



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 Monday April 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

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

CARRIED.

2. Approval of the minutes of January 26, 2026

Motion: Sandy Hutchison-moved- Joanne Wiebe- seconded- to approve the January 26 minutes as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. Chair's Report

3.1 Strat Plan Draft Review: A copy was circulated; an electronic copy will be sent out to the board for their review. Results will be added once compiled.

3.2 Policy Review- Section One- Fundamentals of the Board- reviewed, no modifications at this time.

4. Police Chief Report

4.1 2025 Budget Update

- Complete. No issues
- 2026 budget was approved
- No updates from Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund applications
- MPI Road Watch funding is \$15700.00 for spring/summer road watch campaign.
- Enbridge provided a grant for \$3000.00 for first aid kits for members to carry.

4.2 General Operational Update

Annual meeting was held with the victim services. A grant application will be submitted to Enbridge for funding counseling services for the victims.

4.3 Monthly reports- highlights

- Call volume comparisons from 2025 show the 2026 total call volume is higher than last year.
- RM of Rhineland stats shown in the monthly police reports are mostly traffic tickets, which occur when the members are traveling to and from Plum Coulee. The revenue from these tickets goes to the RM of Rhineland. These also capture stats for Plum Coulee.

4.4 Strategic Plan- targets and highlights

- Bike safety presentations for schools will be held before the end of school year.
- School zone patrol will be done before and after school to avoid potential pedestrian accidents.
- Coffee nights are to be held with various groups in both Altona and Plum Coulee.

5. New Business

- Police Chief spoke about an incident last week that involved over an hour wait times for Ambulance to arrive on scene of a motor vehicle accident. Councilor Braun will address the concern with Town Council and a letter will be sent to Shared Health.

Motion: Archie Heinrichs- moved- Gord Sawatzky to adjourn meeting.

CARRIED.

Adjourned 6:53 pm