

Winnipeg Police Board Launches Community Consultation Process for the Winnipeg Police Service 2026 – 2030 Strategic Plan

The Winnipeg Police Board is the governance body for the Winnipeg Police Service and the liaison between the community and the police. One of the Board's fundamental roles is to ensure that the needs, values, and expectations of the community are reflected in how policing is delivered in the City of Winnipeg by establishing a strategic plan for the Winnipeg Police Service.

Beginning today, the Board is inviting the community to share its visions for policing, the areas where policing is effective or where it could be done differently, and what changes they recommend to bring transformational change to policing and public safety in Winnipeg. Input from the community will inform the priorities and objectives for the police service for the next five years.

The Board will be hosting round-table discussions with organizations, community groups, and leaders representing Winnipeg's diverse community. Open public forums will also be held, with details being announced at a later date. Individuals are also able to provide input directly to the Board through an online survey and submission form. The Board welcomes input from all who live, work, or visit the City of Winnipeg.

"The Winnipeg Police Board's strategic planning process is an opportunity to consider how policing is delivered in our city, and to develop a plan that promotes trust, confidence, accountability, and public safety for all" said Daphne Penrose, Chair of the Winnipeg Police Board's Strategic Planning Steering Sub-Committee. "Our goal is transformational change and foundational shifts in culture, policies, and relationships between the police and the community that results in meaningful improvements to safety and the wellbeing of everyone who lives, works, and visits Winnipeg."

The Board, in collaboration with the Winnipeg Police Service, will develop priorities and objectives in a strategic plan to be published later this year. The Board is committed to developing a plan that represents the needs, values, and expectations of the community.

Information on the Board's role, public consultation process, and how to get involved can be found on the Board's website, <u>www.winnipeg.ca/policeboard</u>. Anyone who may be interested in attending events hosted by the Board during this process is encouraged to contact <u>wpb@winnipeg.ca</u>.

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