



## WOODSTOCK POLICE SERVICE BOARD

### PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

**DATE: June 10, 2024**

**Time: 3:00 P.M.**

**LOCATION:** Woodstock Police Service Headquarters and via Zoom

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome
3. Approval of Agenda  
**Recommendation: The Board approves the agenda as circulated.**
4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
5. Approval of Minutes from May 13, 2024.  
**Recommendation: That the Board approves the minutes of May 13, 2024 as circulated.**
6. Business Arising from the Minutes
7. Verbal Report from the Chair
  - a. By-Law Policy Review Sub-Committee
  - b. Diversity Plan
8. Verbal Report from the Chief
9. Statistics/Reports – Deputy Chief
  - a. Calls for Service Statistic
  - b. Calls for Service Report
  - c. Charge Comparison
  - d. Other reports as necessary**Recommendation: That all statistics and reports under item 9 be received.**
10. Strategic Plan 2023 – 2026
11. Complaints of Misconduct and Complaint About a Special Constable Form
12. Board Report – Administrative Review of SIU Investigation (SIU #24-OCI-048)
13. Board Report – Administrative Review of SIU Investigation (SIU #24-OVI-15)

14. Unfinished Business

15. Closed Session

**Recommendation: That the Board adjourns to Closed Session at \_\_\_\_\_ pm to discuss: the security of the property of the Board, personal matters about identifiable individuals, litigation or potential litigation affecting the Board, and labour relations information supplied in confidence to the Board pursuant to S. 44(2)(a), (b), (e), and (h) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1*, respectively, and that 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.**

16. Motions arising from Closed Session

17. New Business (if necessary)

18. Date of Next Board meeting Monday, September 9, 2024 @ 3:00 P.M. at Woodstock Police Service Headquarters and via Zoom.

19. Adjournment



## **WOODSTOCK POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

The Woodstock Police Services Board met on May 13, 2024 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; Daryl Stevenson, Community Appointee; and Kristin Barnim, WPSB EA.

Also in attendance were Chief Rod Wilkinson; Deputy Chief Nick Novacich; Jamie Taylor, Inspector; Kristi Lampman, Human Resources Coordinator and City Councillor Kate Leatherbarrow joined via Zoom.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Ken WHITEFORD called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### **2. WELCOME**

Ken WHITEFORD welcomed everyone.

### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Leslie FARRELL

Seconded by Daryl STEVENSON

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

*Amendment:*

*i. Amended to add Record Retention by-law to item 9*

*ii. Amended to add Financial Statements as item 12*

CARRIED.

4. There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 15, 2024**

Moved by Jerry ACCHIONE

Seconded by Connie LAUDER

Resolved that the Board approve the minutes of April 15, 2024 as circulated.

CARRIED.

## 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

## 7. MUNICIPAL AUDITOR PRESENTATION

Moved by Jerry ACCHIONE

Seconded by Daryl STEVENSON

Resolved that the Board chair will send a letter to the city treasurer to request a proposal regarding the details of getting a separate audit for the police service.

CARRIED.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

a) All Chiefs Memo – Police Week 2024: May 12-18, 2024  
Information only.

## 9. VERBAL REPORT FROM CHAIR

- Chair Whiteford reminded everyone that the Board needs to prepare and adopt a Diversity Plan under the new legislation effective April 1. The City of Woodstock already has a Diversity Plan available for adoption by the Board. The Board agreed to use the City plan as foundation for the Board's plan.

- Chair Whiteford advised of the need for an updated record retention by-law for the Board.

Moved by Connie LAUDER

Seconded by Leslie FARRELL

Resolved that the Board will adopt the City of Woodstock's Record Retention by-law to apply to the records of the Woodstock Police Service Board.

CARRIED.

- Chair Whiteford inquired about which Board members had officially registered for the upcoming OAPSB Spring Conference in Collingwood. C. Lauder, J. Acchione, and K. Whiteford are confirmed registrants.

## 10. VERBAL REPORT FROM CHIEF

- April 15th was National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. WPS recognizes and celebrates the hard work of their communications team and dispatch center.

