Winnipeg Police Board

Report from the Board Chair
June 5, 2026

This report summarizes the activities of the Board Chair and events attended since the last public meeting on March 6, 2026.

Date	Activity
March 11	Consultation with Pattison Food Group
March 11	Consultation with Winnipeg Police Association
March 16	Private Winnipeg Police Board Meeting with Chief of Police
March 18	Board Members participated in the Canadian Association of Police Governance webinar - How Police Agencies Use Community Engagement Data for Strategic Planning
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March 19	Attended the Manitoba Women in Law Enforcement launch event hosted by the Lieutenant Governor
March 23 & 24	Board Members and Staff participated in the Canadian Association of Police Governance 'Get on Board' Virtual Summit
April 15	Committee of the Whole Board Meeting
April 21	Along with the Executive Director the Canadian Association of Police Governance quarterly meeting of Board Chairs and Executive Directors to discuss common issues related to police boards, governance.
May 1	Private meeting with the Chief of Police
May 8	Winnipeg Police Board & Winnipeg Police Service Training and Development Session
May 22	Committee of the Whole Board Meeting
May 29	Attended the graduation ceremony for Winnipeg Police Service Recruit Class 173.

June 2	Participated in the Canadian Association of Police Governance webinar – Violence Against Women Survivors and Police Use of Body Worn Cameras

Monitoring Emerging and Evolving Strategic Issues

The board meets quarterly in private with the chief of police, to ensure a common understanding of emerging or evolving strategic issues, concerns and directions and of the roles and responsibilities of the board and the chief of police in addressing such matters. The board met privately on March 16, 2026, with Chief Bowers for the quarterly meeting.

Mandate and Directions to the Chief of Police

The Board met as a Committee of the Whole Board on April 15, 2026, to discuss outstanding matters related to its legislated duties to direct the Chief of Police and monitor their performance. The Committee adopted, by resolution, a set of priorities for the Chief of Police:

Strengthen Community Safety Outcomes

Focus WPS efforts on delivering visible, accessible, and effective policing that addresses violent crime, property crime, traffic safety, and victimization, and demonstrate progress through clear trends and outcomes that reflect improved safety and public confidence.

Oversee Effective Communications

Implement a coordinated communications approach that improves public understanding of police priorities, activities, and outcomes, including informative reporting on crime trends, safety initiatives, and progress respecting the Strategic Plan. Ensure that information is effectively shared within the WPS and that priorities, objectives, and expectations are clear throughout the ranks.

Organizational and Member Wellness

Implement and sustain initiatives that promote the physical, mental, and professional wellbeing of sworn members and civilian staff, strengthen leadership and accountability, and foster a healthy workplace culture that enables members to perform their duties safely, ethically, and effectively while maintaining public trust and confidence.

Drive Innovation and Modernization

Advance innovation by testing and adopting new technologies, data-driven approaches, and service models that improve efficiency, responsiveness, and outcomes, and assess their impact to inform broader implementation.

Build Community Partnerships and Advance Reconciliation

Expand and deepen partnerships with Indigenous rights holders, community organizations, governments, and service providers to support prevention, alternative responses, and

demand reduction, and advance reconciliation-informed policing practices that build trust and confidence across Winnipeg's diverse communities.

The board follows a framework to fulfill its legislated duty to direct the chief of police and monitor their performance. The framework includes consideration of a variety of inputs and evaluation considerations, including progress made by the chief of police toward implementation of the Strategic Plan for the WPS established by the board, results of community and workplace engagement initiatives, statistical metrics and trends in data, and other sources relevant to the roles and responsibilities assigned to the chief of police by *The Police Services Act*.

Review of Police Service Budget and Reports

The Board met as a Committee of the Whole Board on May 22, 2026 to review quarterly reports on the Winnipeg Police Service budget, business and audit plans reports.

The Winnipeg Police Service conducts a number of annual audits in order to maintain its CALEA accreditation and the Committee reviewed the Service reports for 2025; Bias-Free Policing and Professional Standards, Use of Force and Criminal Flight Pursuits and Armoured Rescue Vehicle Operations. The Committee is satisfied that all three reports are consistent with the Board's expectations and policy requirements.

Community Engagement

The board strives to ensure that policing in Winnipeg is delivered in a way that is consistent with the community's needs, values, and expectations. We invite community groups, businesses, and all others with an interest in policing, public safety, and related topics to share their feedback, experiences, and perspectives with the board. Requests can be sent via the contact link found on the board's website: www.winnipegpoliceboard.ca or by email to wpb@winnipeg.ca.

The next public meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 11, 2026.