



The Winnipeg Police Board Announces Appointment of the Chief of Police

The Winnipeg Police Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Deputy Chief Gene Bowers as the next Chief of Police for the Winnipeg Police Service.

Deputy Chief Bowers has been a member of the Winnipeg Police Service since 1989 and has extensive experience in Uniform Operations, administrative sections and criminal investigations. Deputy Chief Bowers is the recipient of the Police Exemplary Service Medal from the Governor General of Canada and the Attorney General of Manitoba's Excellence in Law Enforcement Award. Deputy Chief Bowers is life-long Winnipegger and a graduate of the University of Manitoba.

The Board conducted a comprehensive and diligent recruitment process recognizing the important role that the Chief of Police plays in our city. The Board's objective was to identify a transformative leader who is committed to the safety and well-being of our community, and who upholds the needs, values, and expectations of Winnipeg's diverse population.

Throughout the process, Deputy Chief Bowers demonstrated exemplary skills, experience, and character that make him best equipped for the role. The Board has the utmost confidence that Deputy Chief Bowers will provide the integrity, respect, accountability, and courage that is required to lead the Winnipeg Police Service into the future.

The Board congratulates Deputy Chief Bowers on his selection and looks forward to a productive and collaborative working relationship with him.

In the coming months, the Board will initiate its 2025 – 2029 strategic planning process to set priorities and objectives for the Winnipeg Police Service for the next five years. The Board, in collaboration with the Chief of Police, will consult with stakeholders and the community to strengthen the relationships between police and the community, and to identify the needs, values, and expectations that will inform the strategic plan's priorities. Further information on the strategic planning process and how to get involved can be found on the Board's website: www.winnipeg.ca/policeboard.

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