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general overview

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Originally established as a fur trading post, Grande Prairie became an agricultural settlement after the turn of the 20th century. However, the region's wealth of natural resources including oil, natural gas, coal, and lumber has helped Grande Prairie continue to grow and prosper.

Strategically situated to serve residents from northeastern British Columbia, northwestern Alberta and as far away as the Yukon and Northwest Territories, Grande Prairie is a vibrant regional hub with something for everyone. Grande Prairie's strategic location has

contributed to its rapid growth over the years, and the city has developed into one of the fastest growing communities in Canada. As of 2016, the city has a population of over 63,000, with a broader trading area of over 281,000.

As the largest commercial centre north of Edmonton, Grande Prairie is home to many large retailers not often found outside of major cities. The variety of shopping and recreation opportunities in the city attracts shoppers and visitors from a broad region, contributing to the bustle in this regional hub.

Grande Prairie is a four-season playground with an abundance of indoor and outdoor activities to keep residents and visitors busy throughout the year. Whether it's surfing at the state-of-the-art Eastlink Centre, walking the trails of Muskoseepi Park, or planning a camping trip into the Rockies, Grande Prairie is abundant in recreational opportunities. Those looking for a mountain adventure, untamed Rockies and rapids await them in Grande Cache, while Jasper National Park offers visitors world-class skiing, hot springs, restaurants and more. To the north you will encounter the majestic Peace River Valley while crossing the historic Dunvegan Bridge.

The city boasts a number of accessible parks, golf courses and spectacular green spaces while the foothills south of Grande Prairie provide year-round entertainment for hikers, bikers, campers, snowmobilers, skiers, and outdoor recreationalists.

Sports enthusiasts can cheer on the Grande Prairie Storm at an AJHL hockey game or catch one of the major local, national or even international sporting events that Grande Prairie has become known for hosting. Recent sporting events have included the 2015 Tour of Alberta, the 2015 Canada Cup of Curling and the 2016 Scotties Tournament of Hearts. Grande Prairie will host the 2018 Alberta Summer Games, July 19-22.

The city also has a vibrant arts and entertainment scene. Revolution Place hosts world-class acts like Rihanna, Keith Urban and Elton John while the Grande Prairie Live Theatre regularly showcases local talent and produces plays, concerts, film festivals and other events throughout the year. For a hands-on experience, the Centre for Creative Arts offers a range of classes to learn new skills in painting, pottery, photography and more. Those looking for inspiration can visit the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie, which houses the largest public art collection in the region. Meanwhile, the Grande Prairie Public Library next door is the perfect place to curl up with a good book and a latte.

With the youngest population in Canada, Grande Prairie has more kids heading into Kindergarten than adults heading into retirement. To support this population, Grande Prairie has developed a wide range of activities, supports and amenities for children and families. From the state-of-the-art recreational facilities to the contemporary schools and family friendly neighbourhoods, Grande Prairie is a great place to call home and raise a family.

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RELOCATION GUIDE

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ECONOMIC PROFILE

Grande Prairie's vibrant economy has developed with years of steady growth. Within the Economic Profile, you will find demographics, development and transportation information, sector profiles, and much more.

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You'll want to refer to this publication when you are planning your next event, meeting or conference. Find room dimensions, photos, facility amenities, and accommodation information for every space in Grande Prairie.

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SPORTS FACILITIES GUIDE

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key contacts

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CITY MATTERS

ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT
City of Grande Prairie	The Citizen Contact Centre is your central point of contact for general City of Grande Prairie inquiries including Enforcement Services, Transportation Services, GP Transit, Environmental Stewardship, the Mayor/City Manager's Office.	780.538.0300 cityofgp.com
Grande Prairie Fire Department	The Grande Prairie Fire Department serves the citizens of Grande Prairie with the goal of protecting life, property and the environment.	780.538.0393 cityofgp.com/fire
Grande Prairie RCMP	Grande Prairie is served by the local RCMP detachment.	24 hr: 780.830.5700 780.830.5701

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ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT
A1 License & Registry	Provides driver licensing and other license and registry services	780.539.5009 a1registry.ca
Alberta Motor Association	Provides driver licensing, insurance and roadside assistance services	866.989.6370 ama.ab.ca
Grande Prairie Centre for Newcomers	Helps newcomers to Canada integrate into the community	780.538.4452 gpcn.ca
Grande Prairie Greyhound	Long distance bus service to Edmonton, Calgary, and other Canadian cities	780.539.1111 greyhound.ca
The License Centre	Driver licensing and vehicle registration, corporate registry, birth, death, marriage, land title, personal property, health care, and Canadian Boating License	780.532.4033 thelicensecentre.ca

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ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT
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ATCO Electric	Electricity provider	1.800.668.2248 atcoelectric.com
ATCO Gas	Natural gas provider	780.539.2400 atcogas.com
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Fido	Mobile phone	1.888.481.3436 fido.ca
Galaxy Broadband	Satellite internet service	1.877.463.9728 galaxybroadband.ca
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Rogers Wireless	Mobile phone	1.855.877.3824 rogers.com

LOCAL MEDIA

ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT
2day FM	Local radio station	780.357.3733 2dayfm.ca
Big Country XX	Local radio station	780.532.0840 bigcountryxx.com
Daily Herald-Tribune	Local daily newspaper	780.532.1110 dailyheraldtribune.com
Eastlink Channel 7	Community TV channel	780.513.7647
Q99	Local radio station	780.882.6612 q99live.com
Reach FM	Local radio station	780.830.7640 reachfm.ca
Rock 97.7	Local radio station	780.539.9700 rock977.ca

events

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2017 Ongoing Events

Art Exhibits

Montrose Cultural Centre
cityofgp.com/events

Centre for Creative Arts
creativecentre.ca

Canada 150 Celebration
cityofgp.com/events

Farmers' Market

Downtown
gpfarmersmarket.ca

Grande Prairie Downtown Association
gpdowntown.com

Grande Prairie Little Theatre
gplt.ca

Grande Prairie Regional College
Theatre Events
gprc.ab.ca/events

Motor Speedway Races

Hythe
hythespeedway.com

Storm Hockey

Revolution Place
cityofgp.com/events

March

5

Harlem Globetrotters
Revolution Place

7

Tom Cochrane
Mad, Mad World Tour
with Red Rider
Revolution Place

9-12

Peace Country
Agri-Show
Evergreen Park

10

Northwest Alberta
Sports Excellence
Awards
Pomeroy Hotel &
Conference Centre

24-26

Grande Prairie
Sports Expo
ENTREC Centre

31-Apr 2

Grande Prairie Woman's
Show – Spring Edition
Revolution Place

31-Apr 2

Spring Home and
Garden Show
ENTREC Centre

April

7-9

Hunt Mania Gun
and Sport Show
ENTREC Centre

16-17

Easter
Multi-Facility Celebration
cityofgp.com/events

21-22

NPBA Car Show
ENTREC Centre

22

Zulu Midnight Run
Eastlink Centre

28-29

Holistic Health and
Wellness Expo 2016
Holiday Inn & Suites
Conference Centre

30-May 2

Mighty Peace Days
Revolution Place

May

13–14	Monster Truck Throwdown Revolution Place
13–14	ZULU Challenge Nighthawk Ski Hill
17–18	Petroleum Show ENTREC Centre
25–26	Grande Prairie Children's Festival Montrose Cultural Centre
31–Jun 4	Grande Prairie Stompede Evergreen Park

June

5–9	Seniors Week
10	31 st Annual Highland Games Macklin Field
10–11	Eastlink Centre Triathlon and Kids of Steel Eastlink Centre
14	Municipal Government Day Muskoseepi Park
16–17	Guitars and Wagons Weekend Evergreen Park
24	Sizzling Summer Sidewalk Sale Downtown
25	National Aboriginal Day Muskoseepi Park
30	Canada Day Kick Off and Fireworks Muskoseepi Park

July

1	Canada Day Parade Downtown
1	Canada Day Multi-Facility Celebration cityofgp.com/events
13–16	Teepee Creek Stampede Teepee Creek
21–22	East Coast Garden Party South Bear Creek
21–23	Street Performers Festival Downtown

August

7	Heritage Day Multi-Facility Celebration cityofgp.com/events
18–20	Bear Creek Folk Festival Muskoseepi Park
19–20	Shred Fest 2017 Eastlink Centre

September

16	Neighbour Day Multi-Facility Celebration cityofgp.com/events
30–Oct 2	Alberta Cultural Days Multi-Facility Celebration cityofgp.com/events

30–Oct 1

October

12–15	Grande Prairie Women's Show – Fall Edition Revolution Place
20–22	Hunt Mania Gun and Sport Show ENTREC Centre
20–22	Sunrise Rotary's Scarecrow Festival Revolution Place
28	Halloween Multi-Facility Celebration cityofgp.com/events

November

11	Remembrance Day Celebration Revolution Place
17	Vegas Night Downtown
18–26	Festival of Trees ENTREC Centre
18–Dec 31	Northern Spirit Light Show Evergreen Park
30–Dec 2	Farmers Market Christmas Craft Show ENTREC Centre

December

2	A Crystal Christmas Revolution Place
2	Eastlink Centre's 6th Anniversary Party Eastlink Centre
3	Santa Parade Downtown
3	Old Fashion Christmas Grande Prairie Museum
31	First Footings New Year's Eve Celebrations Muskoseepi Park



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population

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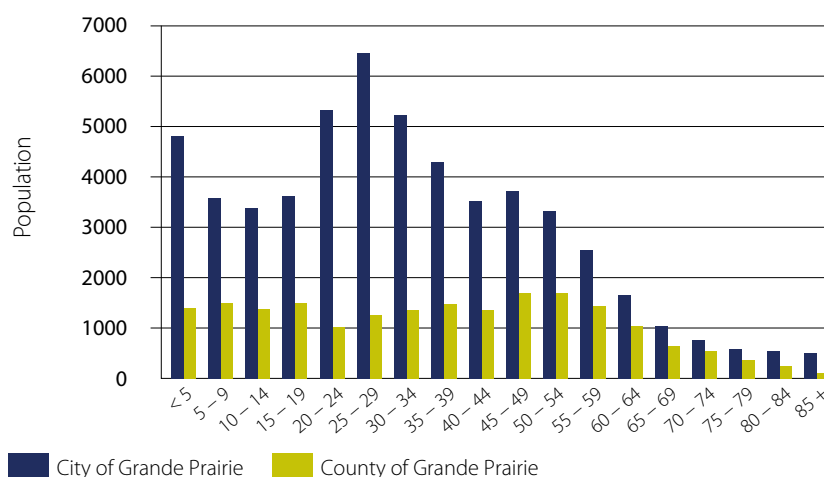
With a median age of 30.3, well below the national average of 40.5 Grande Prairie is an exceptionally young city. Whether it is parents pushing a stroller, children filling the Eastlink Centre or families biking one of the many trails, there are signs of youth everywhere you turn.

