

PRC Update - July/August 2026



Message from the CEO

This summer has been a busy one across the PRC.

While our teams continue to manage a growing volume of work, what stands out to me is the progress we've made across the organization. Whether it's responding to ASIRT's significant investigative caseload or improving our processes, I see our teams working together, adapting, and solving problems daily.

Just as important as the work happening inside the organization are the relationships we are building outside of it. Over the past few months, PRC staff have connected with community organizations, Indigenous partners, police services, commissions, and other groups across Alberta. These conversations help us better understand the experiences and perspectives of the people we serve, while also creating opportunities to explain our role and learn how we can continue to improve.

You'll read in this edition about some of those engagement efforts, our latest quarterly data report, and the increasing demands being placed on ASIRT. Together, these stories reflect an organization that is continuing to grow, learn, and strengthen its contribution to police accountability and public trust in Alberta.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of the PRC's work.

Katherine Murphy

Chief Executive Officer



ASIRT records busy August

The number of new Level 1 files ASIRT opened by the end of August surpassed the number of files ASIRT received over the entirety of last year. At the end of August, ASIRT had 56 assigned Level 1 files in 2026, surpassing 54 in all of 2025. While the pace of files coming in has occasionally posed challenges for investigators, resources added in recent years have allowed ASIRT to keep up with its caseload.



Building community connections at okimaw peyesew kamik (King Thunderbird Centre)

The Police Review Commission's community connections team toured the okimaw peyesew kamik (King Thunderbird Centre) in Edmonton. The centre is operated by [Boyle Street Community Services](#), which has been supporting people experiencing homelessness and poverty in Edmonton since 1971.

Opening in November 2025 following a four-year development journey, the centre is the product of deep collaboration and the support of numerous partners. The state-of-the-art, net-zero facility serves as a hub for a wide range of services, including Indigenous cultural supports, health services, housing information and supports, intake and referral services, youth programming, and addiction and substance use support workers.

The visit is part of the PRC's ongoing efforts to raise awareness of our work, engage with the communities we serve and build relationships with organizations that support them. During our tour, we learned more about Boyle Street's work, and its approach to addressing the root causes of chronic homelessness.

Prior to our visit, we collected donations of items from PRC staff in support of Boyle Street's programs. Small acts of generosity can make a meaningful difference, and we're grateful to everyone who participated.

PRC releases second quarterly data report

The Police Review Commission's latest quarterly data report is now online, covering April to June 2026.

The report provides insight into police oversight activity across Alberta, including submission volume, file closures, ASIRT activity, and operational highlights. It also reflects the PRC's ongoing commitment to transparency, accountability, and timely resolution of public concerns.

Read the report here: <https://www.albertaprc.ca/news/statistics/>

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Connecting with Calgary's social service community

In July, the PRC met with Calgary Outreach Collective and engaged with representatives from more than 15 health, social service and homeless-serving organizations across Calgary.

These organizations work directly with people who may face barriers to the police complaint process and, in some cases, may be skeptical of police oversight systems.

PRC community liaison Ojemire Daniel presented an overview of the PRC, and case coordinators Hajer Baroudi and Damica Heise answered detailed questions about how complaints are received and managed. Deputy registrar Heather Spicer provided leadership and insight into the hearing and appeal process, while Indigenous liaison Dana Middleton helped ensure the discussion reflected the experiences and concerns of the communities we serve.

The session strengthened relationships with organizations serving some of Calgary's most vulnerable residents, while surfacing concerns we need to keep addressing.



Pancakes with Tsuut'ina Nation Police Service to celebrate Stampede

Thank you to Tsuut'ina Nation Police Service for inviting us to their annual Stampede breakfast and for their warm hospitality. It was great to connect with community members, partners, (and mascots) face-to-face and in the fresh air.

National Indigenous History Month a time for listening, learning and connecting across Alberta

This June, during National Indigenous History Month, the PRC was honoured to connect with communities across Alberta to recognize and celebrate Indigenous cultures, histories, and contributions.

Our team, including our CEO Katherine Murphy and Indigenous liaisons Dana Middleton and Tom Hewitt, took part in events in Calgary and Edmonton. These opportunities help us listen, learn, and build stronger relationships with the communities we serve.



We are grateful to the organizations that welcomed us and created space for meaningful engagement:

[The Confluence Historic Site & Parkland](#)
[Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society](#)

Indigenous Gathering Place Society of Calgary
Aboriginal Awareness Week Calgary



PRC connects with Grande Prairie policing partners

Members of the PRC team were in Grande Prairie for separate meetings with the [Grande Prairie Police Service](#) and the [Grande Prairie Police Commission](#).

With GPPS set to fully take over policing within the City of Grande Prairie on Oct. 21, 2026, the meetings were an important opportunity to update the police service and the commission on the PRC's first six months of operation, hear their perspectives about how we're doing, and answer their questions about our respective roles and responsibilities.

We wish GPPS and the police commission all the best as they prepare for Grande Prairie's policing transition in October.

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