



WOODSTOCK POLICE SERVICE BOARD

The Woodstock Police Service Board met on June 8, 2026 at Woodstock Police Service Headquarters and via ZOOM at 3:00 p.m.

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

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

Regrets: Mayor Jerry Acchione, Council Representative

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Whiteford called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. WELCOME

Chair Whiteford welcomed everyone.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Daryl STEVENSON

Seconded by Connie LAUDER

Resolved that the Board approve the agenda as amended and circulated.

CARRIED.

4. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 11, 2026

Moved by Daryl STEVENSON

Seconded by Leslie FARRELL

Resolved that the Board approve the minutes of May 11, 2026 as circulated.

CARRIED.

6. APPROVAL OF STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – MAY 14, 2026

Deferred until next Board meeting.

7. APPROVAL OF STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – MAY 20, 2026

Moved by Connie LAUDER

Seconded by Leslie FARRELL

Resolved that the Board approve the Strategic Plan Committee minutes of May 20, 2026 as circulated.

CARRIED.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

9. VERBAL REPORT FROM CHAIR

- Chair Whiteford noted that he sent out a report to the Board on the recent conference in Niagara and advised that video content of main sessions will come out in 7-10 days after the conference.
- Chair Whiteford advised that he may be attending the Canadian Association of Police Governance 37th Annual Conference in Alberta in August.

10. VERBAL REPORT FROM CHIEF

- May 1 the Woodstock Police Service (WPS) recognized First Responders Day which is a day to honour those who protect and preserve life, property, and our community in times of emergency. WPS is proud to stand alongside dedicated partners at Woodstock Fire Department and Oxford County Paramedic Services. Chief Novacich thanked all first responders for their service, sacrifice, and unwavering dedication.
- WPS was grateful to have been invited to the Sri Lankan Sun Festival known as Aluth Avurudu which marks the traditional Sri Lankan New Year. Chief Novacich gave a special thanks to Constable Thind for attending.
- On May 5, an arrest was made in the City's first homicide of 2026. On March 12, 2026 the WPS responded to a call for service to conduct a welfare check at a residence on Dundas Street in Woodstock. Upon

arrival officers located a deceased adult male and in consultation with the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario, the death was determined to be suspicious in nature. An investigation by the WPS Criminal Investigations Branch and multiple units and partner agencies led to the identification of a suspect. During the investigation, a second incident involving the same suspect was also examined. No physical injuries were reported as a result of the second incident. As a result of the investigation, Woodstock Police arrested a 20-year-old Woodstock Resident, Romario Henry and charged him with second degree murder. The accused remains in custody.

- On May 7, Woodstock Police were proud to take part in McHappy Day by working the drive-thru at a local McDonald's in support of families across Canada. McHappy Day helps raise funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities and other local children's charities. Chief Novacich thanked everyone who stopped by, donated, and supported such an important cause in our community.
- Members of WPS were proud to participate in the Woodstock and District Developmental Services (WDDS) Runway of Stars which is an inspiring event celebrating confidence, inclusion, and the incredible abilities of individuals in our community. Chief Novacich thanked the organizers, participants, families, volunteers, and supports who made the meaningful event possible and gave a special thanks to Sergeant Jackie Lange and Deputy Chief Taylor who participated in the event.
- May 10-16 was Police Week, a week to recognize the dedication behind the badge.
- Canada Road Safety Week was held from May 12-18 with a shared goal of saving lives and reducing injuries on Canada's roads. This year's theme was "Every Road. Every Day. Everyone" which served as a reminder that every driver plays a role in keeping our roads safe for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians alike. On June 7, Woodstock Police laid 25 traffic-related charges, including a stunt driving charge that resulted in a 14-day vehicle impoundment. Officers also removed a vehicle from the road after it was deemed unfit.
- Members of the WPS, including the Auxiliary Unit, were proud to support the City's annual Victoria Day Parade by assisting with traffic control and helping ensure a safe environment for all participants and spectators. Chief Novacich thanked everyone who celebrated and enjoying this year's Victoria Day Parade.