Grande Prairie's youthfulness is a result of the growing opportunities presented by its role as a regional hub as well as the area's many natural resources. Grande Prairie's population grew 13.5% between 2011 and 2016 as people flocked to the area for job opportunities.

Grande Prairie is the youngest city in Canada and one of the fastest growing in North America.

 **Population** 
63,166
2016 Census

Population Distribution by Age



Several smaller communities bring the total trading area population to over 281,000 people.

Population increase 2011 → 2016 **13.5% ↑**

Population growth rate 2011 → 2016 **2.56% ↑**

Unemployment rate 2016 Average **7.1%**



Continuing trend of young families and increasing births



The median age of the community is a youthful 30.3



The city has more residents under the age of 5 than over 65

housing

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Cost of Living

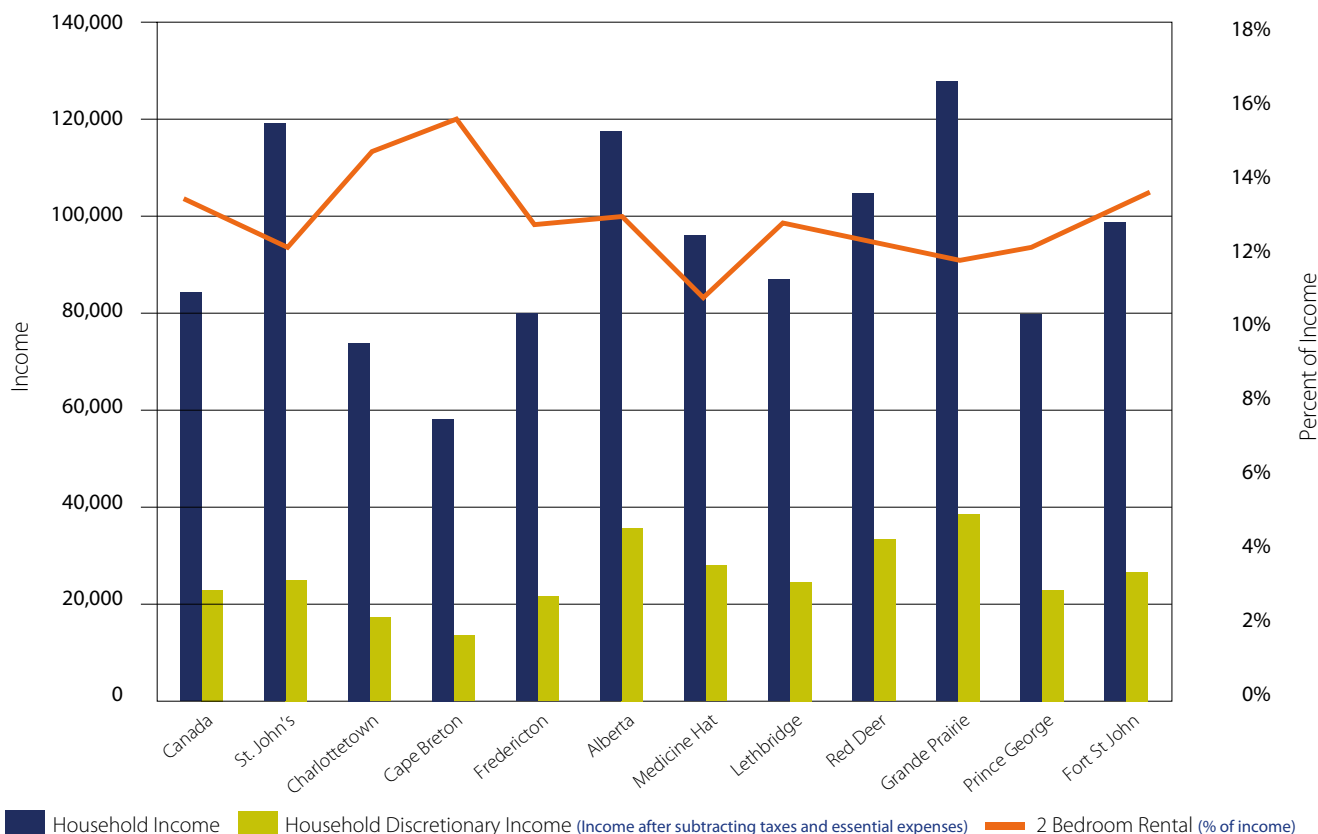
Being a city in northwestern Alberta, it is often believed that the cost of living in Grande Prairie is high relative to the rest of Canada or even the Province. However, the cost of living is very comparable with the rest of Alberta. With a high average household income and a discretionary income that is double the national average, Grande Prairie residents are accustomed to a comfortable lifestyle.

The local real estate market remains affordable. The City's construction remains busy with Building and Inspection Services issuing a

total of 3,026 permits in 2016. The annual average home price in Grande Prairie remained steady at \$295,859, a 7% decrease from 2015 and significantly lower than the provincial average of \$394,576 and the national average of \$490,495.

The average rent for a two bedroom suite in Grande Prairie remained affordable in 2016 at \$1,022 per month, compared to the province wide average of \$1,195.

Income to Rent Comparative





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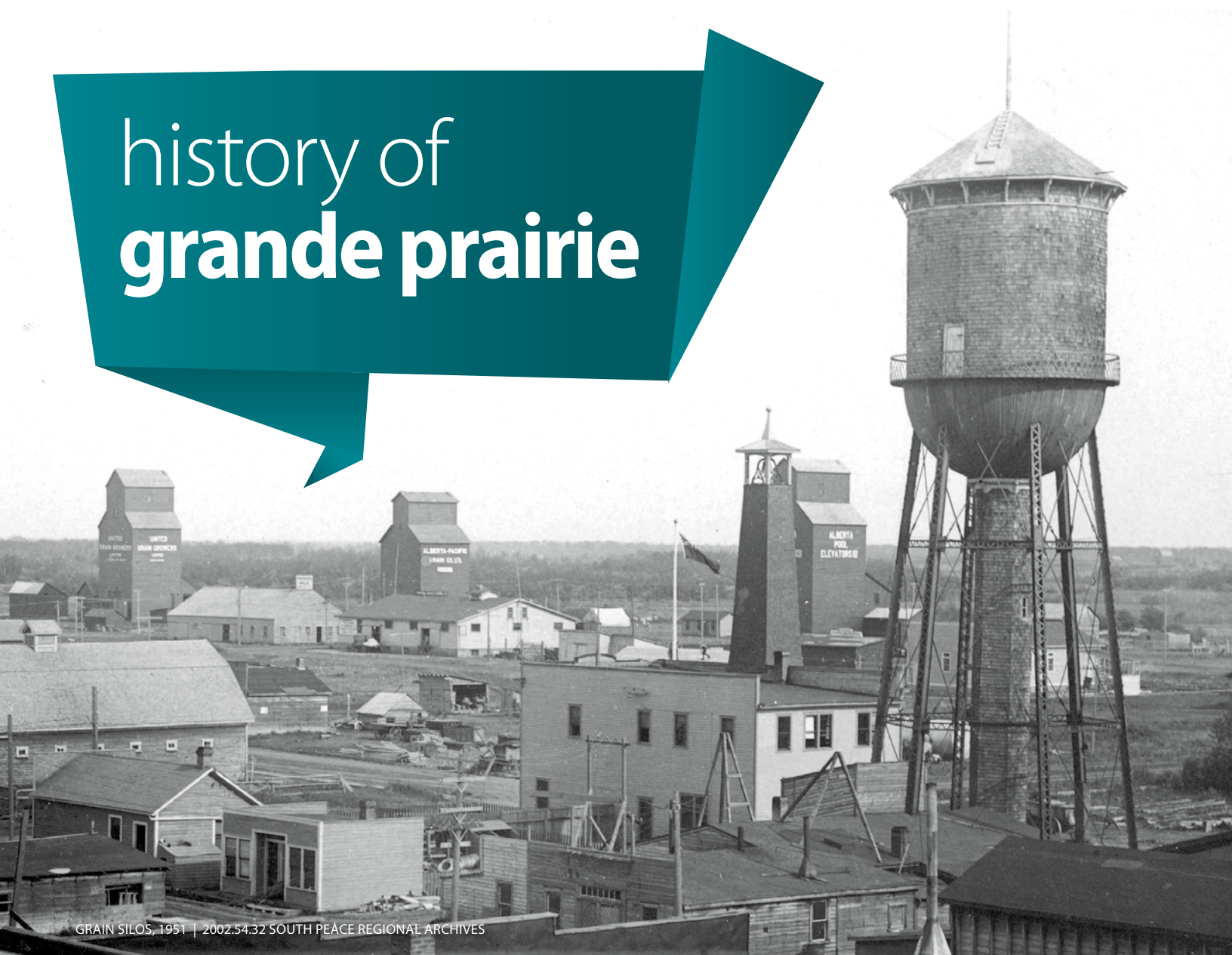
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history of grande prairie



GRAIN SILOS, 1951 | 2002.54.32 SOUTH PEACE REGIONAL ARCHIVES

Grande Prairie is located in Alberta's Peace Country, so named for the Peace River, which flows through the area. Before the arrival of European settlers, the prairie was home to the Beaver First Nation, with bands of Cree sometimes travelling through the region as well. Since the 17th century, the fur trade brought European explorers further and further west, and in 1793, Alexander Mackenzie became the first European to travel through the Peace River Region. In 1805, the initial fur trade post was established in the region on behalf of the North West Company.

