member of the team started in April, as our Recreation Programmer, and has 30 years of experience in Education. Extremely creative with a toolbox full of tools and experience, the GRM and Greenview are eager to see what programming opportunities arise.
- April 25 was Teen Night at the GRM. With table tennis and instructors from Grande Prairie.
   Unfortunately, our turn out was very low and we hope to gain a following of table tennis enthusiasts as time goes on.





#### **Fitness**

- The first week of April saw the Improve Me Challenge participants come and do their final weigh ins and strength testing, with 21 participants competing for first place. Both winners and runner ups received prizes for the competition, and we thank all who entered and competed to improve their overall fitness, strength and physiques.
- The fitness department continues to see strong numbers in several programs, including Sit and Be Fit, Evening Bodyworks, and both Yoga and ZUMBA/Strong.
- April 28, we had LIV ULTD come and provide Preventative Maintenance Training for the Fitness Programmer and Maintenance team and did a thorough PM of our current units. Units are receiving the proper internal PM's and frequencies.



#### **Aquatics**

- Aquatics remains a popular place to learn, play and recreate in in the month of April. With the WIBIT
  in on the long weekend, we enjoyed having WIBIT weekend and the many smiling faces as they
  navigate this obstacle.
- Swim Greenview Lakes commenced in April from April 1<sup>st</sup> May 31<sup>st</sup>. This program is an indoor program, swimming in the lane pool and tracking your own progress. 3 new lakes have been added this year: Beginner: Pierre Grey (4698m) which is 94 laps of the pool. Intermediate Grande Cache Lake (8162m) which is 164 laps of the pool. Advanced Smoke Lake (14,850m) which is 297 laps. Each of these will provide 1, 3 or 5 entries into the prize draw.
- On April 12<sup>th</sup>, 15 participants competed for the Zone Tryouts for the 55+ Alberta Summer Games trials. They also received Game Day Vouchers as it fell on the same day as the basketball tournament.
- 5 new lifeguards will be starting on April 30<sup>th</sup>, in the Lifeguard in Training Program. All of them are required to complete and finish their National Lifeguard Certification by the end of May to fulfill their commitment to the program. This program allows lifeguards to receive training and guidance to full completion of their lifeguard training requirements.

• Our Senior Head Guard remains focused on their own development and completed another First Aid Course with 12 participants from April 28-29. All participants are internal Greenview employees and showcases the GRM's talent for training or retraining staff with their First Aid Requirements

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

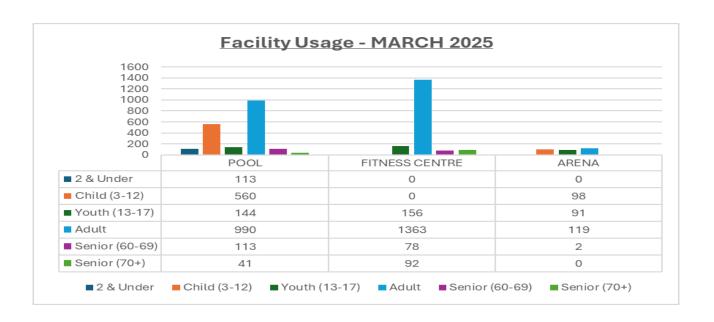
#### **Administration**

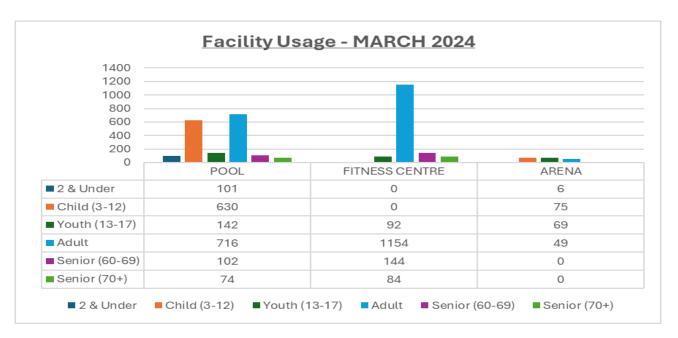
We've made some great progress in how we manage bookings, implementing a more streamlined process that helps us make the most of our space while ensuring nothing slips through the cracks. This has really paid off, we've seen an increase in bookings, especially for our green spaces like the labyrinth, Central Park, and the fenced area where the former daycare used to be. It's been great to see the community using these outdoor areas more often.