- April 24th was Administrative Professional's Day. WPS celebrates and acknowledges all the professionals who work tirelessly to make sure everything works behind the scene.
- On April 25th WPS had a visit from Arpan Khanna, where he received a tour of the station and went for a ride along with Sergeant Beattie.
- Some members from the Community Response Unit helped out with the Tim Hortons smile cookie campaign on May 1st.
- May 1st was First Responders Day. WPS honors the brave people who rush in when others rush out and is grateful for their unwavering dedication, courage, and sacrifice. Their heroism does not go unnoticed.
- Chief Wilkinson thanked Inspector Taylor and Constable Bezzo for attending the Runway for the Stars Fundraiser at WDDS.
- The Ontario Police Memorial Foundation celebrated its 25th annual ceremony where we honor the bravery and service of officers who make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.
- May 5th was Red Dress Day. WPS stands in solidarity with Indigenous communities to remember and honor missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.
- Chief Wilkinson attended the Ontario Women in Law Enforcement awards in Mississauga with Inspector Becks and retired Inspector Shelton. Inspector Becks was recognized for 25 years of service and (ret.) Inspector Shelton was recognized for 30 years of service. The Board sent a congratulatory letter to Inspector Becks.
- On May 11th, as part of Police Week, WPS was set up in the Foodland/Goodlife parking lot with a number of community partners for the Emergency Preparedness Expo.
- WPS attended Northdale Public School, Springbank Public School, and Central Public School for their carnivals and open houses. WPS is also attending Oliver Stephens Public School on May 13th to engage with students and their families.
- WPS celebrated McHappy Day and Ronald McDonald House charities. Constable Skillings and WPS K-9 Cruz were in attendance.

- May 26th is the Kids and Cops Fishing Day in partnership with the Oxford County Naval Veterans Association and the Kids, Cops and Canadian Tire program. WPS is hoping to encompass more kids than last year by adding an additional session. The program is already full.
- Last week Chief Wilkinson and Deputy Chief Novacich attended a local Tim Hortons to share some stories with customers.
- Throughout the Victoria Day weekend, officers will be present at the midway at Southside park.
- May 20th is the annual Victoria Day parade.

#### 11. STATISTICS/REPORTS – DEPUTY CHIEF NOVACICH

- A) Calls for Service Statistics
- B) Calls for Service Report
- C) Charge Comparison Report

Moved by Jerry ACCHIONE

Seconded by Daryl STEVENSON

Resolved that the Board receive all statistics and reports presented in Item 11.

CARRIED.

#### 12. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Moved by Connie LAUDER

Seconded by Daryl STEVENSON

Resolved that the Board receive the financial statements ending April 30, 2024 in Item 12.

CARRIED.

#### 13. DISCRETIONARY FUND PROPOSAL

Moved by Jerry ACCHIONE

Seconded by Leslie FARRELL

Resolved that the Board authorize the creation of a Board Discretionary Fund in perpetuity, pursuant to the provisions of the *Community Safety and Policing Act*. These funds are to be used for any purpose that the Board considers in the public interest.

CARRIED.

14. PTSD GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP

Moved by Connie LAUDER

Seconded by Jerry ACCHIONE

Resolved that the Board approve the attached sponsorship in the amount of \$200 to support the PTSD Golf Tournament in support of First Responders and their extended network and that the monies be dispersed from the Discretionary Fund.

CARRIED.

15. COMPLAINTS OF MISCONDUCT POLICY

Deferred to the next open session meeting in June to obtain the input of senior management.

16. COMPLAINT ABOUT A SPECIAL CONSTABLE FORM

Deferred to the next open session meeting in June to obtain the input of senior management.

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

18. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Daryl STEVENSON

Seconded by Leslie FARRELL

Resolved that the Board adjourns to Closed Session at 4:02 p.m. to discuss personal matters about identifiable individuals, labour relations information supplied in confidence to the board, and litigation or potential litigation affecting the board pursuant to S. 44(2)(b), (e), and (h) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1*, respectively, and that 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.

19. CLOSED SESSION RISES

Moved by Connie LAUDER

Seconded by Daryl STEVENSON

Resolved that the Board does now rise from Closed Session and reconvenes at 4:44 p.m.

CARRIED.

20. MOTIONS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION - # 1 - # 10

CLOSED SESSION # 1 - CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Moved by Jerry ACCHIONE

Seconded by Leslie FARRELL

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

*Amendment:*

*i. Amended to add grievance to Item 10.*

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 2 - PERSONNEL REPORTS a) STAFFING REPORT  
b) STAFFING ACTIVITY

Moved by Daryl STEVENSON

Seconded by Connie LAUDER

Resolved that the Board receive for information the Staffing Report and Staffing Activity Report dated as of May 13, 2024.

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 3 - OVERTIME - CHIEF

Moved by Leslie FARRELL

Seconded by Jerry ACCHIONE

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

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 4 – STATUS OF LEGAL CASES

Information only.