A Hudson's Bay trading post was established near Grande Prairie in 1881. The beginning of the 20th century saw more settlers in search of farmland, and in 1910, the town site was laid out by the Argonaut Company. In 1911, a two-storey store was erected on the

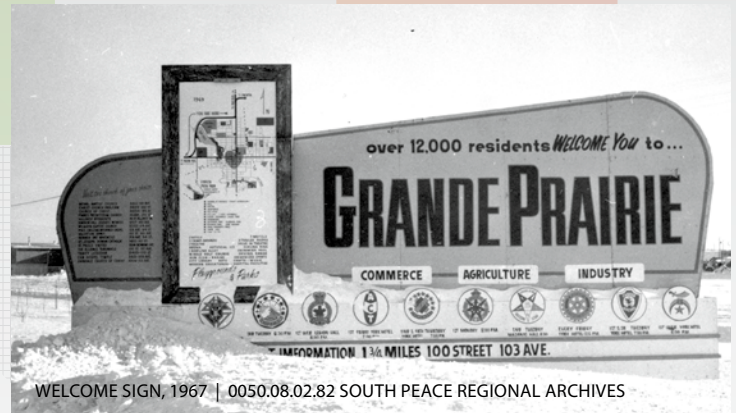
corner of what is now 100th Avenue and 100th Street, and soon after, much of the Grande Prairie town site began to be taken up by various businesses, ready to serve the incoming settlers. Grande Prairie was incorporated as a village in 1914.

During the Great Depression, more settlers arrived from the drought-stricken southern prairies. They came north to farm the moist, fertile soils of the Peace. The Depression was difficult for people on the prairies, but thanks to the favourable weather conditions of the Peace River Region residents fared relatively well. Agriculture built the foundation of Grande Prairie in the early 20th century, and it remains important today. The region produces more grain than the entire province of Manitoba, as well as the largest share of the Canadian honey supply.

The discovery of oil at Leduc, Alberta in 1947 ignited a series of explorations leading to the discovery of bountiful reserves of oil and natural gas in the Peace Region. Though some exploration and drilling occurred in the early parts of the 20th century, it was the post-war explorations that spurred the oil and gas industry in the area. As more and more reserves were discovered, the economy expanded and the region's population increased dramatically. Today, the oil and natural gas industry has become integral to Grande Prairie's economic growth.

The second half of the 20th century was the beginning of an era of prosperity for Grande Prairie. The rapid economic and population growth in the town and region led to Grande Prairie becoming a City in 1958. This growth quickly drove up demand for infrastructure and workforce development. To address the region's growing need for post-secondary education; the Grande Prairie Junior College was established in 1965, becoming the Grande Prairie Regional College in 1974. The modern structure bordering Muskoseepi Park was designed by world-renowned architect Douglas J. Cardinal. Following the construction of the college was the opening of the Prairie Mall, attracting international stores and shoppers to the city.

Grande Prairie's role as a regional hub was enhanced in 1982 with the opening of the new Courthouse and Provincial Building to service the region's need for Alberta Government services. The opening of Crystal Park School in 1983 brought Grande Prairie the



WELCOME SIGN, 1967 | 0050.08.02.82 SOUTH PEACE REGIONAL ARCHIVES

first integrated school in Alberta combining regular school with programs traditionally only found in hospitals. Building on the region's success, a 161-bed hospital was opened in 1984 to accommodate a growing population base.



















Grande Prairie continues to grow and expand every year. To accommodate the growing population, the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital is slated for completion in 2019. The new facility will function as a regional referral centre, providing health services to northwestern Alberta residents and allowing more northern patients to receive specialized and complex care, closer to home and with shorter wait times

Grande Prairie is a city of constant change and growth. As talented young workers and their families move to the area in search of opportunities, they continue to help shape the city into the vibrant community that it is.

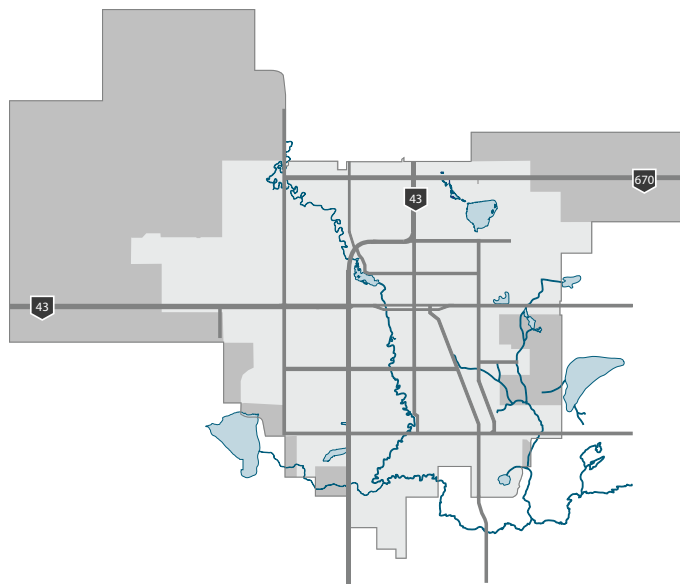





RICHMOND (100TH) AVENUE, 1914 | NC-6-725 GLENBOW ARCHIVES

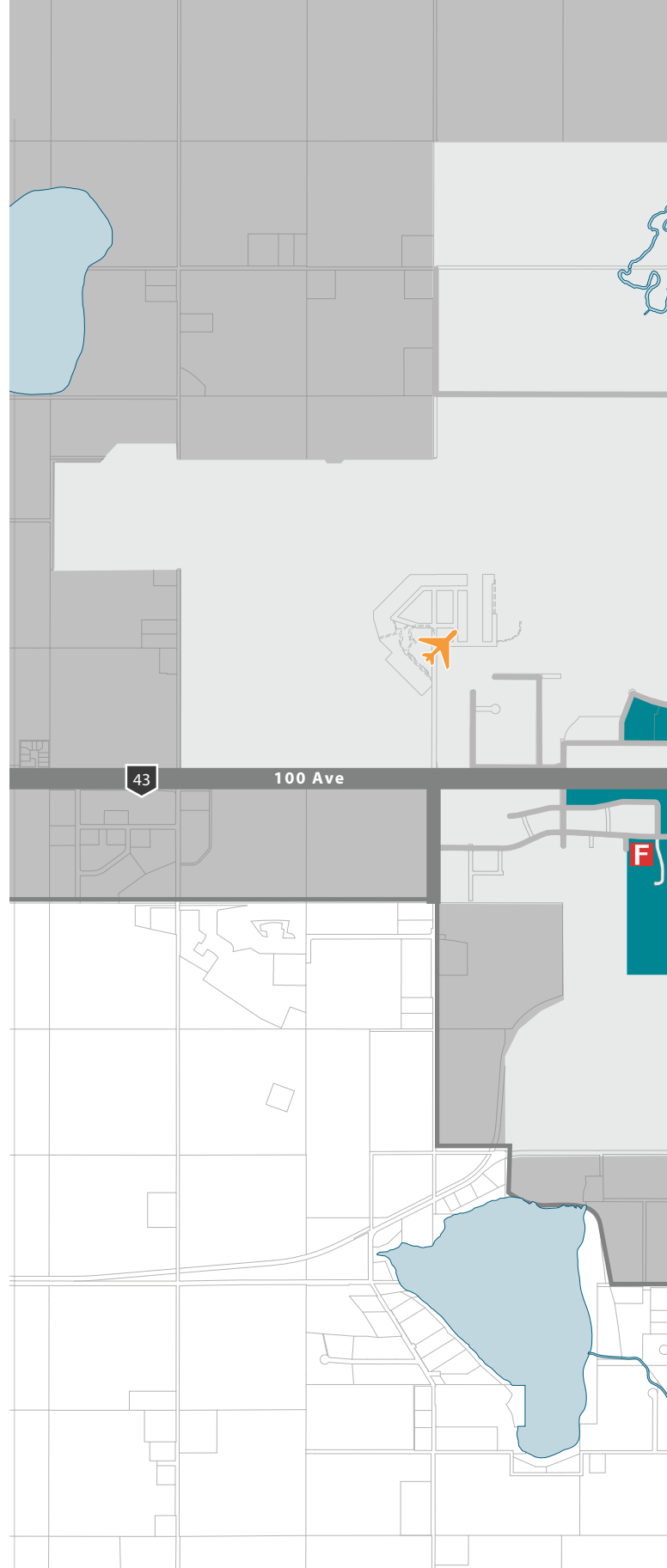
Legend

	Hospital		Shopping District
	Hospital (Future)		School Yards, Fields & Parks
	Firehall		Off Leash Park
	Police Station		Library
	Airport		Art Centre
	Schools		Recreation
	Information Centre		Playground
	Museum		Campground
	Recycling Depot		Golfcourse

City of Grande Prairie



-  Rural Service Area
-  Urban Service Area
-  City Boundary



CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE URBAN SERVICE AREA MAP





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REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:

PROOF OF AGE: Child's birth certificate must be presented at time of registration. (Birth certificate application forms available)

ALBERTA HEALTH NUMBER

PROOF OF ADDRESS FOR STUDENT:

Documents such as rental agreement/utility bill/phone and/or mortgage.

