

**TITLE:** WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE POLICY

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**RESPONSIBILITY:** Manager, Information Technology  
Web Developer, Information Technology  
Executive Director, Community Relations  
Communications Coordinator, Community Relations

**APPENDICES:** Appendix 1: Website Organizational Chart

**CROSS-REFERENCE:**

- Code of Ethics Policy
- Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
- Copyright Regulations
- GPRC Style Guide

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

**Grande Prairie Regional College is represented by one domain, gprc.ab.ca, which is managed by Information Technology (function) and Community Relations (content) and housed on the GPRC web server.**

**PURPOSE:**

To ensure that the Internet publication of Grande Prairie Regional College is presented in an appropriate, consistent, accurate, timely and approved manner.

**SCOPE:**

This policy applies to all departments, functions and services operating and communicating on behalf of Grande Prairie Regional College.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**PROCEDURE/GUIDELINES:**

1. The purchase and administration of any domain names on behalf of the College will be the responsibility of Information Technology.
2. The Information Technology Web Developer and the senior communications personnel of Community Relations will be responsible for the functionality, appearance and preliminary content of all pages within the GPRC website.

3. Specific departments and individuals will be granted permission and responsibility for updating and maintenance of content within pages pertaining to their programs and services once initial page development has been accomplished. Final authority for granting/refusing publishing permission on the GPRC website rests with Community Relations and Information Technology.
4. The content of the GPRC website will adhere to all academic and administrative policies of the College relating to communications, such as the Code of Ethics Policy and will adhere to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy legislation and copyright regulations.
5. Notification of any problems, errors, required changes or updates to existing function or content on the website should be made via the IT Helpdesk.
  - 5.1 Call the Helpdesk at 539-2933 or email [HelpDesk@gprc.ab.ca](mailto:HelpDesk@gprc.ab.ca).

## **6. New Content Development**

- 6.1 To initiate development of new pages for the website call the Helpdesk to arrange a meeting with IT & Community Relations.
- 6.2 IT & Community Relations will work with requesting individual or department to determine the required action.
- 6.3 IT will create, or facilitate the creation of, the first edition of any web page to be hosted on gprc.ab.ca.
- 6.4 Once the page is approved and launched, the requesting individual or department will assume responsibility for maintaining content within established guidelines.
- 6.5 IT will grant necessary access permission to individuals assigned responsibility for updates and maintenance of content.
- 6.6 If further additions to the page (new pages or restructuring of existing content) are required, follow the new content process as described.

## **7. Contractor Check-in & Assignment of Access Permissions**

- 7.1 Contractors hired to perform work on any areas of the website must first report to IT prior to commencing work. IT will review the technical requirements for working on the GPRC website with the Contractor and make arrangements to provide the Contractor with appropriate access to perform their duties.

## **8. Adherence to Technical Standards**

- 8.1 All development performed on the GPRC website will adhere with the basic website technical standards as defined by IT. These standards specify appropriate document types, platform compatibility specifications, programming style guidelines, and web development best practices.

## **9. Guidelines for Updating Content**

### 9.1 Publishing checklist

9.1.1 Before a document is published to the GPRC website, the following steps must be followed:

9.1.1.1 Ensure accuracy of dates, locations & facts

9.1.1.2 Spell-check with a Canadian/UK dictionary

9.1.1.3 Verify links

## **10. Links in Homepage Content**

10.1 When content already exists in another area of the website, do not copy and paste. Always link to the information instead. Information commonly copied which should be linked includes:

10.1.1 Programs

10.1.2 General calendar information

10.1.2.1 Admissions

10.1.2.2 Costs, Fees & Financial Aid

10.1.2.3 Awards

10.1.3 Staff Lists & Contact Information

10.1.4 Department Contact Information

10.2 Links from GPRC to external pages are at the discretion of Information Technology and Community Relations and will be preceded by a disclaimer announcing that “you are now leaving the official GPRC website”.

## **11. Affiliation with GPRC website**

11.1 The use of the GPRC name, logo or image on any site other than gprc.ab.ca is prohibited unless direct permission to do so has been provided.

## **Website Organizational Chart**

### **Introduction**

The following pages show an outline of the major areas of the GPRC website and document the persons / positions currently responsible for maintaining these areas.

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