



WOODSTOCK POLICE SERVICE BOARD

The Woodstock Police Service Board met on May 11, 2026 at Woodstock Police Service Headquarters and via ZOOM at 3:00 p.m.

Present were: Ken Whiteford, Provincial Appointee; Leslie Farrell, Provincial Appointee; Mayor Jerry Acchione, Council Representative; Connie Lauder, Council Representative; and Daryl Stevenson, Community Appointee; and Kristin Barnim, WPSB EA joined via Zoom.

Also in attendance were Chief Nick Novacich; Deputy Chief Jamie Taylor; and Kristi Lampman, Human Resources Coordinator; and David Tilley, Zone 4 Police Advisor joined via Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Whiteford called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.

2. WELCOME

Chair Whiteford welcomed everyone.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Jerry ACCHIONE

Seconded by Connie LAUDER

Resolved that the Board approve the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED.

4. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 13, 2026

Moved by Jerry ACCHIONE

Seconded by Daryl STEVENSON

Resolved that the Board approve the minutes of April 13, 2026 as circulated.

CARRIED.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

7. VERBAL REPORT FROM CHAIR

- Chair Whiteford reminded everyone of the first meeting of the Strategic Plan Committee on Thursday, May 14th at 10:30 a.m.

8. VERBAL REPORT FROM CHIEF

- On Easter weekend, members of the Woodstock Police Service (WPS) took the plunge at Turkey Point in support of Special Olympics. As proud, long-time supporters of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, officers joined law enforcement partners across the province to raise funds and awareness for incredible athletes in our community.
- Chief Novacich recognized National Public Safety Telecommunications Week and specifically the Woodstock Police Emergency Communications Centre team who are the first point of contact in moments that matter most. Chief Novacich thanked them for their professionalism, compassion, and dedication to our community.
- Chief Novacich also recognized National Volunteer week and the dedicated members of the Woodstock Police Auxiliary Unit. In 2025, WPS Auxiliaries contributed an incredible 1,475 volunteer hours supporting community events and assisting with patrols. Chief Novacich thanked them for their continued dedication to our community.
- May 11th is Administrative Professionals Day, and Chief Novacich recognized the dedicated administrative professionals at Woodstock Police Service. From managing records to supporting frontline members and keeping our Service running smoothly, their work is essential every single day.
- Chief Novacich noted that the WPS Street Crime Unit, with assistance from Emergency Response Unit and Uniform Patrol, made seven arrests following two separate drug trafficking investigations, Project Eldorado and Project Delorean. Seizures included handguns, two conducted energy weapons, cocaine with an estimated street value of over \$97,000, ammunition, other narcotics, an armoured vest, and \$1 million in cash.

- On April 20th, the Woodstock Fire Department and Oxford County Paramedic Services responded to a residence on Finkle Street in Woodstock for a report of a person suffering burn injuries. The injured individual was transported to hospital for treatment. Subsequent investigation by the WPS determined that multiple individuals known to each other were gathered at the residence when an argument occurred. During the altercation, one individual threw a flammable substance onto another individual and ignited it, causing serious injuries. As a result of the investigation, on April 25th Woodstock Police arrested a 44-year-old male from Woodstock and charged him with aggravated assault, arson – causing bodily harm, and four counts of possession of fire, ammunition or explosive substance contrary to prohibition order.

The Board thanked all members of the Service involved in Project Eldorado and Project Delorean for their hard work.

Board member Mayor Acchione noted the hate crime incident that occurred near one of the local schools. A public meeting took place with 75-100 people present and he thanked Chief Novacich and Deputy Chief Taylor for their attendance.

9. STATISTICS/REPORTS – DEPUTY CHIEF JAMIE TAYLOR

- A) Calls for Service Statistics
- B) Calls for Service Report
- C) Charge Comparison Report
- D) Other reports as necessary

Moved by Leslie FARRELL

Seconded by Connie LAUDER

Resolved that the Board receive all statistics and reports presented in Item 9.
CARRIED.

10. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Moved by Daryl STEVENSON

Seconded by Leslie FARRELL

Resolved that the Board receive the financial statements ending April 30, 2026.

CARRIED.

11. QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN

Chair Whiteford noted that the *Community Safety and Policing Act* requires the Board to establish a quality assurance plan. He advised Board members that a policy on this matter will be forthcoming.

12. REVIEW OF AI-042 PUBLIC RELATIONS RESERVE FUND POLICY

Moved by Daryl STEVENSON

Seconded by Jerry ACCHIONE

Resolved that the Board did the annual review of the policy and determined that no changes are required.

CARRIED.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Jerry ACCHIONE

Seconded by Connie LAUDER

Resolved that the Board adjourns to Closed Session at 3:39 p.m. to discuss personal matters about identifiable individuals and labour relations or employee negotiations, pursuant to S. 44(2)(b) and (d) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1*, respectively and that in all circumstances, the desirability of avoiding their disclosure in the interest of any person affected or in the public interest outweighs the desirability of adhering to the principle that proceedings be open to the public.

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION RISES

Moved by Jerry ACCHIONE

Seconded by Daryl STEVENSON

Resolved that the Board does now rise from Closed Session and reconvenes at 3:43 p.m.

CARRIED.

15. MOTIONS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION - # 1 - # 3

CLOSED SESSION # 1 - CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Moved by Daryl STEVENSON

Seconded by Leslie FARRELL

Resolved that the Board approve the Closed Session Agenda as circulated.

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 2 - OVERTIME - CHIEF

Moved by Jerry ACCHIONE

Seconded by Connie LAUDER

Resolved that the Board receive the monthly tracking report for information.
CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 3 – OTHER ITEMS AS NECESSARY

None.

16. NEW BUSINESS

None.

17. Date of Next Board Meeting Monday, June 8, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at the Woodstock Police Service Headquarters.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Daryl STEVENSON

Seconded by Leslie FARRELL

Resolved that the Board does now adjourn at 3:45 p.m.

CARRIED.

"Original Signed by"

Ken Whiteford, Chair
Woodstock Police Service Board

"Original Signed by"

Leslie Farrell, Vice Chair
Woodstock Police Service Board