REGISTRATION FORMS: Are available at each school or online:
www.cli.re/LAxbxG (Download link)



education



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Grande Prairie is fortunate to be served by a world-class education system comprised of four school districts with a wide variety of exciting program options for every student.

Grande Prairie Public School District (GPPSD)

The GPPSD offers French Immersion programming for students from pre-kindergarten to Grade 12, Montessori programming for preschool to Grade 6 and International Baccalaureate programming for Grades 10–12. GPPSD also includes the Academy, a performance driven academic and athletic training program for students in hockey, dance, soccer and golf. Additionally, GPPSD students have the opportunity to earn credits towards their post-secondary studies thanks to dual credit partnerships with the Grande Prairie Regional College and the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology.

gppsd.ab.ca | 780.532.4491

Grande Prairie and District Catholic School District (GPCSD)

The GPCSD district serves students of all faiths & backgrounds. French Immersion Programming is available through the Catholic school system to students from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 and the Celtic Academy, a multi-sport based program is offered to students in Grades 4–12 and is based on the Long-Term Athlete Development program.

gpscd.ca | 780.532.3013

Conseil Scolaire du Nord-Ouest

The NorthWest Francophone Education Region offers students a high quality French language education which encourages a sense of belonging to the francophone community locally, in Canada and around the world.

csno.ab.ca | 780.624.8855

Peace Wapiti Public School Division

The Peace Wapiti Public School Division serves students from Grande Prairie's surrounding rural areas. At the centre of the district's broad territory, the city is home to Harry Balfour School, a Kindergarten to Grade 8 elementary and Peace Wapiti Academy, a Grades 9–12 high school. Students are drawn from the farms, acreages and rural communities surrounding Grande Prairie

pwsd76.ab.ca | 780.532.8133

Grande Prairie Regional College (GPRC)

GPRC is a comprehensive community institution offering university transfer, diploma and certificate programs; apprenticeship and pre-employment trades training; and adult high school equivalency completion. The highly-qualified faculty, affordable tuition, small classes, personal contact and extensive scholarship and awards program offered by GPRC attract students from across the country.

gprc.ab.ca | 780.532.8133

DAYCARE & DAYHOME FACILITIES

ORGANIZATION	WEB ADDRESS	PHONE
A Bright Beginning Child Care Centre	abrightbeginningchildcare.ca/	780.532.9170
Building Blocks Daycare	gprc.ab.ca/community/daycare	780.539.2781
Ivy Lake Out of School Program		780.513.0695
Kid's Place Pre-School & Kids Day Care Centre	cityofgp.com/davebarr	780.538.0469
Queen Elizabeth II Hospital Child Care Centre	albertahealthservices.ca	780.538.7100
Stepping Stones Day Care & Family Day Home Program		780.532.9684
Watch Me Grow Family Child Care Program	watchmegrow.ab.ca	780.814.7050
Wee Care Drop In Centre	wecaredaycaregp.com	780.357.0030
YMCA Childcare	northernalberta.ymca.ca/grandeprairieregion	780.539.9622



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12815-104A St., Grande Prairie, AB T8W 2N7
(780) 532-0010 | www.stcatherine.gpcsd.ca

St. Clement Catholic School

Grades Pre-K-7
9636-109 Ave., Grande Prairie, AB T8V 1R2
(780) 532-4698 | www.stclement.gpcsd.ca

St. Patrick Catholic School

Grades Pre-K-8
7810 Poplar Dr., Grande Prairie, AB T8V 4T8
(780) 539-7434 | www.stpatrick.gpcsd.ca

Holy Cross Catholic School

Grades Pre-K-7
11011-90 St., Grande Prairie, AB T8X 1J7
(780) 538-0077 | www.holycross.gpcsd.ca

St. Kateri Catholic School

Grades Pre-K-8 | **Celtic Academy Grades 4-8**
7906 Mission Heights Dr.
Grande Prairie, AB T8W 1H3
(780) 538-2883 | www.kateri.gpcsd.ca

Mother Teresa Catholic School

Grades K-8 | **Montessori Pre-K-5**
7501 Willow Dr., Grande Prairie, AB T8X 0H7
(780) 814-9732 | www.motherteresa.gpcsd.ca

École St. Gérard Catholic School

Grades Pre-K-7
French Immersion | Late Immersion Grade 5
Celtic Academy Grades 4-8
9724-88 Ave., Grande Prairie, AB T8V 0B7
(780) 532-5398 | www.stgerard.gpcsd.ca

BEAVERLODGE

St. Mary Catholic School

Grades K-9
1117 - 1 Ave. West, Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0
(780) 354-2944 | www.stmarybv.gpcsd.ca

SEXSMITH

St. Mary's Catholic School

Grades Pre-K-12
9001 - 103 Street, Sexsmith, AB T0H 3C0
(780) 568-3631 | www.stmarys.gpcsd.ca

SPIRIT RIVER

St. Marie Catholic School

Grades Pre-K-8
4910 - 44 Ave., Spirit River, AB T0H 3G0
(780) 864-3585 | www.stemarie.gpcsd.ca

FAIRVIEW

St. Thomas More Catholic School

Grades K-12
10208 - 114 St., Fairview, AB T0H 1L0
(780) 835-2245 | www.stm.gpcsd.ca

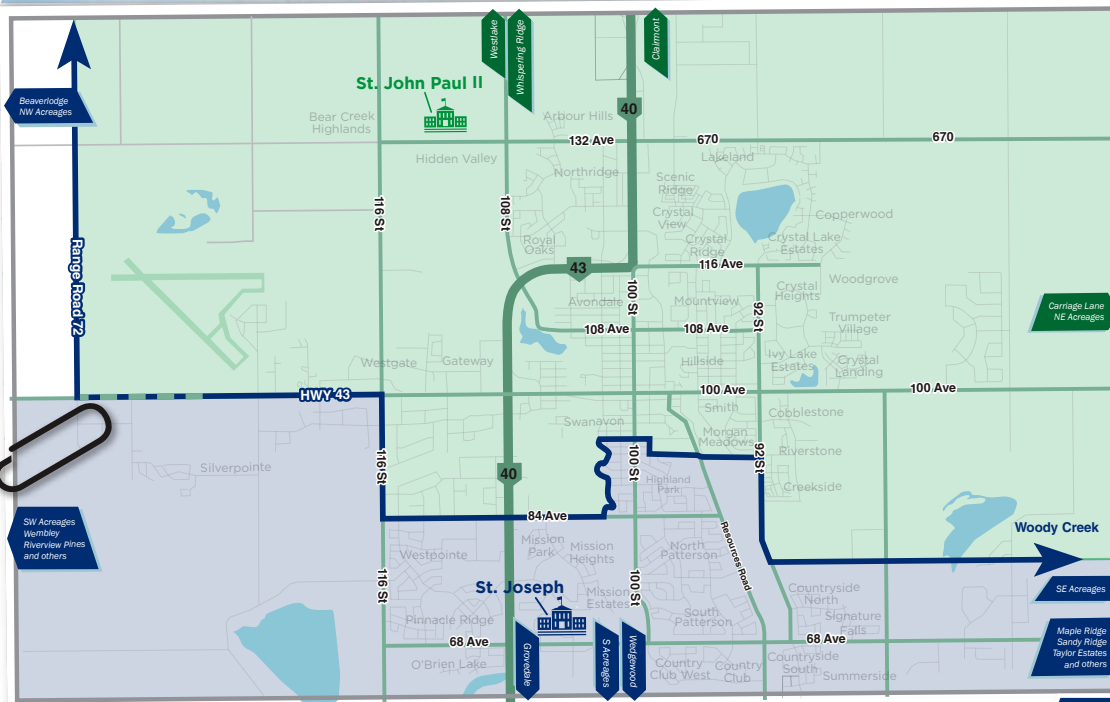
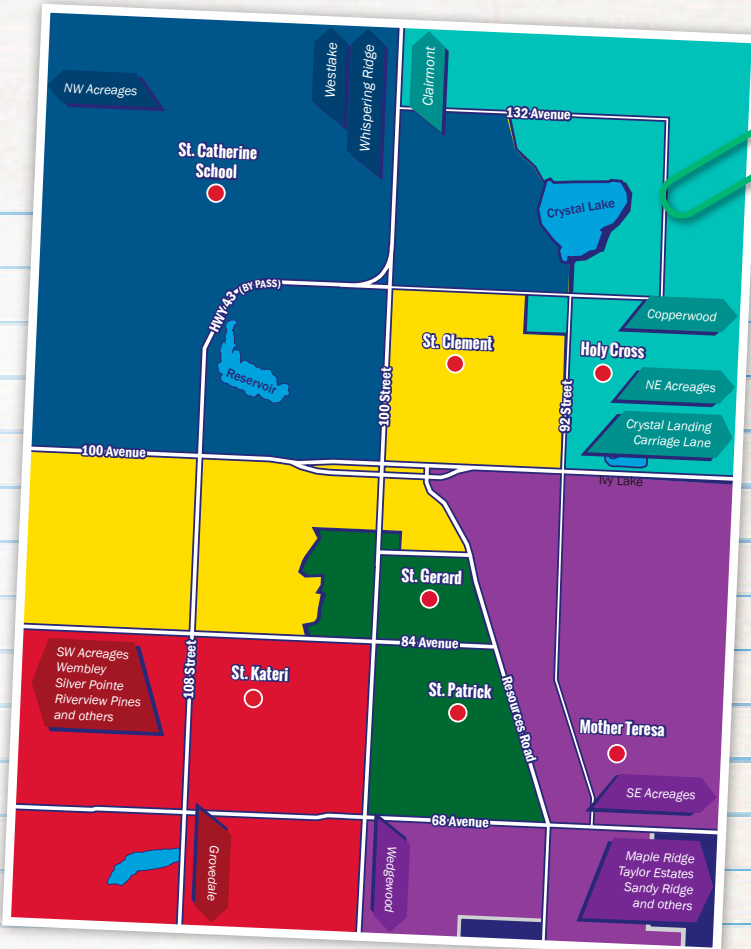
JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

