

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

PRESENT: Board Members: Deb Arpin, Chair
Marycia Kruk
Councillor Shawn Berry
Councillor Jason Splett
Mayor Jeff Fawcett
Conrad Arvisais
Bill Hogan
City Manager Dave Wardrop

Regrets: Hope Switzer
Doug Gerrard

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

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

1. ADOPTION OF PUBLIC SESSION AGENDA

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That the Agenda for the Public Session meeting of the Brandon Police Board to be held on Friday, June 12, 2026 be adopted.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

SPLETT-KRUK

That the minutes of the public session of the Brandon Police Board meeting held on Friday, April 10, 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 June 12, 2026 where Chief Bates provided a general overview of the activities within the Brandon Police Service (BPS) since the April 10, 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.

Summer Fair Update

The Board received a report from the Chief regarding the Brandon Police Service's operations at the Brandon Summer Fair. It was noted that, through an intelligence driven approach, potential incidents involving disorder and violence were disrupted. Individuals that were found in possession of prohibited items, including bear spray, airsoft handguns, and drugs, were identified, arrested, and removed from the grounds. Other minor occurrences were addressed through a visible and continuous police and cadet presence. The Chief reported that through advance planning, coordination, and follow-through, the Brandon Police Service helped ensure the fair remained safe for all attendees.

PTH 110 and Richmond – Accidents

The Board received a report regarding safety concerns at the intersection of PTH 110 and Richmond Avenue following recent and past fatalities. The Chief noted that the Province of Manitoba had been engaged in discussions on safety improvements. The Chief further reported that the Brandon Police Service and the City had met with Canada Packers in order to deploy traffic control officers during peak shift changes. Planned traffic signals remained pending due to required synchronization with CPKC rail lines, which may have been delayed by the strike. In the interim, a four-way stop with additional rumble strips and lighting was scheduled for installation in June.

Staffing Update

The Board received a report from the Chief indicating that sworn staffing levels were nearing full complement, with only one current vacancy following the addition of seven recruits on June 1, 2026. It was noted that upcoming retirements, along with the anticipated Provincially funded Public Safety Unit, would require continued recruitment efforts, with a recruit competition ongoing and the next class scheduled for February 1, 2027. The Chief noted that the civilian complement was reported to be stable, with minimal vacancies expected to be filled by the end of August. The Chief further noted that overall, staffing levels had improved significantly compared to the previous year due to ongoing recruitment efforts.

Budget

The Board received a report from the Chief indicating that, as staffing levels approached full complement, wage savings had decreased and were projected at approximately \$54,000. The overall budget remained in a positive position, supported by RCMP rental revenue for MILET space, and \$289,000 in approved Criminal Property Forfeiture funding for equipment and training. The Chief of Police highlighted that gains were partially offset by increased costs related to new hire uniforms, equipment purchases, in-car camera data charges, and higher fuel costs impacting the Police Vehicles budget.

Statistics

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

- Total Calls for Service from January 1 to May 31, 2026 were 16,094, representing a 3% increase over the same period in 2025.
- Approximately 5,376 calls (33%) were to the downtown area, reflecting a slight decrease of approximately 1% from 2025.
- There was a 6% decrease in person-related calls for service and a slight decrease (less than 1%) in property-related calls; however, break and enter calls had increased by 3%.
- There were 1,684 bylaw-related calls for service in the first five months of 2026, representing a 44.3% increase over the same period in 2025, including ACO, bylaw, meter, found bike, and parking complaints.
- BPS members seized 2,237.85 grams of cocaine and 429.61 grams of methamphetamine in the first quarter of 2026, including a significant cocaine seizure of approximately 1.78 kilograms in May.
- A total of 2,234 Criminal Record Checks had been processed between January 1 and June 1, 2026, compared to 2,184 during the same period in 2025.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

6. OTHER BUSINESS

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The board voted to send two members to the 2026 CAPG conference.

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

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

7. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

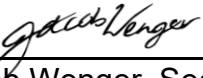
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8. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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That the Public Session of the Police Board meeting be adjourned. (12:54 p.m.).
CARRIED.



Jacob Wenger, Secretary