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## *Police Boards*

### **Board Members:**

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Carolyn Eva Penner, Altona  
Susan J. Meighen, Brandon  
Reginald Atkinson, Brandon  
Linda Doerksen, Morden  
Lorrie Dyer, Rivers  
Anni Markmann, Ste. Anne  
Damon Johnston, Winnipeg  
Al Rear, Victoria Beach

### **Mandate:**

The Police Boards' mandate, as outlined in the *Police Services Act* is to provide civilian governance respecting the enforcement of law, the maintenance of the public peace and the prevention of crime in the (insert Town name here), and to provide the administrative direction and organization required to provide an adequate and effective police service in the town or city.

### **Authority:**

[Police Services Act](#)

[The City of Winnipeg By-Law No. 148/2012](#)

[Victoria Beach By-Law 1546](#)

### **Responsibilities:**

As outlined in section 27 of the *Police Services Act*, the Police Boards' responsibilities include consulting with the police chief to establish priorities and objectives for the police service; establishing policies for the effective management of the police service; directing the police chief and monitoring his/her performance; and performing any other prescribed duties.

More specifically, the Police Board fulfills a community purpose. It ensures that community needs and values are reflected in policing priorities, objectives, programs and strategies. It acts as a liaison between the community and the respective town/city Police Service to ensure that services are delivered in a manner consistent with community needs, values, and expectations. The board also ensures that the police chief establishes programs and strategies to implement the priorities and objectives established by the board.

The Winnipeg Police Board is required to make several reports to council, including:

- a) An annual strategic plan submitted to council for information through the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services
- b) An annual report to council for information through the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Service, which includes a summary of the board's activities for the year

- c) Annual audited financial statements for the board budget and the Winnipeg Police Service budget submitted to council for information through the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services
- d) A quarterly update on the board budget and Winnipeg Police Service budget to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance

**Membership:**

Altona:

Five members, with four appointed by the Town of Altona and *one appointed through provincial order in council*. Those appointed by the town are comprised as follows:

- a) Two members of Altona town council
- b) Two community members appointed by Altona town council

Brandon:

Seven members, with five appointed by the City of Brandon and one appointed through provincial order in council. The five board members from the city must be appointed as follows:

- a) The Mayor of the City of Brandon
- b) A member of Brandon city council
- c) The city manager of the City of Brandon
- d) Three persons who reside or are employed in or have a business interest in the City of Brandon

Cornwallis:

Three members, with two appointed by the RM of Cornwallis and one appointed through provincial order in council. The two board members from the RM must be appointed as follows:

- a) One council member
- b) One other appointment by council

Morden:

Five members, with four appointed by the City of Morden and one appointed through provincial order in council. The four board members from the city must be appointed as follows:

- a) Two councillors or employees of the City of Morden
- b) Two citizens appointed by council

Rivers:

Three members, with two appointed by the Town of Rivers and one appointed through provincial order in council. The two board members from the town must be appointed as follows:

- a) One council member or employee of the Town of Rivers
- b) One resident who is neither a council member or employee of the town

Springfield:

Five members, with four appointed by the RM of Springfield and one appointed through provincial order in council.

Ste. Anne:

Five members, with four appointed by the Town of Ste. Anne and one appointed through provincial order in council.

Victoria Beach:

Three members, with two appointed by the RM of Victoria Beach council and one appointed through provincial order in council. According to RM of Victoria Beach bylaw 1546, the members appointed by the RM are composed of one member of council and one other member.

Winkler:

Five members, with four appointed by the City of Winkler and one appointed through provincial order in council.

Winnipeg:

Nine members, with five appointed by the City of Winnipeg council and two appointed through provincial order in council. According to City of Winnipeg bylaw 148/2012, the five board members from the city must be appointed by council as follows:

- a) The Mayor or his/her nominee, subject to ratification by council who shall also be appointed as chair of the board
- b) One councillor
- c) Three citizens

Prospective appointees are subject to a criminal record check and child and adult abuse registry checks.

**Length of terms:**

According to section 31(3) of the *Police Services Act* the term of a person appointed through order in council must be fixed in the order appointing the person, but must not exceed four years.

The term of a council member on the police board ends when the person is no longer a member of council. The term of a person appointed to the police board by council who is not a council member must be fixed in his/her appointment, but must not extend past the term of office of the council that made the appointment.

According to City of Winnipeg bylaw 148/2012, council appointees who are councillors are appointed to one year terms. A councillor may be a board member only so long as they remain a councillor.

Council appointees who are citizens shall be appointed for a term not to exceed the lesser of three years or the term of office of council that made the appointment. All council appointees are eligible for reappointment to the board if the reappointment does not result in more than eight consecutive years of service on the board by the appointee.

**Desirable expertise:**

Members of the board must be adult Canadian citizens who reside, do business, or work in their respective town/city. For example, if an individual wishes to serve on the Winkler Police Board, they must reside, do business or work in Winkler. According to provincial regulation, a member of the Police Board must, in the opinion of the appointing authority:

- a) Be of good character
- b) Have a knowledge of community issues
- c) Possess the ability to commit the time and effort necessary to carry out his or her responsibilities on the board



Members of the board may not be a judge in the Court of Queen's Bench or Court of Appeal; a provincial judge or justice of the peace; a member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba or of the Senate or House of Commons of Canada; or a current or former member of the police service for which the police board is responsible. All appointees must complete a criminal record and abuse registry check.

**Meetings:**

The *Police Services Act* mandates that all police boards must hold a meeting at least once every three months.

Winnipeg

Frequency: Nine monthly meetings per year along with two additional public consultations.

Location: Meetings may be held in the same location, the two public consultations must be held in different locations throughout the city.

**Remuneration:**

Reasonable remuneration set by town council.

Winnipeg: Citizen members of the board shall be paid the following remuneration by the city for time spent in attendance at board meetings, including public consultations:

Chair and Vice-chair: \$190.00 per half day; \$336.00 per full day

Other citizen members: \$109.00 per half day; \$192.00 per full day