St. Joseph Catholic School

Grades 9-12
Grade 9 Family / Grade 10 & 11 College
French Immersion 10-12 | **Celtic Academy**
10520-68 Ave, Grande Prairie, AB T8W 2P1
(780) 532-7779 | www.stjoseph.gpcsd.ca

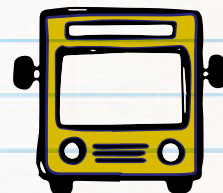
St. John Paul II Catholic School

Grades 8-9 | Grande Prairie, AB
Celtic Academy Grades 8-9
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health services

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Family Physicians

Grande Prairie is currently served by 48 General Practitioners through 21 medical clinics. Family physicians and other primary health care services are coordinated through the Primary Care Network including the After-Hours Clinic and Chronic Pain Management Program. For more information on health services in Grande Prairie, including family physicians accepting new patients, visit:

grandeprairiepcn.com

Grande Prairie Regional Hospital

The Grande Prairie Regional Hospital, currently under construction, will provide a wide range of health care services to the northwest region, including surgery, cancer care and emergency services. It will have 200 single inpatient rooms, including medical, surgical and rehabilitation, intensive care, cardiac care, obstetrics, neonatal intensive care, pediatric and mental health beds; an education facility in partnership with Grande Prairie Regional College; a state-of-the-art cancer centre with two radiation vaults; and outpatient programming.

Queen Elizabeth II Hospital

The Queen Elizabeth II Hospital was built in 1984 to accommodate Grande Prairie's growing population. Construction began in August of 1978 when Queen Elizabeth came to turn the sod on the 161 bed facility. Once the new Grande Prairie Regional Hospital opens in 2019, the QEII Hospital will continue to offer ambulatory and community health care services.

STARS Air Ambulance

Grande Prairie is served by the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS), a non-profit, community-based organization that provides airborne intensive care to critically ill and injured patients.

ORGANIZATION	WEB ADDRESS	PHONE
Alberta Health Services	albertahealthservices.ca	866.408.5465
Canadian Mental Health Association	cmha.ca	780.539.4681
Canadian National Institute for the Blind	cnib.ca	780.539.4719
College & Community Health Centre	gprc.ab.ca/community/health_centre	780.814.5800
Grande Prairie Public Health Centre		780.513.7500
HIV North Society	hivnorth.org	780.538.3388
Queen Elizabeth II Hospital		780.538.7100
STARS Air Ambulance	Stars.ca	780.830.7000

community

Neighbourhood Associations

Neighbourhood Associations provide an opportunity for neighbours to come together as a unified voice for their community and to support initiatives that improve quality of life and provide a “sense of place.” Grande Prairie is fortunate to have a network of 14 Neighbourhood Associations supported by the City.

cityofgp.com/neighbourhoods

Seniors

Seniors in Grande Prairie are served by Seniors Outreach, a non-profit, non-government agency designed to ensure seniors have continued participation in family and community life, maximum independence and choice and are involved in the development of services for seniors. Seniors Outreach assists senior citizens in gaining access to available services and making their needs known to agencies and government.

780.539.6255 | gpcouncilonaging.com

Culture

Residents have come from across Canada and around the world to Grande Prairie in search of new opportunities. As the population has grown, the city has developed a diverse cultural landscape. Grande Prairie is home to a wide range of cultural associations and places of worship.

Cultural Associations

ACFA Regionale de Grande Prairie | 780.532.6335

Chinese Association of Grande Prairie

Grande Prairie Friendship Centre | 780.532.5722

Grande Prairie Filipino Association

Grande Prairie Hindu Association

Grande Prairie Society of German Canadians | 780.532.0935

Islamic Association of Grande Prairie | 780.513.6486

Metis Local #1990 | 780.538.9333

Troyanda Society of Ukrainian Culture & Heritage | 780.512.3231

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Abundant Life Church of Grande Prairie | 780.532.0649

Anglican Church of Canada | 780.532.2093

Baha'i Faith | 780.532.4786

Believers Full Gospel Assembly | 780.532.0444

Christ Community Church | 780.538.9452

Christian Fellowship Assembly | 780.538.1350

Church of Christ | 780.538.4211

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints | 780.532.1120

Coram Deo Baptist Church | 780.532.0445

Covenant Reformed Church | 780.539.1159

Faith Lutheran Church | 780.532.7612

Forbes Presbyterian Church | 780.539.5125

Generations Church | 780.538.4611

Grande Prairie Alliance Church | 780.532.8836

Gurudwara Sikh Temple | 780.538.1921

Harvest Baptist Church | 780.830.3010

Hillcrest Mennonite Church | 780.532.1164

Islamic Association of Grande Prairie | 780.513.6486

Ivy Lake Baptist Church | 780.532.0445

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness | 780.532.3775

McLaurin Baptist Church | 780.532.2823

Native Fellowship | 780.532.9001

North Country Community Church
of the Nazarene | 780.532.0704

People's Church | 780.539.0572

Redeemed Christian Church of God | 780.532.7727

Salvation Army | 780.532.3720

Seventh Day Adventist Church | 780.532.3808

St. Joseph Catholic Church | 780.532.2351

St. Paul's United Church | 780.532.2415

The Oasis Fellowship | 780.539.6179

The Worship Center | 780.228.4639

Trinity Lutheran Church | 780.532.4978

Ukrainian Catholic Church | 780.933.4468

Victory Church on the Rock | 780.803.0254

Westpointe Community Church | 780.532.4296



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2017 marks the 150th anniversary of Canada's confederation. Canada's 150th birthday gives us the opportunity to recognize our history, accomplishments, culture and the indigenous people who have been here long before confederation. Grande Prairie features over 100 cultures from countries around the globe. Join in the fun and celebrate our shared Canadian identity. Come out to the City's Municipal Government Day, Canada Day, Heritage Day and Arts and Culture Day Festivities. Enjoy special enhancements this year to recognize this special milestone!

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For all your City of Grande Prairie needs, visit us at:
cityofgp.com  



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11330 106 Street Lower Level Centre 2000 | 780.532.5790

cityofgp.com/HDC

OPEN YEAR-ROUND | FREE ADMISSION

- Life size, animatronic Pachyrhinosaurus
- The Grande Prairie Story: From the Palaeocene to the Present
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- Educational Programs
- Rotating Annual Exhibits
- Gift Shop & Local Author Bookstore
- School/Group Tours



MONTROSE CULTURAL CENTRE

9839 103 Avenue | 780.357.4987

cityofgp.com/MCC

OPEN YEAR-ROUND

- Teresa Sargent Hall – a bright, beautiful 5,000 sq.ft. indoor space available to rent for weddings, events, meetings and more
- Art Gallery of Grande Prairie
- Esquires Coffee House
- Grande Prairie Public Library
- Grande Prairie High School: Provincial Historic Resource Site
- Outdoor Concourse opening in Spring 2017
- 88 stall underground parkade and ground level parking



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- Special Event Days



GRANDE PRAIRIE MUSEUM

Muskoseepi Park | 780.830.7090 | cityofgp.com/GPMuseum

OPEN YEAR-ROUND | FREE ADMISSION

- AMA Accredited Museum
- Heritage Village (Spring to Fall)
- Main Gallery Open Year Round
- Rotating Annual Exhibits
- Replica Palentology dig site
- Community Room Rental
- McQueen Church Rental for Weddings
- South Peace Regional Archives
- Gift Shop
- Local Author Bookstore
- School/Group Tours
- Special Event Days
- Educational Programs



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780.830.5105 | southpeacearchives.org

Culture & Heritage



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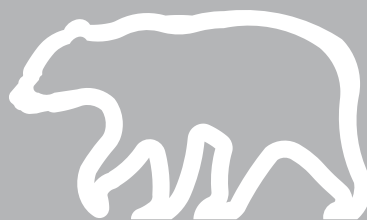


GPMuseum




cityofgp.com/culture

THE CITY OF
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ALBERTA



Muskoseepi Park

cityofgfp.com/muskoseepi

 [muskopark](https://www.facebook.com/muskopark)

Entrance on 102 Street and 102 Avenue | 780.538.0451

OPEN YEAR ROUND

- Room Rentals
- Summer Day Camps
- Preschool Programs
- Spray Park
- Playground & Climbing Wall
- Grassed Areas for Activities
- Miniature Golf
- Fishing (Summer)
- Hiking Trails (Map available)
- Lawn Bowling & Horseshoes
- Basketball/Tennis Courts
- Skateboard Park



- Ball Diamonds
- Beach Volleyball
- Pavilion & Picnic Area
- Par 3 Golf Course
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Statutory Holidays 12 – 5pm

780.830.5000 | eastlinkcentre.ca

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EastlinkCentreGP



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780-357-4999 | cityofgp.com/neighbourhoods

 [gpneighbourhoodassociations](https://www.facebook.com/gpneighbourhoodassociations)

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- 16 Neighbourhood Associations and growing!

