

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRANDON POLICE BOARD HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

PRESENT: Board Members: Deb Arpin, Chair
Councillor Shawn Berry
Mayor Jeff Fawcett
Hope Switzer
Marycia Kruk
Doug Gerald
City Manager Dave Wardrop

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

ABSENT: Councillor Barry Cullen, Adetayo Subair

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

1. ADOPTION OF PUBLIC SESSION AGENDA

Switzer-Kruk

That the Agenda for the Public Session meeting of the Brandon Police Board to be held on Friday, October 3, 2025 be adopted as amended. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Berry - Gerald

That the minutes of the public session of the Brandon Police Board meeting held on Friday, June 6, 2025 be adopted. CARRIED.

3. REPORT FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The Board considered a report from Chief Tyler Bates dated October 3, 2025, where Chief Bates provided a general overview of the activities within the Brandon Police Service (BPS) since the June 6, 2025 meeting.

Chief Bates highlighted the list of activities within his report at a community, provincial and National level. He noted BPS has been in consultations with a variety of client groups associated with the Downtown Public Safety Strategy.

Budget

Chief Bates provided the Board with an update on the Brandon Police Service August budget review noting a projected surplus of \$425,000 for 2025. He explained that most of this surplus was from the Police Operating with savings related to staff vacancies. He provided an overview on recruitment efforts, with the goal to have a full complement

within the police service by the end of 2025. He spoke about additional costs in uniforms, professional development, overtime and hiring costs.

Statistics

Chief Bates advised that the total calls for service for January 1st to August 31, 2025, was 26,131 and that approximately 35% or 9,036 calls for serviced were for the downtown area. He noted BPS has seen a 6% increase in person-related calls for service, and 22% decrease in property-related calls for service. He stated there is a 1% increase in person-related calls and a 18% decrease in property-related calls for service in comparison to the five-year average.

The Chief noted the seizure of 1,287.40 grams of Cocaine, 15.8 grams of Fentanyl and 1,516.08 grams of Methamphetamine within the first eight months of 2025.

4. CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE - UPDATE

Deb Arpin and Councillor Berry provided the group with a brief update on the Canadian Association of Police Governance conference held in Victoria, British Columbia. She noted it was a very heavy conference and found the guest speaker Paul Brandt very informative on “Not in my City” regarding human trafficking. Councillor Berry stated that this was a very good conference covering relevant topics that affect the City of Brandon but just on a smaller scale.

5. POLICE BOARD MEMBERS RESIGNATIONS

The Chair noted that resignations were formally received from Councillor Barry Cullen and citizen appointment Shannon Brichon.

6. ATTENDANCE COUNCILLOR SPLETT

The Chair noted that due to the resignation of Councillor Cullen, Councillor Splett was in attendance for the Brandon Police Board meetings. Councillor Splett attendance was in an observational capacity, until The City of Brandon by resolution appoints him to this vacant Council appointment to the Brandon Police Board.

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:

7. 2026 BRANDON POLICE SERVICE BUDGET SUBMISSION

The Chair noted that the proposed 2026 Brandon Police Service budget submission had been discussed at the September 12, 2025 In-Camera session of the Board as well as in today’s Closed In-Camera Session.

The following motion was carried by the majority:

Berry-Switzer

That the Brandon Police Board approve the proposed 2026 Brandon Police Service budget submission as presented at the meeting held on September 12, 2025.
CARRIED

8. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

December 5, 2025

9. ADJOURNMENT

Berry - Gerald

That the Public Session of the Police Board meeting be adjourned. (12:42 p.m.).
CARRIED



Amber Chapil, Secretary