

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRANDON POLICE BOARD HELD ON FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 7, 2025 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
Marycia Kruk
Paige Jaenen
Acting City Manager Terry Parlow

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

ABSENT: Doug Gerrard, Adetayo Subair, Shannon Brichon

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

1. ADOPTION OF PUBLIC SESSION AGENDA

Cullen-Kruk

That the Agenda for the Public Session meeting of the Brandon Police Board to be held on Friday, February 7, 2025 be adopted. CARRIED.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Jaenen-Berry

That the minutes of the public session of the Brandon Police Board meeting held on Friday, December 13, 2024 be adopted. CARRIED.

3. DELEGATION – COUNCILLOR BRUCE LUEBKE – BAIL REFORM JOINT LETTER

Councillor Bruce Luebke provided a presentation with respect to the fundamental need for the justice system to change and keep anyone who poses a threat to public safety off the streets. He spoke to the steady increase in calls from service the Brandon Police Service has received over the years to deal with repeat offenders, and growing number of calls to prevent accused persons out on bail from committing further criminal acts. Councillor Luebke recommended the Brandon Police Board adopt the resolution to send a joint letter with the City of Brandon to the Federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Manitoba Premier, and the Provincial Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Manitoba which would emphasize the quick and immediate action needed for bail reform.

Berry-Cullen

That the Brandon Police Board and Brandon City Council send a joint letter to Arif Virani, Federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Honourable

Premier Wab Kinew and the Honourable Matt Wiebe, Provincial Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Manitoba to emphasize the quick and immediate action needed for bail reform. CARRIED.

4. REPORT FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The Board considered a report from Chief Tyler Bates dated February 7, 2025 where Chief Bates provided a general overview of the activities within the Brandon Police Service since the December 13, 2024 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
- Salvation Army Christmas Kettle
- Senior Leadership Meetings
- State of the Downtown Open House
- Meeting with Community Health and Housing

The Provincial Level

- CACP/MACP Meeting
- Meeting with MILET

Budget

Chief Bates provided the Board with an update on the Brandon Police Service budget. He noted that the overall projected surplus of \$1,070,000 for 2024. He explained that the surplus was comprised of a \$997,000 surplus in the Police Operating costing centre and a \$73,000 surplus in the Police Vehicles costing centre. Chief Bates advised that, overall, expenses were under budget primarily due to savings in the vacancy management target, retirements, unfilled positions and other staffing movements. He advised that as the 2024 budget year end work gets finalized the overall expected surplus may be impacted.

Statistics

Chief Bates advised that the total calls for service for 2024 was 37,263 and noted that approximately 32% or 11,809 calls for serviced were for the downtown area. He confirmed that calls for service are higher than they've been in the last several years. He highlighted the calls for service in 2024 in comparison to 2023 with 81% increase in Police-initiated downtown patrol calls, 193% increase in Police-initiated walk-through calls by either initiated by the cadet patrols and members walking through the downtown.

The Chief noted that Methamphetamine continued to be a concern with members successful in removing approximately 105,099.72 grams in 2024. This represents a 5322% increase from 2023.

Chief Bates advised that non-sworn members continued to process files and support the Brandon Police Service with 5,025 Criminal Records Checks processed in 2024 compared to 4,730 processed in 2023.

5. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

April 11, 2025

6. ADJOURNMENT

Berry-Jaenen

That the Public Session of the Police Board meeting be adjourned. (1:00 p.m.).
CARRIED

Debbie Nelson

Debbie Nelson, Secretary