CLOSED SESSION # 5 – RESIGNATION OF C.W.

Moved by Connie LAUDER

Seconded by Jerry ACCHIONE

Resolved that the Board accept the resignation letter.

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 6 – RESIGNATION OF D.W.

Moved by Leslie FARRELL

Seconded by Daryl STEVENSON

Resolved that the Board accept the resignation letter.

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 7 – BOARD APPOINTMENT OF D.K.

Moved by Daryl STEVENSON

Seconded by Connie LAUDER

Resolved that the Board formally appoint D.K. as a Special Constable with the Woodstock Police Service as of May 3, 2024.

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 8 – RE-APPOINTMENT OF D.W.

Moved by Leslie FARRELL

Seconded by Jerry ACCHIONE

Resolved that the Board formally re-appoint D.W. as a Special Constable with the Woodstock Police Service as of May 13, 2024.

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 9 – BOARD MEMO – OPC AGREEMENT – SECONDMENT AGREEMENT FOR G.C.

Moved by Daryl STEVENSON

Seconded by Jerry ACCHIONE

Resolved that the Board authorize the Chair to sign the attached Secondment Agreement between the Ministry of the Solicitor General, Woodstock Police Service Board, Woodstock Police Association and G.C.

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION # 10 – GRIEVANCE

The Board decided that they would hold an Inquiry on May 27 or 28, depending on the availability of all parties, regarding the grievance received on April 30.

21. NEW BUSINESS

None.

22. Date of Next Board Meeting MONDAY, June 10, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Woodstock Police Service Headquarters.

23. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Daryl STEVENSON

Seconded by Jerry ACCHIONE

Resolved that the Board does now adjourn at 4:47 p.m.

CARRIED.

*Original Signed by*

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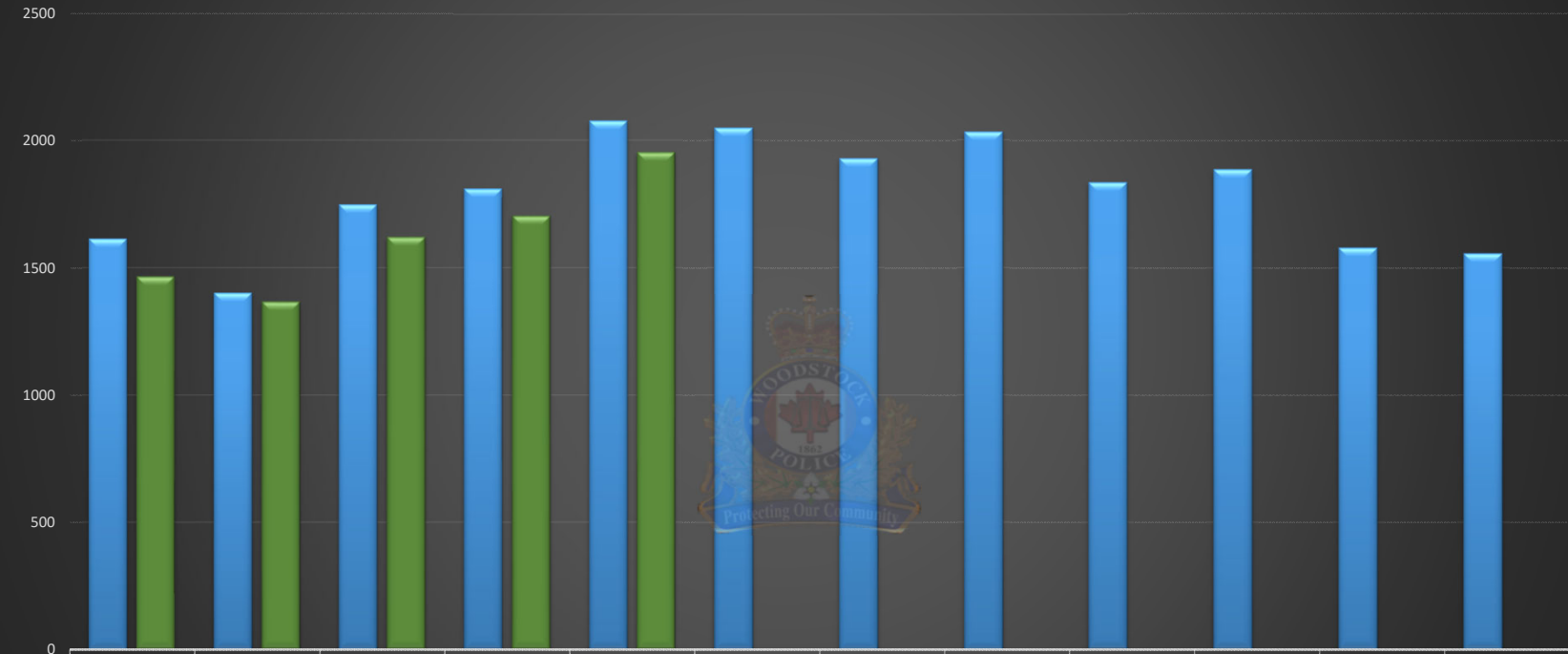
Ken Whiteford, Chair  
Woodstock Police Service Board

