



**BRANDON POLICE SERVICE**

**2011**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

# MESSAGE FROM THE **Chief**



2011 will long be remembered in our City as the year of the one in 350 year flood. The Brandon Police Service became immediately involved upon being notified that the potential for the Assiniboine River of flooding was possible. Our Police Service ensured that our disaster planning was up to date and our evacuation plans were current.

As May approached, Brandon Police Service members went door to door in the potential flood zone area, explaining to residents the possibility of a flood and what to do in the case of an evacuation order. This exercise also enabled the Service to identify addresses where residents would be in need of assistance should an evacuation take place.

On May 9th, a Mandatory Precautionary Evacuation Order was issued. The Brandon Police Service assisted over 1,700 people in the evacuation and for 19 days patrolled the evacuated area that consisted of over 400 homes and many businesses. During that time only two very minor crimes were reported in the evacuated area. At the conclusion of the evacuation, the Police Service was involved to ensure a safe re-entry of residents into the evacuated area. The Police Service is grateful for the cooperation received from area residents and business owners, despite the trying circumstances they endured.

During 2011, Brandon Police Service members responded to 31,929 calls for service. This was an increase of nearly 3.5% from 2010. Although the Service responded to more calls for service, the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics recorded an annual 7.28% decrease in our crime rate bringing it to 9,566 reported crimes per 100,000 population. This marks the first time, since the statistics were compiled in 1978, that the crime rate is under 10,000 crimes per 100,000 population. The violent crime rate fell 6.75% while the non-violent reported crime rate dropped 19%.

Also of interest was an overall drop of 21.5% in the Crime Severity Index, which measures the seriousness of crime, to 82.1. This amount, much like the consumer price index, was based at 100 nationally in 2006. The national Crime Severity Index in 2011 was 77.6, while the Manitoba index was 117.5.

Work on the new Headquarters building was delayed from the original occupancy date at the end of October, 2011, with expected completion in July, 2012.

With the partnership of Manitoba Public Insurance, the Police Service entered into a new program during the spring of 2011 targeting impaired drivers. The Report Impaired Driver (RID) Program encourages cell phone users to call 9-1-1 should they see a vehicle being operated by a suspected impaired driver. Manitoba Public Insurance also partnered with the Service in other community programs such as funding for the Roadwatch Check Stop Program and the Citizens on Patrol Program.

Our focus in schools continues with an active presence within the Brandon School Division by having School Resource Officers assigned to both elementary and high schools within the City.

Brandon Police Service members are looking forward to moving into our new Headquarters building in 2012 and the opportunities that will accompany the move.

Sincerely,

Keith Atkinson  
Chief of Police



# Our New Building

The site of the new Brandon Police Service Headquarters was originally a Marina styled Canada Safeway store built in 1969 with a MLCC store on one side and a Toronto Dominion Bank on the other side. The Safeway was dramatically renovated in the 1990's before finally being closed in 2002.

Calnitsky Associates Architects (CAA) is the firm responsible for the design elements of the new Brandon Police Service Headquarters. The firm is involved in a wide range of institutional, commercial and residential projects across Canada and the United States. The firm has 15 employees, including architectural and interior design professionals, architectural technologists, and site review personnel.

EllisDon is the firm responsible for the construction of the new Brandon Police Service Headquarters. They are a large construction company with 10 offices across Canada and one in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. They have been involved in airport development, courthouses, hospitals, retail development, police headquarters, city halls, large (50 story) office buildings, and the Cancer Care Centre at Brandon Regional Health Center.

The new headquarters of the Brandon Police Service will incorporate many new design elements that will change the way police services are delivered in the City of Brandon. This includes a large Identification Unit with a state of the art laboratory, consolidating clerks in one area to create efficiencies and housing all detectives in one area.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The square footage of the building more than doubled in size from 18,000 square feet to 42,000 square feet. There is 90,000 feet of computer cable installed in the new building—that's over 17 miles!



*The building with the front removed before installation of a new front.*



*Reinforced footings to strengthen support columns to hold the reinforced roof.*



*Pouring cement to finish the footings.*



*Completed reinforced work on the ceiling.*



A 1-in-350-year

# High Water Event

Thousands of sand bags needed to be set into place to support an existing dike.

*(Photo submitted by the City of Brandon)*



Dinsdale Park was completely taken over by water. It measure approximately 8 ½ feet at the sign on the left of this photo. *(Photo submitted by the City of Brandon)*

In the summer of 2012, Dinsdale Park has much work to get back to its original state, but it appears that most trees and grass are recovering well.

