



Help shape health care in your community



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Grande Peace Niso Regional Advisory Council

We are members of the health council in your area. We engage with communities to identify health care priorities and advise Alberta's government on ways to make health care better in our region.

Who we are

We are community members who are passionate about health care. We come from all walks of life, we are parents and grandparents familiar with the health system, doctors and other health professionals, and leaders living in your community.

We are members of the Grande Peace Niso Regional Advisory Council. The council region includes communities such as Grande Prairie, Peace River, Keg River, Manning, Grimshaw, Falher, Little Buffalo, Fairview, Cherry Point, Spirit River, McLennan, Hythe, Beaverlodge, Valleyview, Fox Creek, Grande Cache, as well as Horse Lakes, Sturgeon Lake, and Woodland Cree First Nation.

Alberta's government created the regional advisory councils and tasked us with amplifying local voices and bringing forward local priorities.

Share your voice

We want to hear from you! Share with us your ideas and suggestions to improve health care in our region.

Avenues for patient concerns and complaints

The council is not able to address a specific patient issue regarding receiving a health care service, or direct community members to clinical services, there are processes already in place. You can find the best avenue to direct your concern by visiting: alberta.ca/resolve-health-care-service-concerns-in-the-health-system.

What we do

The Grande Peace Niso council's role is to represent our communities' perspectives and the unique needs of this region. We are currently working on:

- Bringing local and regional perspectives to advise government on health care.
- Engaging with local communities and gathering community input.
- Identifying health care issues and exploring solutions, through working with government and health care partners, provincial health agencies, and local service providers.
- Investigating opportunities for the health care system to better support local decision-making.

The advisory councils are not decision-making bodies.

Meet your council

Grande Peace Niso

REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Donna Buchinski
(Chair)
Falherg

Mayor of the Town of Falher for 12 years and town councillor since 1997.



Clayton McQuat
Wembley

Navigated the health care system without a regular family doctor, bringing a lived experience perspective, and worked in agriculture and oil and gas sectors.



Daine Montgomery
Grande Prairie

Local realtor who has been involved with Building Blocks Day Care and the Business Networking and Innovation meetings as a vice-president.



Hugo Bertozzi
Grande Prairie

General internist for 25 years, advising on health care at various levels, including rehabilitating Alberta Health.



Kirsten Clark
Beaverlodge

Experienced educator who teaches at NWP and volunteers on a variety of boards, she brings a multigenerational perspective to her passion for rural access to quality care.



Vanessa Sheane
Grande Prairie

Current president and chief executive officer at Northwestern Polytechnic, where she previously worked as a nursing instructor.



Jackie Clayton
(Vice-chair)
Grande Prairie

Mayor of Grande Prairie since 2021 and city councillor since 2013.



Cody Beairsto
Grande Prairie

Professional engineer for the past 15 years, volunteer with various boards.



Felix Odaibo
Grande Prairie

Pediatrician and neonatologist in Grande Prairie. He was northern zone clinical director of child health and director of the neonatal intensive care unit and head of pediatrics.



Jeff Johnston
Beaverlodge

Chief administrative officer for the Town of Beaverlodge, has worked to replace the Beaverlodge Municipal Hospital.



Stan Burkholder
Bluesky

Current chair of the Fairview Health Complex Foundation and has served on the board for the last 25 years.