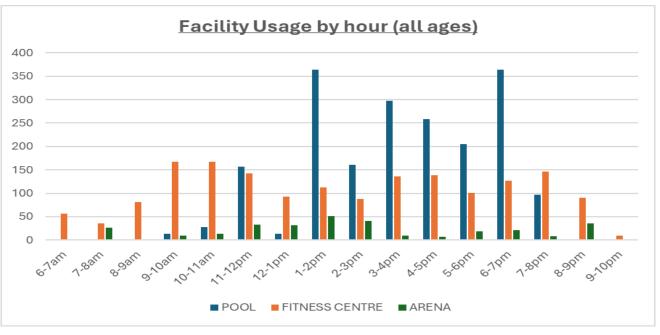
One standout moment this month was having nearly every space in the facility booked at the same time, including the arena, curling rink, boardroom, and all five multi-purpose rooms. It was a busy but exciting day filled with meetings, events, and programs from both internal and external groups.

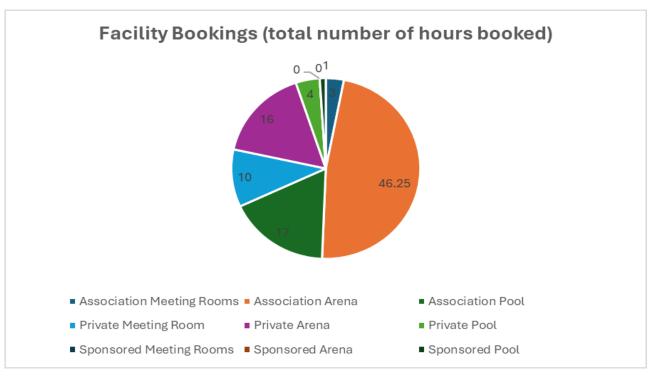
The arena was buzzing with activity this month. We hosted the annual Ice Breaker Memorial Tournament, which even caught the attention of CBC, who came out to cover it with an expo at the Recreation Centre. We're already in talks about potential dates for the 2026 event. Administration is reviewing the costs and benefits, determining if it is practical to keep the ice in that late in the season. The ice was removed shortly after the event.

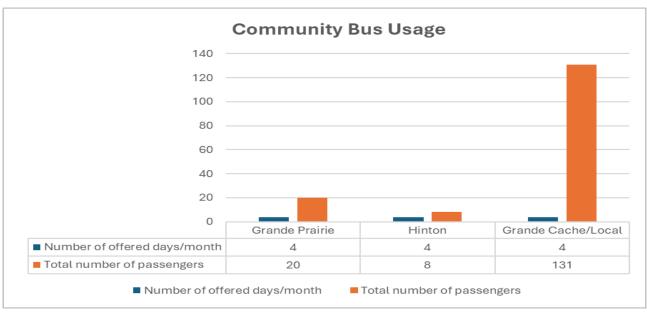
The Grande Cache Recreation Centre also hosted the AWN Round Dance, which was well attended and ran smoothly in the curling rink.











	Membership	
Active Memberships		
10x Corporate Pass (All)	62	
Corporate – Adult	113	
Adult	76	
10x pass – Adult	563	
Corporate – Youth	3	
Youth	11	
10x pass – Youth	138	

Statistics - 2025				
	New Membership Purchases (MAR)			
	10x Corporate Pass (All)	10		
	Corporate – Adult	64		
	Adult	55		
	10x pass – Adult	7		
	Corporate – Youth	-		
	Youth	6		
	10x pass – Youth	-		

TOTAL	1,413
Super Senior (70+)	40
10x pass – Senior (60-69)	64
Senior (60-69)	27
Corporate – Senior (60-69)	5
10x pass – Family	103
Family	46
Corporate – Family	114
10x pass – Child	39
Child	4
Corporate – Child	5

