



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 September 19th, 2024 at 12:00pm

Present: Chair Audrey Schmidt, Vice chair Katie Eyre-Saunders, Tammy Braun, Gord Sawatzky, Joanne Wiebe, Police Chief Dan Defer, S/Cst Julie Seniuk.

Regrets: Archie Heinrichs.

1. **Call to order** at 12:00 and approval of agenda

Motion: Gord Sawatzky-moved-Katie Eyre-Saunders that the agenda be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

2. **Approval** of the minutes of July 30, 2024

Motion: Tammy Braun-moved-Gord Sawatzky to approve the July 30th minutes as circulated.
CARRIED.

3. **Chair’s Report**

3.1 Welcome to Joanne Wiebe to the Altona Police Board as the provincial appointed member

3.2 Police Board self assessment and board assessment will be held on January 9th 2025.

3.3 Altona Police Service strategic plan review will be held on January 9th, 2025.

3.4 Altona Police Service budget review meeting will be held on February 6th, 2025 in camera.

3.5 Altona Police Service meeting schedule for 2025:

- February 6th, 2025
- April 16th, 2025
- June 19th, 2025
- September 11th, 2025
- October 30th, 2025
- December 18th, 2025
- Going forward, meetings will now begin at 5:00pm, with the option of having supper ordered in at 4:30pm.

All dates and times have been added to the Altona Police web site.

4. **Police Chief’s Report**

4.1 Budget review for 2024: 63% spent for the year as of the end of August.



- Development and training budget is showing over budget due to 2 new recruits in college as expected.
 - By the end of the year, the budget should still come in under budget and not over.
- 4.2 General operations updates: The new recruits are on week 9/22. Both are doing well.
- We made it through summer and all the holiday time off requests.
 - When the new recruits have graduated, they enter field training for approximately 5 months.
 - RSTT will not have an active Altona member for the next few years, due to Cpl. Legal moving up to incident command, and no other interest from qualified Altona members. We will continue to pay for the team's operational costs and Chief Defer will still sit on the board. The team will continue to assist Altona Police with search warrants and calls for service, but we will not have an active member until at least 2027.
 - 2024 criminal property forfeiture fund for CCTV cameras in the Altona Park, MEC and gallery are still being worked on. Should be installed this year yet.
 - For 2025 CPFF grants, we will be writing proposals for a generator for the Plum Coulee office and a second grant request for a drone including training for operators.
- 4.3 Monthly reports- Highlights.
- 4.4 Strat plan review: review targets.

5. **New Business**

- 5.1 What potential issues or challenges do you see within our community or in the board's processes that we could address proactively rather than responding reactively?
- What can the board do to assist the Police Service?
 - Due to time, this was suggested to all board members to think about and bring forward concerns or ideas.

Adjourned: 1:20pm

Next meeting: December 5th at 5:00pm. Supper optional, at 4:30pm