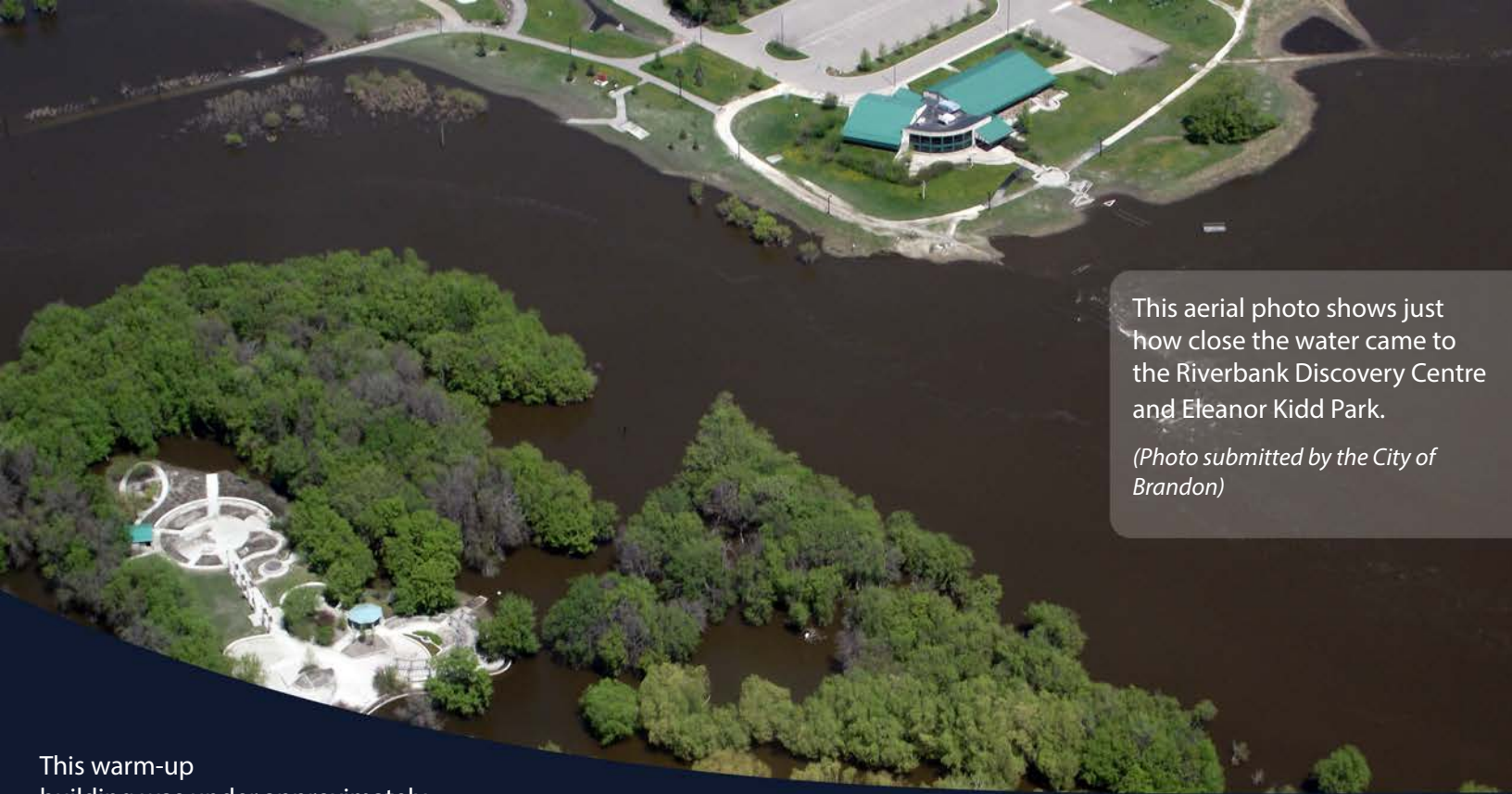


Queen Elizabeth Park is low lying and barely withstood the water mother-nature inundated it with. *(Photo submitted by the City of Brandon)*

The effects are evident a year later as many of the trees were unable to tolerate all the water.







This aerial photo shows just how close the water came to the Riverbank Discovery Centre and Eleanor Kidd Park.

*(Photo submitted by the City of Brandon)*

This warm-up building was under approximately 9 feet of water. This area along 18th Street near the river was previously used for the skating oval and Waterfall of Lights.  
*(Photo submitted by the City of Brandon)*

