PRC Update - September/October 2026





Message from the CEO

As the PRC continues to grow, so do the relationships, conversations and work that help shape our organization. Over the past few months, our team has been learning from communities, sharing information about our role and listening to the perspectives and questions of the people we serve.

Our recently released third quarterly report reflects the significant work happening behind the scenes. As more files move into the investigation stage under the PRC's oversight, I want to recognize our entire team for their continued commitment to carrying out this important work with care, fairness, and professionalism.

Together, these efforts contribute to our broader commitment to transparency, accountability and public confidence in police oversight. I'm pleased to share some highlights with you.

Katherine Murphy
Chief Executive Officer

Third quarterly report released

Our third quarterly report is now available on our website here.

Between July 1 to September 30, 2026, the PRC closed more files than in any previous quarter while the numbers of new submissions and complaints eased. At the same time, new ASIRT files increased. Code of conduct investigations also increased, indicating, as anticipated, that PRC workload is now shifting from intake toward the investigation stage.





PRC to share first-year insights at Law of Policing Conference

Our executive director of corporate services, Jessica Thomson, will be speaking at the 17th Annual Law of Policing Conference in Surrey, B.C., this November.

Jessica will share insights from our first year of operation, exploring how Alberta's new civilian police oversight model is progressing and its impact on police professional standards processes.





PRC joins justice partners at Just Paths symposium in Bonnyville

This October, members of our team attended the Just Paths: Navigating Justice Together symposium hosted by Portage College in Bonnyville. It was a gathering of community, justice, and frontline voices exploring real experiences and pathways through the justice system.

We heard from keynote speakers such as The Honourable Justice Ivan Ladouceur, who presented on relational justice in practice, Stacey Harrison with the Saddle Lake Restorative Justice Program, Lisa Murphy with the Lakeland Centre for FASD, and several more.

We enjoyed the road trip and the chance to learn about the agencies and services helping people navigate the justice system. Congratulations to Portage College on 25 years of public legal education!





Al Rashid Mosque tour helps build understanding and connections

Stepping outside the office and into our communities helps us better understand the people we serve.

A group of PRC staff toured the Canadian Islamic Centre/Al Rashid Mosque in Edmonton, the site of Canada’s first mosque, originally established in 1938. Today it extends beyond a place of worship to support education, family services, youth programming, seniors' initiatives, and community well-being.

We are grateful for the opportunity to learn more about the history of Muslims in Edmonton and Canada, and for an engaging discussion on alternative dispute resolution and restorative justice.

Connecting with Calgary's Chinatown Network

We were pleased to deliver a 20-minute presentation to 50-60 attendees at the quarterly Chinatown Network meeting in Calgary this September.



These meetings bring together members of the public, City of Calgary staff, and representatives from community organizations to share information, network and build relationships. It was a great opportunity for us to engage with a diverse audience, and to share an overview of our mandate, jurisdiction and role in independent police oversight.

If your organization or community group is interested in learning more about the PRC through a presentation or engagement session, contact us at **prc@gov.ab.ca**.



Talking police oversight with The Alex Community Health Centre

Our community connections team met with staff from The Alex Community Health Centre to raise awareness of Alberta's independent police oversight system and strengthen community relationships.

The discussion focused on the complaint process, including investigations, timelines, appeals, supports for vulnerable people and trauma-informed decision-making.

Thank you to the team at The Alex for the thoughtful questions, open dialogue and meaningful conversation.



Continuing our journey of learning and reconciliation

As we marked the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (NDTRC) and Orange Shirt Day, the Police Review Commission (PRC) took time to learn, reflect, and continue important conversations about reconciliation.

While our offices were closed on September 30, staff were encouraged to participate in learning opportunities, community events, and discussions that deepen our understanding of the lasting impacts of residential schools and the ongoing work of reconciliation. Team members shared learning experiences and discussed ways to support reconciliation in both their personal and professional lives.

Reconciliation is not a single day of recognition. It is an ongoing commitment to listening, learning, building relationships, and taking meaningful action. We are grateful for the opportunity to continue these conversations together and to participate in events within the communities we serve.





Alberta Network of Immigrant Women visit a chance to talk transparency and police oversight

Members of our community connections team joined the Alberta Network of Immigrant Women (ANIW) for a conversation about the Police Review Commission's role in Alberta's police oversight system and the perspectives of community members.

Participants asked thoughtful questions about anti-racism training, the relationship between the PRC and police commissions, and how key oversight roles are recruited and appointed. We also discussed the importance of transparency, accountability, and access to information.

We appreciated hearing ANIW's perspectives, including their recognition of the value of restorative justice in supporting meaningful community engagement.

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In conversation with the Indigenous Justice Centre

Our community connections team sat down with staff from the Indigenous Justice Centre in Calgary to share information about the Police Review Commission and hear perspectives on police oversight.

We discussed how the PRC receives and investigates complaints about police conduct, with a focus on transparency, accessibility, fairness, and public confidence in oversight processes.

The conversation also provided valuable insight into the questions and concerns communities may have about accountability systems. Topics included investigator recruitment and training, complainant supports, anonymity, bias mitigation, complaint outcomes, plain-language communication, data tracking, and the PRC's role in police oversight.

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