*Original Signed by*

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Leslie Farrell, Vice Chair  
Woodstock Police Service Board

## 2024 WPS Calls for Service



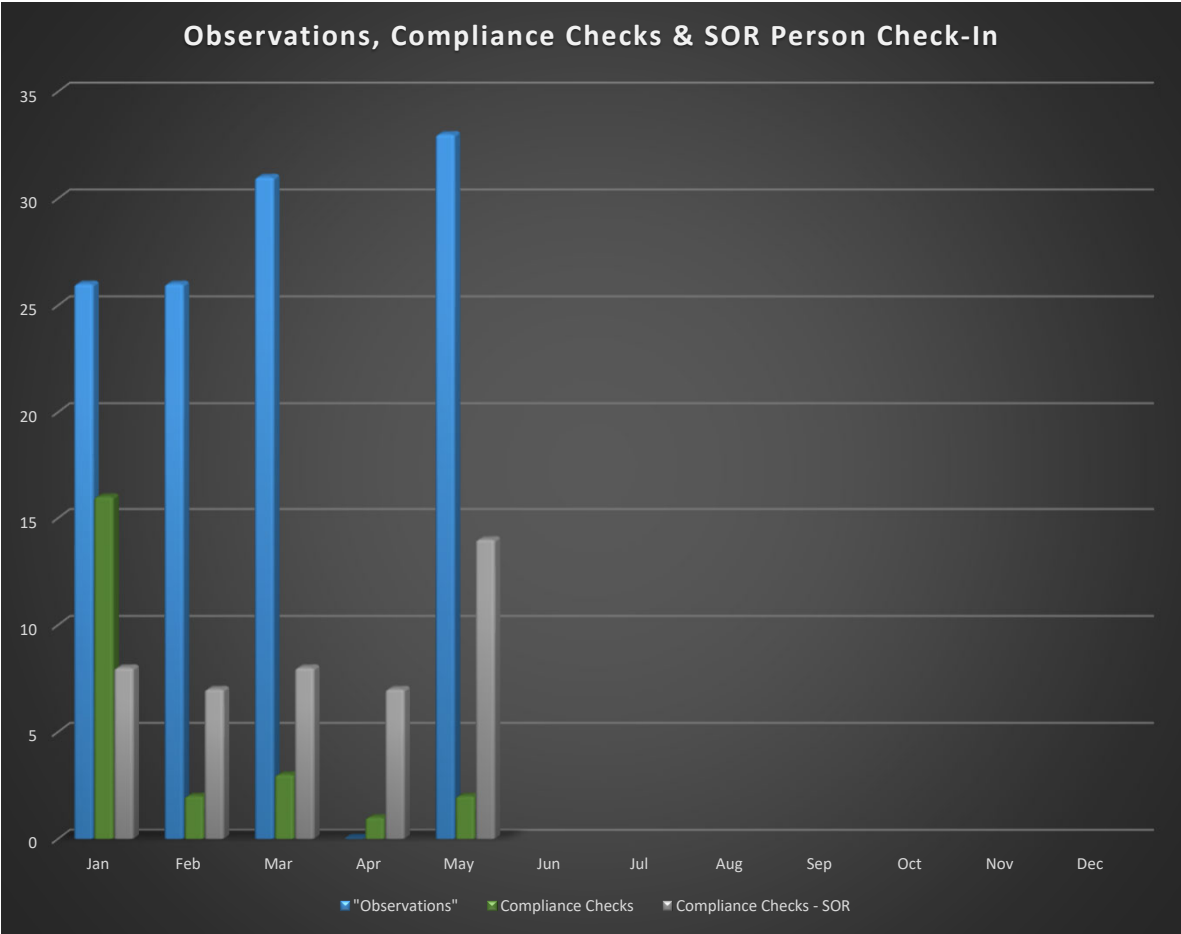
	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2023	1614	1402	1749	1811	2078	2050	1929	2034	1837	1888	1579	1556
2024	1466	1367	1621	1704	1954							