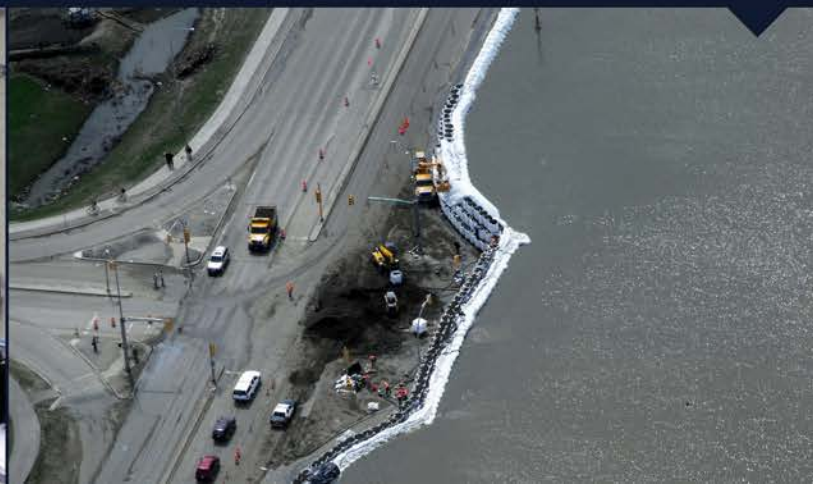
A year later, this same area is still showing ill effects. Almost all trees and grass in this area didn't recover from all the water.



The banks of the Assiniboine River extended to 1st Street. The train display in Dinsdale Park was saved due to being on higher ground.  
*(Photo submitted by Dave Wall)*



Super sand bags lined 18th Street closing off Grand Valley Road. Work in this area seemed on-going to keep the water from breaching the more than 10 foot high wall.  
*(Photo submitted by Dave Wall)*







# BEHIND THE BADGE

Brandon Police Service is made up of individuals with unique and varied backgrounds. Did you know that our officers were formally a:

- Private investigator
- Military police officer who served in Cypress and Bosnia
- British Army soldier who also served in the Falkland Islands War
- Butcher
- Fireman
- Professional hockey player
- School teacher
- Miner
- Radio station DJ
- Cook on a navy ship
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Member of the Israeli National Army
- Instructor at the Royal Canadian Battle School

# Staff

COMPLEMENT

87 SWORN



36.8 CIVILIAN



## Awards

Excellence in Law Enforcement  
Cst. K. Sararas

## New Hires

Recruit – M. Linov  
C. Russell  
K. Davidson  
K. Kolesar  
A. Navid  
B. Yeomans

## Secondments

Cst. B. Conway –  
Integrated Border Enforcement Team (IBET)

Sgt. B. Klassen then Cst. M. Savy –  
Assiniboine Community College

Insp. I. Grant –  
Manitoba Department of Justice

# 31,929

CALLS FOR SERVICE RECEIVED

# 46,061

CITY OF BRANDON POPULATION

# 2011

## CRIME STATISTICS

### CRIMES AGAINST PERSON

751

Homicide – 2nd Degree	1
Sexual Offences	89
Assaults	496
Forcible Confinement/Abduction	5
Robbery	19
Criminal Harassment	15
Uttering Threats	83
Threatening/Harassing Calls	39
Other Violent Crimes	4

### CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

2052

Break & Enters	171
Theft of Vehicles	81
Theft Over \$5,000	13
Theft Under \$5,000	846
Possession of Stolen Property	20
Fraud	112
Property Damage	787
Arson	22

### OTHER CRIMES

1316

Weapons Offences	38
Various Other Crimes	1022
Impaired Driving	256

### CONTROLLED DRUG & SUBSTANCE ACT

58

Possession	32
Trafficking	23
Production	3

### >> CASE OF INTEREST

#### Travelling Jewel Thieves

On June 18th, 2011, Brandon Police Service received a call from an employee of a local jewelry store reporting that two females were in their store that were believed to have been involved in jewelry thefts from stores in other provinces. Police attended to the area and apprehended the two female subjects. They were identified as being responsible for multiple thefts from both Alberta and Saskatchewan. The females were arrested and remanded to appear in the jurisdiction where the thefts occurred.

All statistics above are subject to change based on completion of officer reports and input. Statistics have been obtained as reported by Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics. Population estimate obtained from Statistics Canada.

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A COMMUNITY PROGRAM  
**727-TIPS**

