



City of Morden Police Board

MEETING Minutes

in-camera

Date/Time: January 8, 2026 @ 2:30pm
Location: Council Chambers, City Hall
Chair: Rich Harries
Recorder: Brandi Saunders

Attendees: Rich Harries
Colin Harbinson
Irma Maier
Chris Flook
Sean Aune
Doug Frost

Regrets: Nicole Reidle
Guest: Nicole Fehr

Agenda Item	Item & Summary of Discussion	Action/Decision
1. Call to Order	14:30 hrs. M: Colin S: Doug Unanimously Approved	
2. Adoption of Agenda		
3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes	Adoption of meeting minutes of Oct.9 th ,2025. M: Irma S: Colin Unanimously Approved.	
4. Delegations	NIL	
5. Standing Items		
5.1	Financial Report – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The operational and capital budget for 2025 was under budget. 94% was used with some bills still to be paid. Reviewed special wages, fines and costs, WCB, Cost Recovery, Overtime and budget lines. The chief provided explanation for Special Wages being over budget on that line. The Commissionaires have increased their guarding rates and the rate has significantly increased for Holidays. This budget line had already been used up at the end of Q2 due to an unusual number of prisoners in the first half of the year. This is out of the control of the police as the majority are due to intoxication. The Chief advised that all 2025 Capital Item purchases were complete. Two of the items, By Law vehicle and Epoxy floors (maintenance) were pushed to 2026. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q4 stats were presented and compared to previous quarters. The only major difference was the traffic offences due to MPI distracted/ seatbelts and festival campaigns were not conducted or funded as they were in 2024, resulting in less traffic offences. 	
<p>5.2</p>	<p>Strategic Plan Metrics -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan Metrics were right on track and presented to the board. In Q3 the biggest drop was during the summer when there was no school and the CRO was back to general patrol. In Q4 the drug investigations were down due to Project Husk and other drug projects. 2 out of 3 check stop campaigns were completed. The speeding / intersection, and school zone results were 34 check stops conducted and 174 tickets were issued. The last check stop campaign for Road watch for Impaired drivers was completed at the end of the year. 17 check stops conducted, 86 tickets issued, 3 Criminal Code charges and 7 Immediate Roadside Suspensions. • The Chief outlined a new Youth Internship Program for high school students in grade 11 and 12. The program will commence in the 2026 semester, and the selected participant will be working with the Morden Police Service. Police members are working with the school division and several application packages have been received and 1 or 2 students will be selected for the initiative. This student will receive high school credits upon completion. • The Chief and Segreant Edwards took part in the Unwrapping Christmas campaign that was put on by the Chamber of Commerce. The two had a temporary jail setup for the event and randomly selected individuals had to sing a Christmas carol or answer a trivia question to be released. It was a successful event. • Morden Police again partnered up with the Christmas Cheer board for a fundraising hockey game against the Morden Thunder high school team vs the Guns n Hoses team comprised of police and firefighters. The 	

	<p>event was very successful with cash and gift donations received for Christmas Cheer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constable Bruhn successfully completed his recruit training at the Winnipeg Police Academy. The ceremony was held on Oct. 31st and was attended by Chief Aune, Inspector Flook, Sergeant Edwards, the Mayor and the City Manager. • Constable Forster received the Minister of Justice Excellence in Law Enforcement Award for his outstanding work as the Community Resource Officer. A banquet took place on October 23rd and was attended by Jeff, his family, the Chief, Inspector and Sergeant. • In October the Chief of Police was hired and Sgt.Flook was promoted to Inspector. Currently in the process of promoting a new sergeant due to the Inspector’s promotion. They hope to have the promotion completed by February. • Ryan Rempel (for Brad N) and Spencer Norrie (for Dale H) were hired as replacement officers and will start recruit training at the end of January. • The Chief advised the board about the Digital Evidence Management System the service is using. It is a secure cloud-based platform provided by Axon. This allows police agencies across Manitoba to upload large amounts of digital data to be sent to Manitoba Prosecution Services. It is currently funded by the Province of Manitoba. • The Chief and the Inspector applied for 4 different Criminal Property Forfeitures grants as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For a drone and training for 4 members at approx. \$120,000 2. For 7 members to attend Organized Crime Gang Conference at approx. \$6000 3. For RCMP Major Crimes Mentorship Program approx. \$42,000 4. For 3 new members to attend the Canadian Police College (submitted by Altona PS on behalf of RCNU) for Crisis Negotiator Training. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPI had funds left over in 2025 and have accepted offers of proposals. The Chief and Cst Loewen applied for a speeding campaign (\$17,000) and a new License Plate Reader to be added to the new police cruiser (\$33,000). • The Chief discussed the state of the current Regional Policing study. He advised that MNP provided the cities and the police services with a draft report of their findings and a meeting is set for January 16th to go over the report. 	
5.3	Inspector Report- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The inspector highlighted some incidents that occurred in the quarter. Provided a concluding report on Project Husk. 	
6. Old Business		
6.1	Risk Management Plan - See New business 7.1	
6.2	Procedure Manual - Final version to be shared with board members.	

6.3	Budget 2026 - 2nd reading was done and close to being approved by the City.	
7. New Business		
7.1	Risk Register- Chair will have the board review the document and ask if there are any changes to forward it to him.	
7.2	Policy Review- See old business 6.2.	
7.3	Chief Performance Review- with the new hire of the Chief there will be no 2025 review. The next review will be at the end of 2026.	
7.4	CAPG Conference Attendance – The Chief and someone from the board could attend. Further discussion in the future will be made. The conference is being held in mid-August.	
8. Closing Question Period	Nil	
9. Next Meeting Date	April 9 th , 2026 @ 2:20 pm Council Chambers	
10. In Camera	At 16:16 hrs	
11. Adjournment	16:15 M: Colin S: Doug Unanimously Approved	