

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRANDON POLICE BOARD HELD ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2024 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
 Acting City Manager Terry Parlow
 Marycia Kruk
 Shannon Brichon
 Paige Jaenen

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

ABSENT: Adetayo Subair, Doug Gerrard

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

1. ADOPTION OF PUBLIC SESSION AGENDA

Jaenen-Cullen

That the Agenda for the Public Session meeting of the Brandon Police Board to be held on Friday, November 1, 2024 be adopted. CARRIED.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Cullen-Kruk

That the minutes of the public session of the Brandon Police Board meeting held on Friday, September 20, 2024 be adopted. CARRIED.

3. REPORT FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The Board considered a report from Chief Tyler Bates dated November 1, 2024 where Chief Bates provided a general overview of the activities within the Brandon Police Service since the September 20, 2024 meeting as well as the current statistics.

Highlights of Chief Bates' report include:

The Community Level

- BPS Meetings and Expansion Bi-weekly Meetings
- City Council Meetings
- BPS Budget Review Meetings
- Senior Executive Meetings
- Indigenous Advisory Meeting
- Recruit Class Meetings
- BPS Police Chief Swearing In Ceremony

- City of Brandon Leadership Conference Planning Meeting
- Panel participant at Leadership Conference October 28, 2024
- Manitoba Community Safety Wellbeing Meeting
- “Pulling Together” Event
- Police Association Meeting
- Swearing-in ceremony Police Chief Bates

The Provincial Level

- Manitoba Justice Electronic Monitoring Program
- Retail Theft Summit Meeting
- Provincial Executive Committee Meeting
- RCMP “D” Division Change of Command
- Manitoba Association Chief of Police Fall Conference
- Joint Criminal Intelligence Meeting

Statistics

The Chief noted that Methamphetamine continued to be a concern with members successful in removing approximately 104,681 grams to date in 2024.

Chief Bates reviewed the calls for service noting a 2.7% increase in calls for service as compared to 2023. He confirmed that calls for service are higher than they’ve been in the past 10 years with property calls for service (arson, theft from vehicle, damage to vehicle and shoplifting) increasing at a higher rate than usual. BPS members are very proactive in adherence to court order such as recognizant, undertakings issued by the court.

Chief Bates spoke about the Ride-Along program which provides individuals with an interest in law enforcement the opportunity to shadow an officer during their shift and experience firsthand the types of calls our officers attend and how they are handled. He advised that the total number to date in 2024 was 37, with 8 being students from the BPS Public Safety course at Assiniboine College, and 11 students from the Manitoba First Nations Police Service.

Chief Bates advised that non-sworn members continued to process files and support the Brandon Police Service with 3,810 Criminal Records Checks processed compared to 3,226 to this time in 2023.

4. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Chief Bates provided the Board with an update on the Brandon Police Service budget. He noted that there was a projected surplus of \$731,000 for 2024. He explained that the surplus was comprised of a \$673,000 surplus in the Police Operating costing centre and a \$68,000 surplus in the Police Vehicles costing centre. Chief Bates noted that the forecasted surplus also included additional revenues of \$181,000 resulting primarily from additional Provincial Funding for the Missing Person Coordinator position

(\$71,000) and an increase to the budgeted parking ticket revenue and compliance ticket revenue.

Chief Bates advised that, overall, expenses were expected to be \$560,000 under budget primarily due to savings in the vacancy management target, retirements, unfilled positions and other staffing movements. He noted that there were also savings in the drone insurance, guard services, cells supplies and projected fuel savings based on the year-to-date actual usage versus historical averages. He noted some higher than expected budgeted costs in the recruitment for Chief of Police, downtown office for cadets, as well as various small equipment purchases.

PRIOR TO THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE CLOSED IN-CAMERA SESSION THE BOARD ADOPTED A RESOLUTION TO RESOLVE INTO OPEN SESSION

The following item was discussed at the In-Camera Session:

5. ELECTRIC VEHICLE PURCHASE

The Chair noted that the purchase of an electric vehicle and charging stations had been discussed at today's Closed In-Camera Session.

The following motion was carried unanimously.

Berry-Paige

That the Brandon Police Board authorize the purchase of a recruiting vehicle at a cost not to exceed \$125,000 funded by the Brandon Police Services 2024 Operating Budget. CARRIED

6. BUSINESS CASE BRANDON POLICE SERVICE OFF-SITE BUILDING

The Chair noted that a report regarding the Brandon Police Service off-site building had been discussed at today's Closed In-Camera Session.

The following motion was carried unanimously.

Cullen-Berry

That the Brandon Police Service Off-Site Building Report be received. CARRIED

7. BRANDON POLICE SERVICE STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Chief Bates recognized the appointment of Greg Hebert as the Deputy Chief of Police for the Brandon Police Service.

8. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

December 13, 2024

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Berry-Jaenen

That the Public Session of the Police Board meeting be adjourned. (12:40 p.m.).
CARRIED

Debbie Nelson

Debbie Nelson, Secretary