



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 December 7th2023 at 1:00PM

Present were: Chair Audrey Schmidt, vice chair Katie Eyre-Saunders, Archie Heinrichs, Gord Sawatzky, Police Chief Dan Defer, S/Cst Julie Seniuk

Regrets: Tammy Braun

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

Motion: Archie Heinrichs- moved- Gord Sawatzky second that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

2. **Approval** of the minutes of September 14, 2023

Motion:: Katie Eyre-Saunders- moved- Archie Heinrichs second to approve the September 14, 2023 minutes as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **Chairs Report**

3.1 Budget review: the 2024 budget is almost complete, still waiting for a few numbers but the budget will be completed in time for council review.

- Chief Defer held a budget review meeting with the police board on November 23, 2023. Still waiting for a few final numbers to be entered.
- Live scan components have been ordered, no word on delivery or install date
- New computers have been approved and will be installed December 13-15th
- Taser's will need to be further investigated in order to determine if new Taser's should be purchased or if we can go with the rental option

3.2 Self assessment and board assessment: documents for self assessment will be sent out from Audrey shortly. Please complete and if you have any concerns they will be addressed. The date for both assessments to be completed is January 31, 2024 from 1:00-4:00pm in the boardroom.

3.3 APS strategic plan review- will be held on January 31, 2024

3.4 APS annual budget review- will be held on January 31, 2024

3.5 APS police board meeting schedule for 2024 - starting at noon, **January 18**, April 11, September 19, December 12. Lunch requests will be provided when the agenda is sent out one week prior to the meeting. If you want to eat lunch arrive at 11:30

4. **Police Chief report**

4.1 Monthly reports September – November 2023

- File counts down as expected during this time of the year, but expected to increase now as it gets closer to Christmas.
- Highlight of a few occurrences
- RCNU & RSTT were both deployed in the month of October to a major incident in Morden

4.2 Strategic plan review- targets

- Joint forces between Altona, Winkler & Morden Police continue. A combined training day was held in September for the negotiators, tac team and incident command
- A grant of \$40,000 was received from the department of justice for a joint investigation involved Altona, Winkler and Morden Police.
- Department of Justice is initiating 14 unit's throughout the province sending officers from many municipal police services to serve on these units. If a member decided they would like to join, they could be gone up to 5 years, their position then with the Altona Police Service would be filled with a new member with that funding to cover training costs and wages being covered by the province.
- Plans for community presentations regarding the use and need to criminal record checks being requested by employers will be held in the new year. Many times, employers are requesting criminal record checks with vulnerable sector checks when they aren't required and we are not allowed to disclose that information.
- Cpl Mark Legal will be leaving his position on the RSTT as he has now been promoted to Corporal. This promotion would now require him to be used as incident command should a major incident occur. There will be a competition for another member to join the RSTT in the future.
- Chief Defer attended the Manitoba Chief's of Police conference.
- Cpl Legal and S/Cst Seniuk attended the Forrest Green training session.
- Sgt. Tarnick will attend executive development training in Winnipeg January 15-29, 2024

- PV RCMP held a criminal record check day in September for the RM residents which was very well attended. Approximately 90 applicants attended that day. Plans to have these types of events hosted at the Altona Police office are being made for spring 2024 and again in the fall of 2024.

4.3 Criminal Property Forfeiture fund update:

- Investigation into costs of CCTV cameras is currently under way by Cpl. Legal. This could be a potential request to the CPFF for next year's grant.

4.4 Budget update

- 2023 budget is at 88% spent.
- 2024 budget is almost complete

4.5 General operational updates

- Live scan components have been ordered.
- New computers to be installed starting next week. 2 in car lap tops will arrive in a few weeks.
- Forrest Green is set to go live in early January 2024. Our walk-in fee's will match the fee of the online cost of \$35. Volunteer criminal record checks will be free for walk ins, \$10 if done online.

5. New Business: None

Adjournment at 2:30PM

MOTION: Archie Heinrichs – moved- Gord Sawatzky – second that the meeting be adjourned. Next meeting is **January 18, 2023**