



Altona Police Board

"The mission of the Altona Police Board is to provide civilian oversight and governance of the Altona Police Service in order to ensure a safe community."

Minutes of the Altona Police Board public meeting held in the Town of Altona council chambers on Thursday, October 30, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Present were: Chair Katie Eyre-Saunders, Vice Chair Joanne Wiebe, Tammy Braun, Sandy Hutchison, Archie Heinrichs, Audrey Schmidt, Police Chief Dan Defer, S/Cst. Julie Seniuk

1. **Call to order** at 5:00 and approval of agenda

Motion: Tammy Braun- moved- Archie Heinrichs - seconded- that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

2. **Approval** of the minutes of September 11, 2025

Motion: Gord Sawatzky-moved- Audrey Schmidt- seconded- to approve the June 19th minutes as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Chairs Report**

- 3.1 Confirmation of November 4th meeting with Sumit Benipal & Andrew Minor. The meeting will take place in the boardroom at the Altona Civic Centre, and will begin at 4:00pm.

4. **Police Chief Report**

- 4.1 2024 Budget Update

- Budget remains on track. No concerns at this time.
- Is currently at 71% spent
- Overall budget has room to absorb the overage in a few budget lines.

4.2 General Operational Update

- Proposed restructuring of wage scale for the Special Constable position to be addressed during in camera portion of the meeting.
- Proposed restructuring of Corporal and Sargeant ranks to be addressed during in camera portion of the meeting.

4.3 Monthly reports- highlights

- Increase in vehicle thefts and one trailer theft. One vehicle has been recovered so far.
- Seeing an increase in violence related calls. Assaults and Assaults with Weapons.

4.4 Strategic Plan- targets and highlights

Target 1:

- Safe Neighborhood Camera Registry is live and available for residents and businesses of Altona and Plum Coulee to register their security camera's.

Target 2:

- Cpl Legal to attend training in Ottawa for Incident Command 300.
- Cst Funk to attend training for child sex abuse interview.
- Digital Evidence Management training is ongoing. The Province of Manitoba Justice is hoping to launch this program in mid-November
- Chief Defer attended meeting held by Canadian Association Chiefs of Police

Target 3:

- Chief and members attend and participate in many community committee's including: anti-racism committee, the Altona Transportation Task Force, CommUNity, Emergency Management Operations (EMO) and many more.
- Chief Defer has been appointed co-chair for the Manitoba Restorative Justice Committee
- Planning for "position" shadowing opportunities

5. Recessed to In Camera

Motion: Archie Heinrichs-moved- Tammy Braun- seconded

CARRIED.

Reconvene from In Camera

Motion: Gord Sawatzky- moved- Joanne Wiebe- seconded

CARRIED.

Adjournment at 7:40PM

Next meeting is December 18th, 2025 at 5pm