

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRANDON POLICE BOARD HELD ON FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

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

Regrets:  
Staff: Chief of Police Tyler Bates  
Jacob Wenger, Legislative Services

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

**1. ADOPTION OF PUBLIC SESSION AGENDA**

**SPLETT - KRUK**

That the Agenda for the Public Session meeting of the Brandon Police Board to be held on Friday, April 10, 2026 be adopted.

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**SPLETT - BERRY**

That the minutes of the public session of the Brandon Police Board meeting held on Friday, March 6, 2026 be adopted. CARRIED.

**3. CITIZEN OR POLICE SERVICE PRESENTATIONS**

No Citizen Police Service Presentations were received by the board.

**4. CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT**

The Board considered a report from Chief Tyler Bates dated April 10, 2026 where Chief Bates provided a general overview of the activities within the Brandon Police Service (BPS) since the March 6, 2026 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.

**Digital Evidence Management Systems**

The Chief of Police reported that the Digital Evidence Management Systems (DEMS) Brandon Police Service has now fully staffed. One Sergeant and three Clerical Support Assistants that will be assigned to the DEMS unit. Their start dates in the new unit would be staggered and had not been determined.

The Chief of Police further advised that Body Worn Cameras are anticipated to begin implementation in May. Chief Bates stated that much of the equipment has recently arrived from AXON and the remainder is anticipated to arrive in July 2026.

**Budget**

The Chief of Police reported that the Brandon Police Services had published an overall surplus of \$870,000 for 2025 in their annual report. Chief Bates noted that this was lower than the previous projection of surplus and further indicated it was due to final 2025 related expenses as well as year-end accounting adjustments.

The Chief of Police advised that the Brandon Police continued to focus efforts on recruitment, working towards filling a full complement of staff, and further advised that seven new recruits have just begun and would move into Field Training at the end of May. The Chief of Police reported that in addition to working on filling the Sworn Member vacancies, Brandon Police Services had hired a Psychotherapist, who would begin on February 17th. The Chief also noted that two Cadet

competitions to assist with the influx of work during the warmer months as well as a permanent competition to bring the Cadet pool up to compliment. The Chief of Police noted that the first of six budget reviews would occur at the end of April, and the Brandon Police Services would have a detailed 2026 budget update at the next meeting of the Brandon Police Board.

#### Statistics

The Chief of Police provided a report on statistics and advised that:

- Total 2025 Calls for Service: 37,886, an increase of 1.67% over 2024.
- For the first two months of 2026, there were 6383 calls for service: an 8.1% increase over the first two months of 2025.
- There were approximately 12,837 calls for service to the downtown area in 2025, accounting for approximately 34%: total calls for service in 2025 (up 2% from 2024).
- In 2025 there was a 32% decrease in mischief and break and enter calls for service Downtown: an increase in person-related calls for service (approx. 7%) between 2024 and 2025, and a significant decrease (approx. 20%) in property-related calls for service.

The Chief indicated that there was a 22% decrease in shoplifting calls for service and a 31% decrease in break and enter calls for service.

The Chief noted that in 2025, there were 3422 total bylaw-related calls for service. Chief Bates indicated this had encompassed ACO, bylaw, meter, found bike and parking complaint calls for service, as they were the types that bylaw typically responded to.

### **5. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The Board considered a summary of the financial position of Brandon Police Services from Chief Bates.

### **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### Replacement of Police Interceptor Report to Council April 7, 2026

Chief Bates provided an update on the replacement interceptor approved by City Council at its regular meeting held April 7, 2026.

#### Review of Policy & Procedures and By-Law No. 7041

The Chair Deb Arpin provided an update on the updates to the Policy and Procedures for the Brandon Police Board.

#### Citizen Appointment Applications

Administration provided an update on the Citizen Appointment Applications to the Brandon Police Board.

#### Remaining Meeting Dates 2026

The Board agreed and confirmed the following meeting dates for 2026: June 12, 2026.

### **7. NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

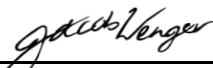
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### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

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

#### BERRY – SPLETT

That the Public Session of the Police Board meeting be adjourned. (1:05 p.m.).  
CARRIED.

  
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Jacob Wenger, Secretary