

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRANDON POLICE BOARD HELD ON FRIDAY,
APRIL 11, 2027 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

PRESENT: Board Members: Deb Arpin, Chair
Councillor Shawn Berry
Councillor Barry Cullen
Mayor Jeff Fawcett
Hope Switzer
Doug Gerrard
Adetayo Subair
Shannon Brichon
City Manager Dave Wardrop

Staff: Chief of Police Tyler Bates
Amber Chapil, Legislative Services

ABSENT: Marycia Kruk

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

1. ADOPTION OF PUBLIC SESSION AGENDA

Cullen-Brichon

That the Agenda for the Public Session meeting of the Brandon Police Board to be held on Friday, April 11, 2025 be adopted. CARRIED.

2. INTRODUCTIONS NEW MEMBERS

The Chair noted there were two new members in attendance, Hope Switzer the appointment by the Lieutenant Governor in Council to the Board, and Dave Wardrop the new City Manager.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Berry - Gerrard

That the minutes of the public session of the Brandon Police Board meeting held on Friday, February 7, 2025 be adopted. CARRIED.

4. UPDATE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

a) 2024 Annual Report

Chief Bates briefly reviewed the 2024 Annual Report Draft and advised Board members to provide their input prior to the document being submitted to the Manitoba Police Commission.

b) 2025 Downtown Public Safety Strategy

Chief Bates provided a brief overview of the initial stages for the 2025 Downtown Public Safety Strategy. The first meeting was held with agency partners to speak on alignment of efforts in response to challenges faced within the Downtown. Additional meetings will be scheduled to include retail participants and other downtown area stakeholders, prior to holding a town hall meeting.

5. REPORT FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The Board considered a report from Chief Tyler Bates dated April 11, 2025 where Chief Bates provided a general overview of the activities within the Brandon Police Service since the February 7, 2025 meeting as well as the current statistics.

Highlights of Chief Bates' report include:

The Community Level

- BPS Daily Morning Meetings
- City Council Meetings
- BPS Budget Review Meetings
- Blue Door Discussions
- Downtown Community Initiatives Meeting
- Cst. Morran Certificate of Service Presentation
- BPS Recruit Graduation and Swearing In Ceremony

The Provincial Level

- Collaborative Crisis Response Unit Meetings
- Royal Manitoba Winter Fair
- Manitoba Justice Discussion

National Level

- Kings Coronation Medal Presentation to Cst. Fisher

Budget

Chief Bates provided the Board with an update on the Brandon Police Service budget. He noted that the published overall surplus of \$990,000 for 2024. He explained that the biggest 2024 budget impact was vacancies, with a vacancy rate of 10%. Chief Bates advised their efforts will continue to focus on recruitment with a goal of a full complement by the end of 2025. The 2025 budget was approved by City Council in February, and the first of six 2025 budget reviews will be at the end of April.

Statistics

Chief Bates advised that the total calls for service for January 1st to March 31, 2025 was 8,837 and that approximately 36% or 3,147 calls for serviced were for the downtown area. He noted there was a 176% increase in Community calls for service for the downtown, 30% increase in Court Order calls for service, a 49% increase in Traffic calls for service over the same period last year.

The Chief noted the seizure of 138 grams of Cocaine, 15.8 grams of Fentanyl and 67.33 grams of Methamphetamine within the first quarter of 2025.

Chief Bates advised that non-sworn members continued to process files and support the Brandon Police Service with 1,280 Criminal Records Checks processed from January 1st to April 1st, 2025 compared to 1,261 processed for this same period in 2024.

a) Appointment of Inspector Dana McCallum

Chief Bates recognized the appointment of Dana McCallum to Inspector of the Brandon Police Service.

6. 2025 CAPG 36TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Chair announced that the 2025 Canadian Association of Police Governance Conference would take place August 14-16, 2025 in Victoria, British Columbia. She noted that the Board had funds to send two members and encouraged anyone interested in attending to contact her within the next two weeks to put their name forward.

7. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

June 6, 2025

8. ADJOURNMENT

Fawcett - Berry

That the Public Session of the Police Board meeting be adjourned. (12:44 p.m.).
CARRIED

Amber Chapil, Secretary