 **CrimeReports**  
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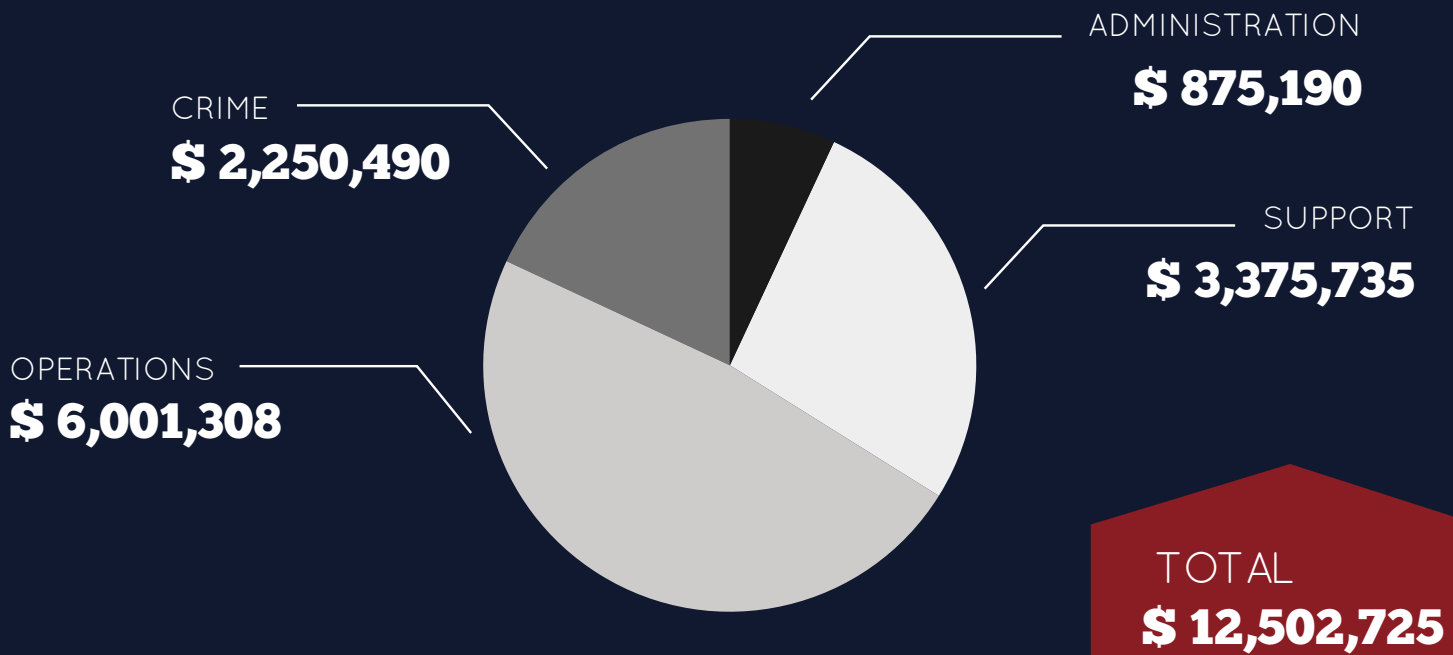
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## Murder

On November 1st, 2011, police were called to attend to the laneway in the 300 block of Dennis Street where an adult female had been stabbed. The female succumbed to her injuries and the Brandon Police Service charged an adult male with Second Degree Murder. This matter remains before the Courts.



## BPS 2011 Budget





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# LAW ENFORCEMENT REVIEW AGENCY COMPLAINTS

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In 2011 the Brandon Police Service received notification of thirteen (13) complaints being filed with the Law Enforcement Review Agency.

Of these, nine (9) complaints were dismissed/concluded, one (1) was abandoned and three (3) complaints are pending.

The Process for Filing Complaints Against Police Service Employees:

The Police Service requires that all complaints against employees, that are not formally resolved at the Supervisory level, be promptly and thoroughly investigated.

All Police Service employees are governed by the provisions of the Brandon Police Service Disciplinary Procedures By-Law.

In addition, Police Members are also governed by the provisions of the Law Enforcement Review Act.

Anyone who feels aggrieved by the conduct or service provided by an employee may make a complaint by contacting the following:

Any employee of the Police Service (204) 729-2345

The On-Duty Supervisor (204) 729-2345

The Chief of Police (204) 729-2305

The Commissioner of the Law Enforcement Review Agency

1-800-282-8069

FAX: (204) 948-1014

E-mail: [lera@gov.mb.ca](mailto:lera@gov.mb.ca)

Website: [www.gov.mb.ca/justice/lera](http://www.gov.mb.ca/justice/lera)

The nature of the complaint determines whether the Police Service or the Law Enforcement Review Agency will investigate it. All complaints outside the scope of the Law Enforcement Review Act are investigated by the Police Service.

Address all correspondence to:

Chief of Police

Brandon Police Service

1020 Victoria Avenue

Brandon, MB R7A 1A9

email: [policechief@brandon.ca](mailto:policechief@brandon.ca)

web site: [police.brandon.ca](http://police.brandon.ca)



## Community Compliments

"I am writing to commend ... on his investigation of the incident, tracking down my car and my address, and for the very respectful way in which he conducted himself. If he is an example of our Police Service members, I feel the Service is in fine hands. I know that it is a very high stress job, never knowing who or what you may meet when you knock on the door."

"The most material witnesses, namely the victim(s) of the robbery and aggravated assault, had their own agenda and issues impacting both their cooperation level and reliability. Nonetheless, ... and other members of his unit were able to obtain some semblance of trust and cooperation from them, to the point where they could be reliably eliminated as potential suspects..."