Corporate – Child	1
Child	2
10x pass – Child	ı
Corporate – Family	4
Family	6
10x pass – Family	2
Corporate – Senior (60-69)	1
Senior (60-69)	10
10x pass – Senior (60-69)	2
Super Senior (70+)	1
TOTAL	171

New Membership Purchases (MAR)			
10x Corporate Pass (All)	14		
Corporate – Adult	47		
Adult	32		
10x pass – Adult	9		
Corporate – Youth	2		
Youth	3		
10x pass – Youth	1		
Corporate – Child	4		
Child	3		
10x pass – Child	1		
Corporate – Family	5		
Family	3		
10x pass – Family	1		
Corporate – Senior (60-69)	1		
Senior (60-69)	6		
10x pass – Senior (60-69)	1		
Super Senior (70+)	7		
TOTAL	140		

# **Programming**

# **Annual Kids Conference April 1-2**

Kids Conference is put on by FCSS crew in Grande Cache and ran from April 1-2. Kids conference has many volunteers, staff and people from other organizations come in to help and facilitate sessions. This year we had 53 kids registered! Kids conference ran Tuesday April 1 and Wednesday April 2 from 9am -3:30pm.

Over the 2 day, we had a total of 24 sessions being offered, and 2 large group activities. Kids Conference includes all snacks and lunches throughout the 2 days!

The youth programs team were schedule for the whole kid's conference. Between Programs and the aquatics department we facilitated 5 out of the 24 sessions and when we were not facilitating a session, we all were helping with someone else's session. The programs we facilitated include the following activities: (Programmers Sessions) - Diamond Dot Stickers (15 kids), Slime-Tastic (17kids), Minute to win it (19 kids), (Sarah Fitness side) - Jump, Jive and Thrive (kids), and (Aquatics) Swim to survive (kids)

Our large group activities this year included making a car out of cardboard. They then ended up using the car to sit in to watch a movie. This year we also bought back a group of youth volunteers that were a huge help in setting up snacks, lunch and getting the kids to and from each of their session.

I say that this years Kids Conference was a huge success, and it was a blast! I know that we all can't wait to do it again next year!

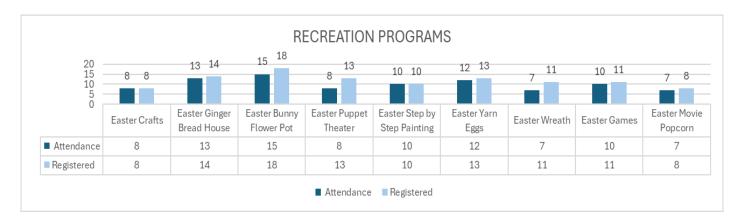
#### Annual Easter Egg Hunt Event April 6

On April 6, 2025, we saw 250 (130 kids, 120 adults) come and enjoy our Annual Easter Egg Hunt Event. The programs team partnered with Grande Cache Interpretive Tourism Centre, Grande Cache Municipal Library, Trystan (Wellness Navigator), Amanda (BEST) and Kelly (Fitness Coordinator) for this event. We hide plastic easter eggs around the Birds Eye Viewing Park and have the kids collect one of each color. To make it challenging for the older kids we had them collect eggs to spell easter. Once they collect their eggs, they bring them in to receive their goodie bag. Inside we had a craft station where they made Easter Egg ornaments, a colouring station, a reading station, snack station and we did cookie decorating this year! The Easter bunny was also in attendance (Matt for the Tourism wore the mascot) and it was a very successful event. We had participants register for a time slot which makes prepping for the event go smoother! The weather was amazing this year with it being plus 15!

#### **Annual Paint the Ice Event April 14**

On April 14, 2025, we saw 263 people come and enjoy our annual Paint the Ice Event! Last year we had 200 people, so we are growing in participation more and more each year! We supply water-based paint in plastic cups and paint brushes that are put out for all ages to come and get creative before the ice is taking out for the season. This event has started to pick up in the last couple years and now other communities are interested in doing their own in their communities! This is such a fun and easy event to run, and we can't wait until next year. The ice was covered with beautiful creations.