- WPS attended the First Responders Appreciation Lunch hosted by Cedarview Retirement Living. Chief Novacich extended sincere thanks to the Cedarview team and residents for the heartfelt hospitality, kind words, and thoughtful gesture of appreciation. Opportunities like these are a meaningful reminder of the strong connection between first responders and the communities they serve.
- On May 25, WPS officers responded to a wellness check on a male who had made some concerning comments about self-harm. Investigation led to a residence on Fyfe Avenue and it was discovered that the male had previous dealings with police where firearms had been involved. Officers set up initial containment on the resident and the Emergency Response Unit was called in and deployed as well as Negotiators. Oliver Stephens Public School was required to enter in a Hold and Secure status. Negotiators made contact with the male who surrendered peacefully to police. The male was transported to hospital for assessment. Police located firearms within the residence which were not properly stored and as a result the male was charged with various firearms offences.
- On May 26, Chief Novacich attended Coffee Connection which was hosted by Whisk and Roll. The event is put on by the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce which WPS is a proud member of. Chief Novacich thanked Whisk and Roll for hosting and providing coffee.
- Chief Novacich and Deputy Chief Taylor attended London for the Opening Ceremonies for Special Olympics Ontario High School Competitions. Over 1000 athletes were welcomed into London for the two days of competition. It was an honour to attend the following day to present medals to the winning teams for the events of Basketball and Bocce.
- Chief Novacich gave a shout out to Constable Logan Ernst of WPS who participated in the final leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run. The contingent of officers and police personnel delivered the Special Olympic Flame which officially marked the opening of the Special Olympic Games.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- A) Ronald McDonald House AAR Impact Report – Room 202 Woodstock Police Association
Board acknowledged the correspondence and deferred any action until September.

12. 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 Daryl STEVENSON

Seconded by Leslie FARRELL

Resolved that the Board receive all statistics and reports presented in Item 12.

CARRIED.

13. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial statements ending May 31, 2026 were not received.

14. BOARD REPORT NO. 01-2026

Moved by Leslie FARRELL

Seconded by Connie LAUDER

Resolved that the Board ratify the email vote conducted on May 25, 2025 approving the focus group listing as presented by the Strategic Plan Committee.

CARRIED.

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

16. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Connie LAUDER

Seconded by Daryl STEVENSON

Resolved that the Board adjourns to Closed Session at 3:25 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 Connie LAUDER

Seconded by Leslie FARRELL

Resolved that the Board does now rise from Closed Session and reconvenes

at 3:35 p.m.
CARRIED.

17. MOTIONS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION - # 1 - # 7

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 - PERSONNEL REPORTS a) STAFFING REPORT

b) STAFFING ACTIVITY – CHIEF

Moved by Leslie FARRELL

Seconded by Daryl STEVENSON

Resolved that the Board receive for information the Staffing Report and Staffing Activity Report dated as of June 8, 2026.
CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 3 - OVERTIME - CHIEF

Moved by Connie LAUDER

Seconded by Leslie FARRELL

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

CLOSED SESSION # 4 – MEMO – PROPERTY TRANSFER

Moved by Daryl STEVENSON

Seconded by Leslie FARRELL

Resolved that the Board defer any action on the proposed recommendation.
CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 5 – BOARD REPORT – APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL CONSTABLE S.C.

Moved by Connie LAUDER

Seconded by Daryl STEVENSON

Resolved that the Board formally appoint S.C. as a Special Constable with the Woodstock Police Service as of May 27, 2026.
CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 6 – BOARD REPORT – APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL CONSTABLE A.C.

Moved by Leslie FARRELL

Seconded by Daryl STEVENSON

Resolved that the Board formally appoint A.C. as a Special Constable with the Woodstock Police Service as of June 8, 2026.
CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 7 – OTHER ITEMS AS NECESSARY

None.

18. NEW BUSINESS

Dates for Staff Appreciation BBQ were discussed. It was agreed that July 22, 2026 worked best for most people.

19. Date of Next Board Meeting Monday, September 14, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at the Woodstock Police Service Headquarters.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Daryl STEVENSON

Seconded by Connie LAUDER

Resolved that the Board does now adjourn at 3:43 p.m.

CARRIED.

"Original Signed by"

Ken Whiteford, Chair
Woodstock Police Service Board

"Original Signed by"

Leslie Farrell, Vice Chair
Woodstock Police Service Board