GYM & SPORTS FIELDS

780-538-0407 | cityofgp.com/recreationandsport

- Community, public and catholic school gym bookings
- Outdoor sports field bookings (grass and synthetic)
- Recreation and sport drop-in programs (October – May annually)
- Birthday parties at Mother Teresa community gym



Recreation & Sport

 [gprecandsport](https://www.facebook.com/gprecandsport)

 cityofgp.com/recreationandsport



cityofgp.com/kidsplace | 780-538-0469





Coca-Cola CENTRE

#6 Knowledge Way | 780-513-5252 | ccc.cityofgp.com

OPEN DAILY YEAR ROUND

 [cocacolacentre](https://www.facebook.com/cocacolacentre)

- 2 NHL ice surfaces year round
- Four meeting rooms (host events up to 115 people)
- Rinkside café concession and catering
- Public skating, shinny hockey and stick & puck
- Hockey, figure skating, sledge hockey, speed skating, seasonal camps and more



9535 Prairie Road | 780-538-0469 | db.cityofgp.com

OPEN DAILY YEAR ROUND

 [davebarrcc](https://www.facebook.com/davebarrcc)

- Ice surface during fall / winter season (hockey, figure skating and more)
- Dry floor surface during spring / summer season (ball hockey, lacrosse and more)
- The Kid's Place Pre-K and Daycare
- Dave Barr Active Zone programs and camps



KIDS KLUB AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

cityofgp.com/kidsklub | 780-538-0469



cityofgp.com/activezone | 780-538-0469



family day home program

cityofgp.com/familydayhome | 780-538-0469

exploring grande prairie



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Visitor Information

Drop by the Visitor Information Centre at Centre 2000 on Highway 43, your one-stop information shop. You will find brochures on accommodations and attractions, maps, souvenirs, and knowledgeable, friendly staff, who will help organize your perfect trip. The Centre is open from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm in the summer and from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm between Labour Day and Victoria Day.

Rotary Bus Tour

Check out this fun way of getting to know Grande Prairie. Enjoy a guided bus tour that introduces you to local attractions, industries, events and facilities. Bus tours operate every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from June to August and depart from Centre 2000 at 7 pm.

Camping

Grande Prairie residents love camping. There are numerous RV parks and campgrounds around the city at nearby Saskatoon Island Provincial Park and many other locations. You can also camp in the heart of Grande Prairie at the Rotary campground located next to Muskoosepi Park. Here, you can enjoy the beautiful natural scenery while staying close to all city amenities. Check out the Visitor Information Centre or go online for a directory of local campsites.

gptourism.ca

Golfing

With the summer sun shining until after 11 p.m. and several golf courses within the city and surrounding area, there is plenty of opportunity to get outside and enjoy a round. Some clubs also offer camping, RV parking and winter activities. For a directory of local golf courses visit:

gptourism.ca



Indoor Sports

Grande Prairie is full of exciting indoor activities. City facilities like the Eastlink Centre, Coca-Cola Centre and Dave Barr Community Centre offer the chance to try surfing, running, swimming, squash, ice hockey and much more. Grande Prairie is also home to Gymniks, one of the biggest gymnastic training centres in the country, which offers gymnastics, tumbling and cheerleading for all ages. Residents and visitors looking for something a little different can check out the Jump Yard, a 20,000 square foot indoor trampoline park with wall to wall trampolines, a massive foam pit and trampoline dodge-ball. For more information on the endless indoor sports to try in Grande Prairie visit:

cityofgp.com/communityconnections

Outdoor Adventures

Numerous companies offer exciting adventures throughout the region! You can try a wild river tour, go for a horseback ride or try hunting or fishing. Nitehawk Recreation Area offers down-hill skiing on nine runs and two terrain parks, fully lit for night skiing while the Wapiti Nordic Ski Club features over 35 km of trails for cross-country and skate skiing including the 4.5 km night skiing trail. Both parks are open for mountain biking, hiking and running through the summer months.

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Visitors and new residents are often surprised at the diversity of shopping available in Grande Prairie. As the only major centre serving a regional population of over 281,000 people Grande Prairie is home to major chains not often found outside of major cities.

Prairie Mall is the largest indoor retail shopping centre in north-western Alberta and northeastern British Columbia. In operation since March, 1975, the Prairie Mall has become the predominant shopping centre in the Peace Region, with over 90 merchants of local, national, and international roots.

shoppraiiemall.com

Downtown is the financial, commercial and cultural centre of Grande Prairie. It is home to more than 500 establishments ranging from banks to unique clothing boutiques, furniture stores and diverse restaurants. The Farmers' Market offers a selection of hand crafted and locally grown products year round while the Grant Berg Gallery carries original works of art from local and Canadian artists.

gpdowntown.com

The west side of the city is home to many major national and international retailers. Westgate Centre offers a variety of home décor and fashion options including Urban Barn, Home Sense, Old Navy and Carter's OshKosh. The nearby Grande Prairie Power Centre is home to Best Buy, Pet Smart, Winners and more and Costco is conveniently located across the street.

A photograph of a family walking across a wooden bridge in a park. The father is pointing towards the left, the mother is holding a child, and another child is walking ahead. The bridge has a wooden deck and metal railings. In the background, there are lush green trees and a grassy area. A green banner with the text 'city parks' is overlaid on the right side of the image.

city parks

MUSKOSSEPI PARK | BEAUCHAMP PHOTOGRAPHY

With over 1,600 acres of parkland throughout the city, Grande Prairie is full of opportunities to get outside and stay active.

100 Parks

As a legacy project for the City of Grande Prairie's 100th Anniversary in 2014, 100 parks throughout the city were officially named after citizens who have contributed significantly to our city's history and helped make our community what it is today.

Bear Creek Outdoor Pool

The Bear Creek Outdoor Pool, a long-time community gem is scheduled to re-open in June 2018. The fully re-done facility will feature a water slide, games area, zero beach and swimming lanes for use throughout the summer months.

Dog Parks

For the four legged members of the family, the City of Grande Prairie has one fully fenced off-leash dog park, and three neighbourhood off-leash areas.

Ice rinks

The City maintains 11 outdoor community ice rinks including the Muskoseepi Park Skating Pond. In addition, the Neighbourhood Rink Program allows local homeowners an opportunity to build and maintain a small skating rink neighbourhood parks near their home. These rinks are maintained by volunteers and used throughout the winter for local skating.

Maskwoteh Park

At the North end of Muskoseepi Park, across from Centre 2000, Maskwoteh Park features 900 metres of new trails, picnic areas and three new playground areas for children to enjoy. These new areas feature an outdoor classroom, a fossil hunt section and a rocks and ropes area all with a unique dinosaur theme.

Muskoseepi Park




Muskoseepi Park runs through the centre of the city with 18 km of both paved and natural trails winding through the urban forest for walking, biking and cross country skiing. The park features two large playgrounds, a splash park, an all-season pond for fishing and skating, outdoor basketball, tennis and lawn bowling courts, mini golf, disc golf and bird watching facilities. Muskoseepi Park is the place to be for festivals and entertainment. Grande Prairie's Canada Day, Heritage Day and Municipal Government Day celebrations are held in the park and the outdoor amphitheatre with its hillside seating provides the stage for concerts, dance performances and other shows throughout the season. Stop by the Ernie Radbourne Pavilion for information or to check out the fun and educational programs offered for children of all ages.