2024

## Police Services Board Report

Core Function	#	Objective	Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2024 year to date	2023 year to date
Calls for Service	1	Calls for Service		1466	1367	1621	1704	1954								8112	21527
	2	911 Calls		3053	2692	2967	2994	3277								14983	42216
	3	OPP Transfer		827	729	789	838	949								4132	
	4	London CACC		1154	1101	1110	1131	1140								5636	
	5	County Fire / Other		92	51	88	60	77								368	
	6	WPS and WPF		980	811	980	965	1111								4847	
	7	911 Hang Ups		67	57	78	82	133								417	0
Community Patrol / CRU / Core	1	Log foot beat hours	Incidents	11	36	47	31	54								179	373
			Foot Beat Hours	13.25	55.5	64.5	48.75	86								268.00	432.5
																0	0
	2	Bike & Park	Park patrol			1	2	4								0	1
			Bike patrol													7	0
3	Focused Patrols		3		2	1	3								9	14	
Criminal Investigation Services	1	Impaired Driving		3	5	7	7	7								29	69
	2	Criminal Charges Arrests		165	114	110	115	113								617	1350
				100	126	108	112	110							556	1467	
	3	Controlled Drugs and Substance Act														0	0
				6	6	22	10	4							48	143	
	4	Youth Criminal Justice		3	10	10	12	6								41	91
5	Warrants Processed		35	37	24	20	26								142	426	
Police Complaints	1	OIPRD Complaint		2	1	0										3	13
	2	Internal Chief's				1	1								2		
	3	Concluded			3		1	1									
Road Safety	1	HTA Radar		31	42	86	82	64								305	538
	2	HTA Offences		57	81	83	58	66								345	582
	3	Provincial Offence (LLA, CAIA, TPA)		25	39	23	28	32								147	269
	4	By-Law / Parking		83	30	101	5	2								221	278
		R.I.D.E		1		1		9									
		Vehicles Checked		30		75		798								903	3850
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	"Observations"	Compliance Checks	Compliance Checks - SOR
Jan	26	16	8
Feb	26	2	7
Mar	31	3	8
Apr	0	1	7
May	33	2	14
Jun			
Jul			
Aug			
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			
	116	24	44