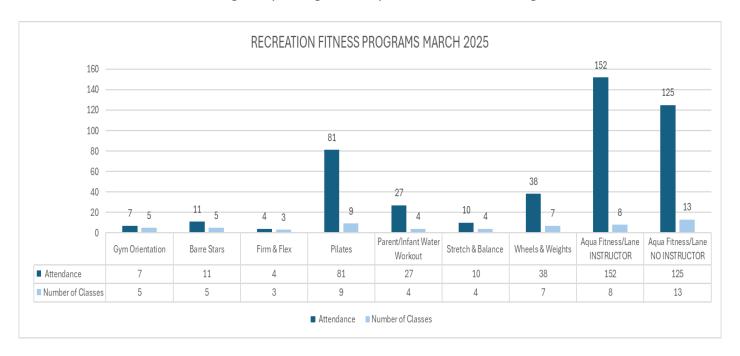




#### **Fitness**

#### **Indoor Triathlon Event Summary**

This year's Indoor Triathlon was a resounding success. A total of nine athletes participated, with two teams and four soloists taking part. Each competitor completed a 15-minute swim, followed by a 15-minute bike ride, and finished with a 15-minute run. To show appreciation for their participation, each athlete received a commemorative t-shirt, along with other goodies. We are grateful to all the athletes and teams who joined us, and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year for another exciting event.



#### **Aquatics**

- The aquatics staff offered a session of Swim to Survive during the kids conference. The program was well received and 19 kids attended.
- Our Spring Session for swim lessons started up, with 41 kids signed up and a full adult lesson class.
- School swimming lessons 52 Grade 1 students and 48 Grade 2 students are swimming four days a week.
- The Grande Cache Otters Swim Club started their long course until the end of June, with a mini meet planned during the season.



#### **Outdoor Recreation Services:**

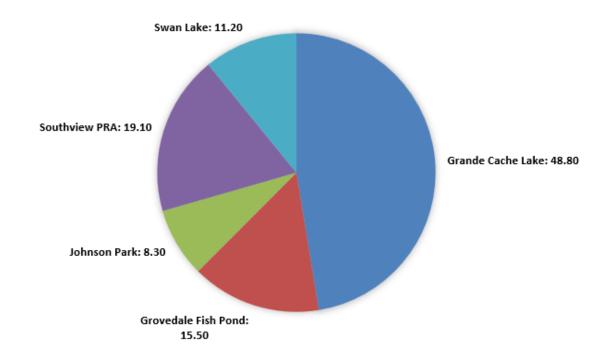
# **Campgrounds Opening**

All campgrounds and day use sites will be open on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, excluding the Grande Cache Campground, which opens on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. The new booking platform is working smoothly for the Grande Cache Campground and Shuttler Flats Provincial Recreation Area, with over \$36,000.00 of revenue collected for Grande Cache Campground to date.

The summer programs schedule has been set for Outdoor Recreation as follows:

- Outdoor Survival Camps
  - o July 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> Johnson Park, ages 9-12
  - o July 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Johnson Park, Intermediate overnight, ages 13-17
  - o July 15<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup>- Swan Lake- ages 9-12
  - o July 28th Johnson Park Ladies Day camp- adults
  - o July 29<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> Grovedale Fish Pond, ages 9-12
  - August 5<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> Grande Cache Lake, ages 9-12
- Adventure Smart Facilitated by Greenview Search and Rescue
  - o August 13<sup>th</sup> Johnson Park ages 5 8
- Park & Play Jointly facilitated with the Greenview Regional Multiplex
  - o July 24<sup>th</sup> Johnson Park
  - August 14<sup>th</sup> Johnson Park

# **DAILY VEHICLE COUNTER AVERAGES** 2025-03-01 TO 2025-03-31



# **DAILY WALKING TRAIL USE AVERAGES** 2025-03-01 TO 2025-03-31

