



## 2018 COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

### COMMUNITY INPUT COLLECTED BY THE WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD

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This report is a summary of how the Board received and collected community input in 2018. Comments and questions from community members inform the Boards' understanding of what the community needs, values and expects from police services in Winnipeg. The Board considers this input when it sets strategic priorities for the Winnipeg Police Service.

A top priority in 2018 was to improve how the Board communicated with the public. Instead of inviting community groups to a forum hosted by the Board, the Board reached out to community groups and asked to be invited to meetings that were already scheduled. This allowed the board members to speak to varied audiences to be informed on current public safety issues being faced and to develop relationships to inform the next iteration of the strategic plan. The Board Chair was interviewed on the radio and invited those listening to ask questions of the board. The board also posted an online survey on its website to encourage citizens to provide feedback. In addition, the board returned to using twitter to engage with citizens through social media.

In 2018, the Winnipeg Police Board received input from:

- Community groups that the Board reached out directly to
- Municipal and Provincial government representatives
- Public forums hosted by the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) and attended by members of the Winnipeg Police Board
- Community members who reached out to the Board directly
- Community members referred to the Board by City Councillors

Comments received at public forums were provided during each events question-and-answer period. Questions were primarily directed at members of the Winnipeg Police Service, but provided the Board with insight into community needs, values and expectations for policing. The events were focused on gang violence and drug use in each of the city's four police districts, so many of the questions and comments related to those issues. Board members attended public forums in 2018 at:

- Gordon Bell High School on February 12
- St. John's High School on June 18
- Kildonan East Collegiate on October 10
- Shaftesbury High School on November 20