Winnipeg Police Board

Report from the Board Chair
September 11, 2026

This report summarizes the activities of the Board Chair and events attended since the last public meeting on June 5, 2026.

Date	Activity
June 19	Committee of the Whole Board Meeting – 2027 Budget Development
June 25	Met with the Chair of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority Board of Directors to discuss matters of shared interest.
June 29	Attended the West District Station for the first roll call meeting deploying an eighth general patrol cruiser car to bolster frontline resources in west Winnipeg.
June 30	Board Members attended Winnipeg Police Service Headquarters for the unveiling of the Service's Truth and Reconciliation Cruiser.
July 2	The Board met with Mayor Gillingham to discuss policing and public safety priorities, budget priorities, and matters of shared interest.
July 8	Private meeting with the Police Chief
August 12-14	Attended the 37th Annual Canadian Association of Police Governance Conference in Edmonton, AB.
August 24	Committee of the Whole Board Meeting
August 27	Committee of the Whole Board Meeting.

Over-expenditure Authorization for the Winnipeg Police Service – 2026 Operating Budget – Unrealized Budgeted Expenditure Management Savings

On August 27, 2026, at a private meeting, the Board granted approval to the Winnipeg Police Service to proceed with a request for authorization to over-expend its 2026 operating budget by up to $4.534 million.

The Service submitted a report to the Board specifying the amount of the shortfall, the reasons additional funding is needed and alternatives for funding the requirements from within the allocated budget.

The report from the Service noted that salary and benefit savings, as well as a slight increase in Service revenues, has resulted in $2.466 million in projected budget savings for 2026, however the Council-imposed expenditure management savings target of $7.0 million leaves a projected $4.534 million of unrealized savings at this time.

The Board was satisfied, after reviewing the report and discussing the matter with the Police Chief and Service, that no viable funding alternatives exist to maintain policing services that would comply with Manitoba's *Police Services Act* and community expectations for the remainder of 2026.

The Service's request for authorization, including the factors considered by the Board, will be considered by Council's Standing Policy Committee on Finance and Economic Development (SPC) on September 14, 2026. Due to the timing of the next available SPC meeting(s), it was impractical for the Board to delay its consideration of the Service's request until today's meeting.

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.

Review of Police Service Budget

The Board met as a Committee of the Whole Board on June 19 to review preliminary 2027 budget proposals from the Winnipeg Police Service.

Police Board Member Conduct

On August 24, 2026, the Board met pursuant to Part 12 of the Winnipeg Police Board Rules of Practice and Procedure (Requirements Respecting Board Members' Conduct and Performance) to consider information that provided reasonable grounds to believe that a board member may have breached the Code of Ethical Conduct for Police Board Members. The Board has determined that it is necessary to investigate and inquire into the conduct of a board member. No findings have been made at this time, and pursuant to the Rules of Practice and Procedure and the requirements of *The*

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, no further information will be provided until such time as the Board has made a determination of the matter.

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 December 4, 2026.