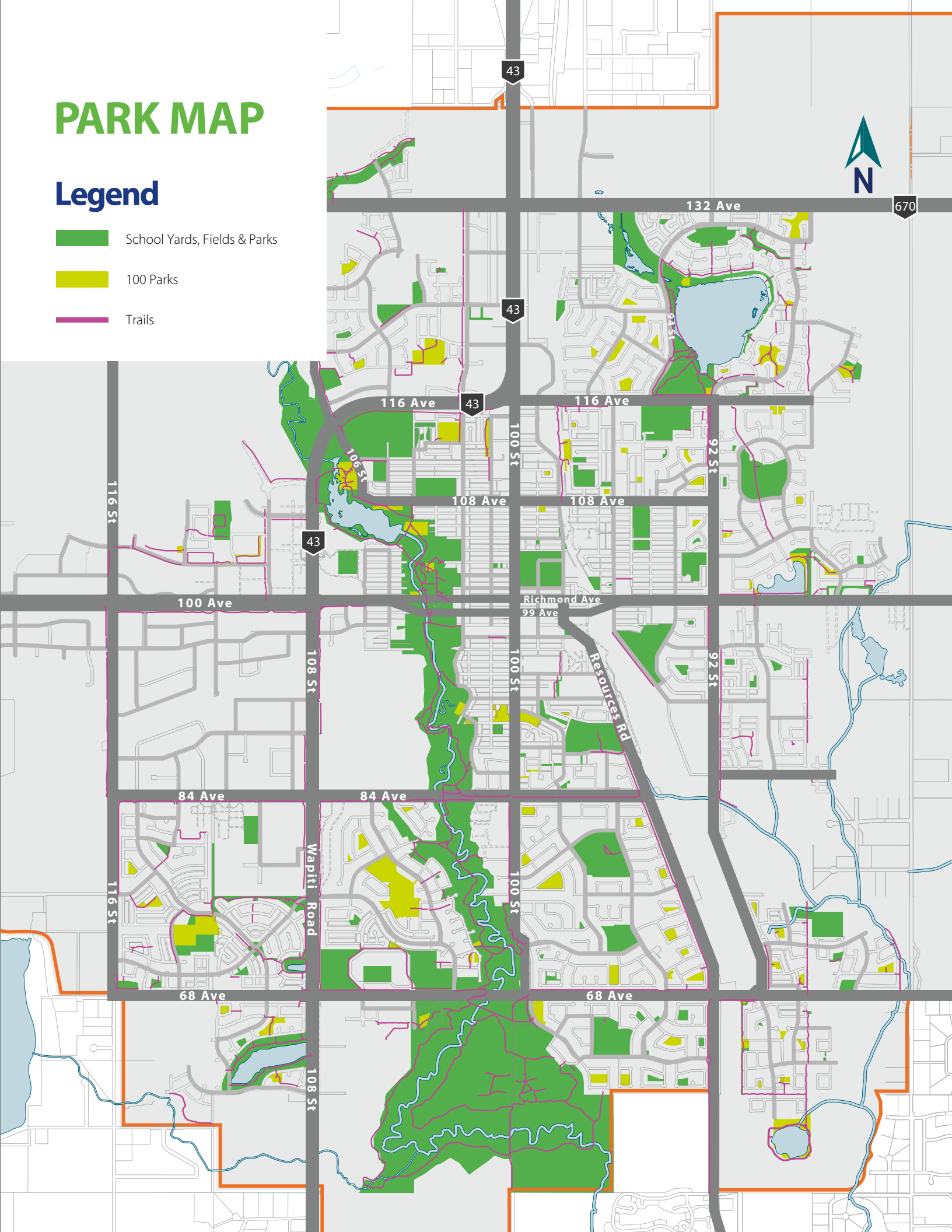
South Bear Creek

South Bear Creek Park offers a wide variety of recreational activities and facilities including ball diamonds, beach volleyball courts, and a Par 3 Wee Links golf course. The park also features a pavilion and picnic area, walking trails and an off leash dog park.

PARK MAP

Legend

-  School Yards, Fields & Parks
-  100 Parks
-  Trails



city facilities



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Centre 2000

Centre 2000 is located on the outer edge of Muskoseepi Park and serves as a “one-stop information shop” for tourists of Grande Prairie and surrounding area as well as a place for special events and meetings. The building is home to the Grande Prairie Chamber of Commerce, the Grande Prairie Regional Tourism Association, United Way and the Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta.

centre2000.ca | 780.513.0240

Coca-Cola Centre

The Coca-Cola Centre features two ice surfaces with seating for nearly 2,000 spectators. The facility is available for public events and private bookings in its two ice surfaces and four meeting rooms.

cityofgp.com/cocacolacentre | 780.513.5252

Dave Barr Community Centre

Dave Barr Community Centre offers hockey and skating in the winter months, and lacrosse and ball hockey in the summer. The community centre is also home to the Kid's Place, a City-run playschool and a variety of child and youth programs.

cityofgp.com/davebarr | 780.538.0469

Eastlink Centre

One of the largest adventure and fitness aquatic venues in Canada, the Eastlink Centre boasts an Olympic-size 50m competition pool, diving towers, a surfing simulator, waterpark, indoor basketball, volleyball, badminton and squash courts, as well as an indoor track. The facility also has a variety of food and beverage vendors and health and wellness merchants. Visit this great facility to stay fit and have fun!

eastlinkcentre.ca | 780.830.5000

Forbes Homestead

The Forbes Homestead is one of the oldest buildings still standing in Grande Prairie. It contains the original log structure built in 1911, used as the first hospital in Grande Prairie, as well as the two storey add-on used by the Forbes family as their residence. The homestead was restored to its original form to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the Forbes family and was opened to the public in 2010.

cityofgp.com/heritage | 780.830.7090

Grande Prairie Museum

Situated in Muskoseepi Park, the Grande Prairie Museum develops and hosts educational programs, tours, interactive displays and temporary exhibits to tell the story of the region's history. The adjoining Heritage Village is open May through September and consists of 14 historical buildings from the Grande Prairie area.

cityofgp.com/gpmuseum | 780.830.7090

Heritage Discovery Centre

Located in the lower level of Centre 2000, this family-friendly, hands-on museum offers visitors a look into our past with exhibits that showcase the natural and social history of the Peace Country from prehistoric times to the present. It is home to Piper, the life-sized Pachyrhinosaurus, the Bickell Theatre and the Kin Gallery which hosts many travelling exhibits each year.

cityofgp.com/heritage | 780.532.5790

Montrose Cultural Centre

The Montrose Culture Centre is home to the Grande Prairie Public Library, the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie, Esquires Coffee House and the Teresa Sargent Hall. It is a place for the community to gather in support of the arts and literacy in Grande Prairie.

cityofgp.com/culture | 780.357.4987

Revolution Place and Bowes Family Gardens

Revolution Place is the premiere entertainment and sport venue of the northwest. The facility hosts sports, concerts, shows and entertainment for the whole family and is the home of our Grande Prairie Storm of the Alberta Junior Hockey League.

revolutionplace.com | 780.538.0387



ART GALLERY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE | TEEPLE ARCHITECTS



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arts and culture

Art Gallery of Grande Prairie

One of the largest cultural organizations in Alberta, the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie works to preserve, inspire and share the world of art with the community and the region. Located within the Montrose Cultural Centre, the gallery offers free admission, art exhibitions, guided tours, educational programs and activities for all ages. The Art Gallery features the Carlstrom Family Green Space, an interactive gallery and self-directed studio space where visitors of all ages can participate in free art activities.

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Centre for Creative Arts

The Centre for Creative Arts offers workspace and affordable fine art, craft and cultural classes for aspiring artists of all ages. The centre is home to a gallery and gift shop that feature 100% locally made fine art and craft items.

creativecentre.ca | 780.814.6080

Douglas J. Cardinal Theatre

GPRC's 508 seat Douglas J. Cardinal Performing Arts centre hosts a wide variety of local community groups, keynote speakers, musical performances, theatrical productions and recitals.

gprc.ab.ca/theatre

Festivals

Grande Prairie is home to a wide variety of festivals and events. The International Street Performers Festival brings jugglers, acrobats, musicians and entertainers of all kinds from around the world to the streets of Grande Prairie. The Reel Shorts Film Festival celebrates Canadian, international and locally produced short films. Meanwhile, Stompede and Guitars & Wagons, Grande

Prairie's two major western events boast rodeo, chuck wagons and live music. The Bear Creek Folk Festival, held in Muskoseepi Park features national, and international touring artists from genres, including country, Celtic, blues, gospel, Americana, bluegrass, folk, rock and more.

Grande Prairie Live Theatre

Grande Prairie Live Theatre operates the 167-seat Second Street Theatre downtown, one of Canada's largest non-profit community theatres. The facility offers an exciting entertainment venue for date night, family outings, and cultural enrichment. The theatre offers the opportunity to experience the talent of local and visiting artists as well as award-winning Canadian and foreign films.

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Grande Prairie Public Library

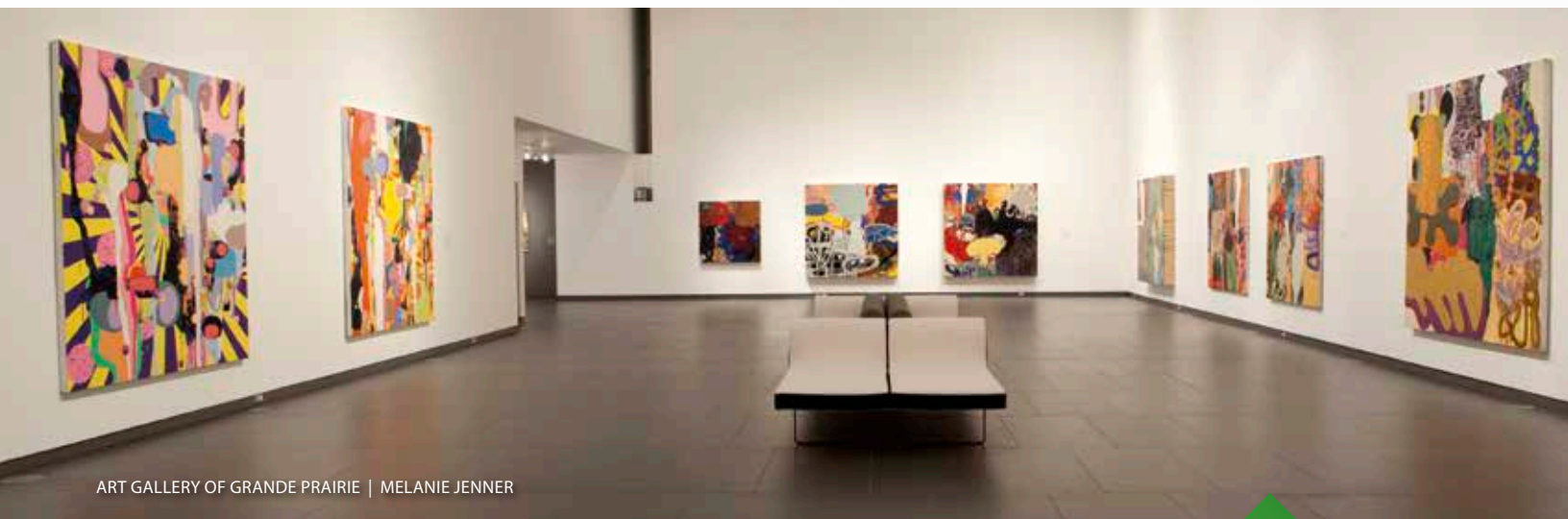
Located in the Montrose Cultural Centre, the Grande Prairie Public has served the Grande Prairie area since 1939. It is the largest library north of Edmonton and is a resource centre for the Peace Country. Each year, close to 250,000 people visit the Library and borrow 460,000 items. Beginning in 2017, the Grande Prairie Public Library is pleased to offer free memberships.

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Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum

20 kilometres west of Grande Prairie is the Pipestone Creek Bonebed, one of the densest accumulations of fossils in the world and home to the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum. This new world-class facility uses animation, CTI scans, 3D printers and other technologies to give visitors a unique interactive dinosaur experience.

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environment

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Rural Service Area

Residents living in the rural service area should contact Environmental Stewardship to learn about services in their area.

780.538.8300

CITY ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

Community Garden

The City has a community garden which offers residents the opportunity to learn how to garden. The harvest is shared within the community at places such as Rotary House, Sunrise House and the Soup Kitchen and work bees are held in the garden every Thursday at 6:30 pm May through September. The Community Garden will be opening in its new location in the South Montrose Concourse in the spring of 2017.

Edible Planting

The City has an edible planting policy that increases the number of planted fruit trees and shrubs throughout the community. Edible trees and shrubs are planted in parks throughout the city and residents are encouraged to enjoy the harvest.

City Scrub

Every year schools, businesses, residents and community groups volunteer 20 minutes of their time to pick up garbage in and around the city. City Scrub occurs in the first week of May and has more than 5,000 participants helping to make our City a cleaner place.

Vermicomposting

The City offers sessions several times a year on composting organic waste in order to decrease waste being sent to the landfill.

transportation



GRANDE PRAIRIE AERIAL - LIZA CURTISS

Grande Prairie Airport

The Grande Prairie Airport is the gateway to the Alberta and British Columbia Peace Region. With daily direct flights to Edmonton and Calgary it offers one stop connections to the rest of the world.

Maintaining a friendly and comfortable atmosphere, Grande Prairie Airport has many of the conveniences and amenities of larger airports. Check-in to your flight early and enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner at the Viewpoint Restaurant and Lounge on the second floor.

grandeprairieairport.com

Highways

Three major highways link the City of Grande Prairie to the rest of Alberta, Canada and the world. The City is connected to Edmonton and British Columbia via highway 43, the Northwest Territories via highway 2 and the Rocky Mountains via highway 40.

Public Transit

The City of Grande Prairie provides scheduled transit service using a fleet of modern buses. All buses are GPS tracked meaning riders can see exactly when their bus will arrive. The Where's My Ride tool provides up to the minute tracking and can be accessed from your computer or mobile device.

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business advantage



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Young & Growing Population

At a population of 63,166, Grande Prairie is one of the youngest and fastest growing cities in North America. With more residents preparing for kindergarten than retirement, the median age of Grande Prairie is a youthful 30.3, well below the national average of 40.6. Grande Prairie's population grew 13.5% between 2011 and 2016 by attracting talented men and women for the many opportunities available.

A Diverse Economic Portfolio

Named Canada's Best Place for Business by Canadian Business and PROFIT in 2016, Grande Prairie is best known for its oil and gas activity. However, it is home to a wide range of industries. Grande Prairie's business-savvy community has been consistently recognized by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business as one of the most entrepreneurial communities in Canada, an ambition that can be seen across all of the city's major industries.

Forestry

Grande Prairie's forestry industry is one of the most important engines in the region with four large operators, International Paper, Weyerhaeuser, Canfor and Norbord. While it is unusual to see such a concentration of major operators in a city of Grande Prairie's size, these operations are among the most competitive in Canada and the top industrial employers in the region. Northwestern Alberta produces 40% of Alberta's pulp, 64% of its oriented strand board (OSB) and 50% of its timber.

Agriculture

Agriculture remains an important part of the Grande Prairie region. Almost four million hectares of farmland in the Peace Country produce wheat, barley, hay, canola and alfalfa. Grande Prairie's world-renowned creeping red fescue helps keep lawns, parks and golf courses green across North America.



Tourism

Tourism has become an important industry for the area with attractions like the Eastlink Centre and the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum adding to the draw of the region's natural beauty. Thanks to Grande Prairie's position on the route to the Alaska Highway and the many shopping and recreational opportunities that the city has to offer, Grande Prairie has become a hub for shoppers and tourists alike.

Retail

As a regional hub, Grande Prairie has established itself as a lucrative market for local and multi-national retailers. The city is the centre of an affluent region consisting of a trading area of 281,000 people representing \$3.7 billion in retail spending. As the population continues to grow, retail spending and demand for new stores continue to be supported by the young, fast growing city.

The city has a current retail inventory of 4.06 million square feet, including major retailers such as Costco, Best Buy and HomeSense. Total demand for retail is 5.02 million square feet, leaving residual demand for new stores at 958,000 square feet.

Energy

Grande Prairie continues to profit from the wealth of oil and gas resources in the area. Grande Prairie is well positioned as the major oil field service centre supporting both the Montney and the Duvernay, two of the largest plays in North America. Output from the Montney has doubled since 2012 and now comprises a third of Western Canada's natural gas production. By 2040, it is projected to make up more than half of the country's production. Grande Prairie-based companies service oil and natural gas activities in northwestern Alberta, northeastern British Columbia and into the Northwest Territories. This massive market aids in economic stability, keeping companies and employees working during periods of world economic uncertainty.



business resources

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Aboriginal Business and Entrepreneurship Development

ABED is a program of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada which provides services and support for the growth of the Aboriginal business sector. It helps First Nations business start-ups with the development of business plans, accessing lenders and financing.

ainc-inac.gc.ca | 780.495.2954

Community Futures

The Community Futures Grande Prairie office is a community driven, non-profit organization that provides a wide range of small business services and business management tools for people looking to start, expand, franchise or sell a business.

grandeprairie.albertacf.com | 780.814.5340

Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce connects business by creating opportunities for networking, business promotion, advocacy, and policy development. The Chamber makes services accessible to businesses of all sizes, types and industries. The Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce is the third largest in Alberta.

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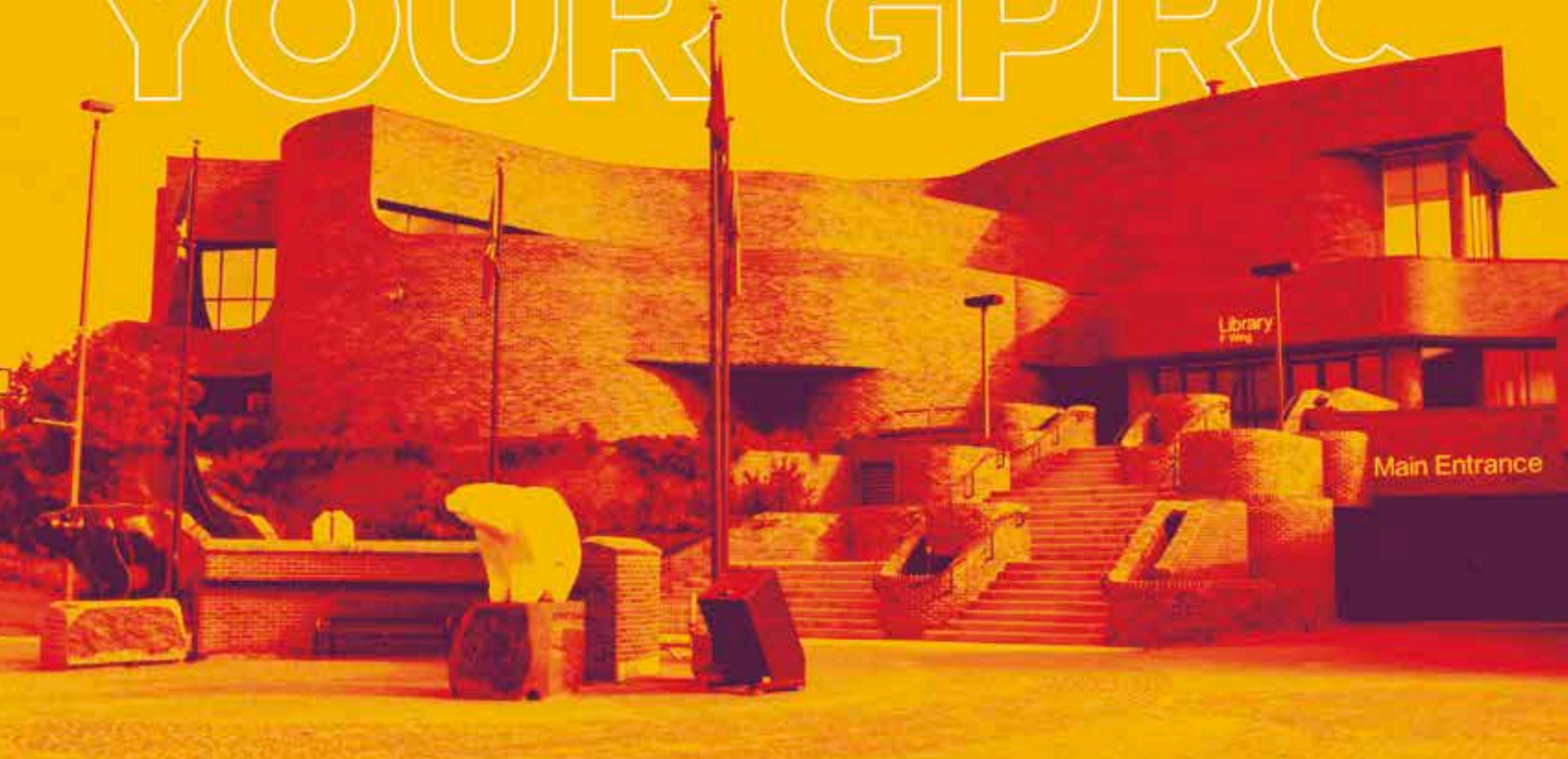
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