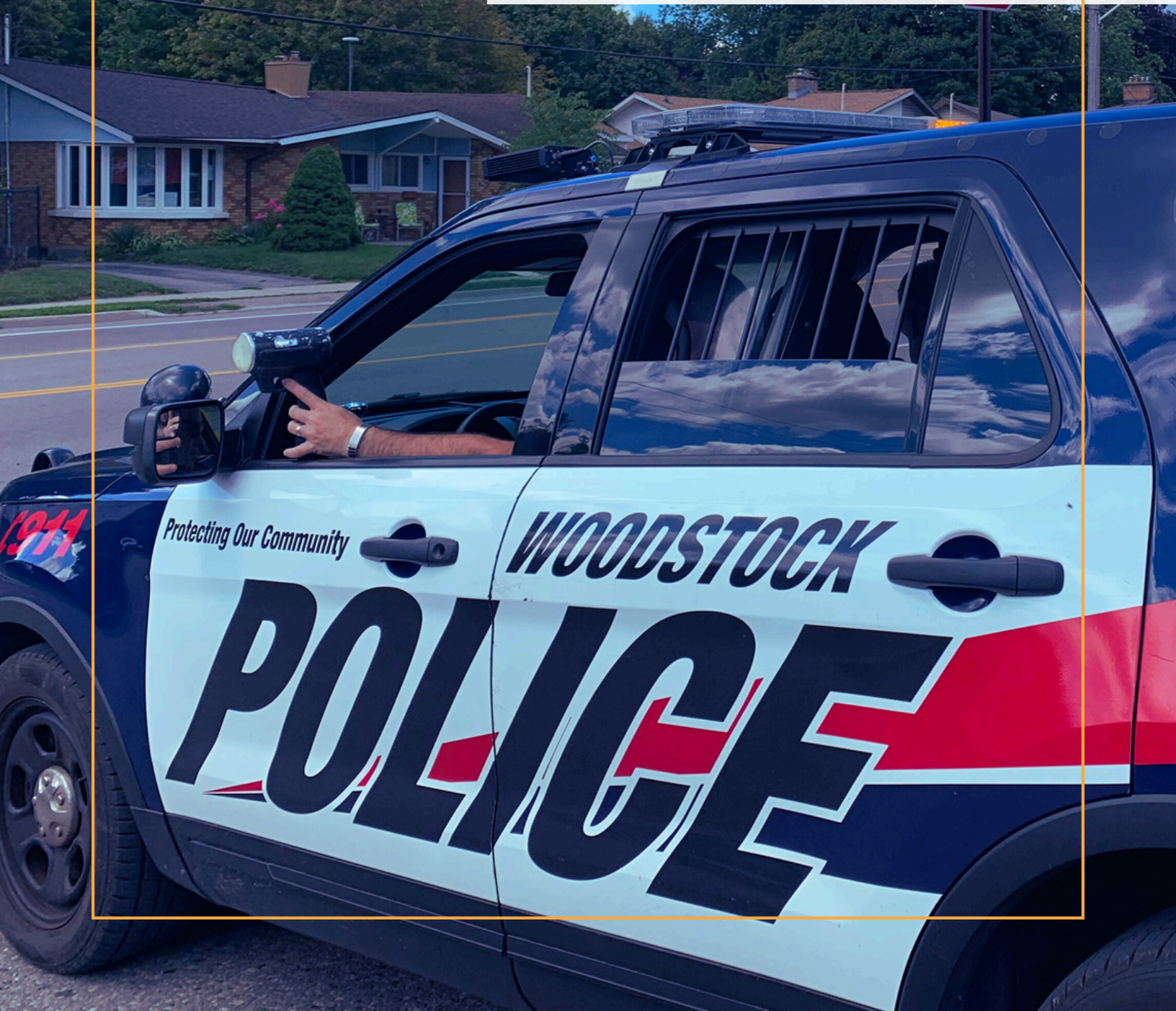




# 2023-2026 Strategic Plan

*WOODSTOCK POLICE SERVICE*

Ensuring the *safety and well-being*  
of all members of the community.



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- ◆ Respecting the rights of our citizens as guaranteed by the Charter of Rights & Freedoms and the Human Rights Code.
- ◆ Providing a professional and fulfilling work environment that encourages the personal and professional development of our members.
- ◆ Sharing the responsibility of preventing crime and improving quality of life with members of the community.
- ◆ Being responsible with the financial resources provided to us through the budget process.
- ◆ Developing creative solutions to policing concerns through established partnerships within the community.
- ◆ Treating Victims of crime with respect and understanding their needs.
- ◆ Ensuring the safety and security of citizens through preserving the community's peace and preventing crime.
- ◆ Discharging our duties faithfully, impartially and according to law.
- ◆ Striving to excel in every aspect of policing.

## Declaration of Principles

Ensuring the safety and well-being of all members of our community.  
ACCOUNTABILITY | EXCELLENCE | INTEGRITY | PROFESSIONALISM | TEAMWORK

Chair Ken Whiteford



# From the Board Chair

We all do planning, either formally or informally, during each and every day of our lives. For an organization such as the Woodstock Police Service Board (WPSB), planning goes beyond day-to-day operations and moves into the realm of long term, usually involving multiple years, instead of days and months. This type of planning is commonly referred to as “strategic”.

Under the provisions of the Police Service Act, the Board is obligated to ensure that strategic planning is done and presented to the public and the organization (the Woodstock Police Service) in the form of a Strategic Plan.

It is with this background in mind that the current Board is pleased to present its Strategic Plan for the years 2023-2026.

In the past, our strategic plans have had the aim of informing the reader as to how the Service will provide adequate and effective policing services to the community of Woodstock. This task has usually involved community surveys of citizens and businesses as well as surveys of the people that actually provide the services. This pattern has been followed again in the preparation of the document that you are about to review but a major new component of the exercise is the introduction to Ontario of the new Community Safety and Policing Act which will be effective on April 1, 2024.

The Board has to be mindful of this new legislation since it will have a dramatic effect on policing in the province and represents an underlying factor in the achievement of what the Board considers to be the key priorities for the Service over the next three years.

The Board is confident that the priorities that you see outlined in this Plan can be achieved since we are building on a firm foundation of accomplishment under the leadership of our current senior management team and more specifically the Chief of Police, Rod Wilkinson. Chief Wilkinson has been instrumental in working with the Board to ensure the attainability of the priorities outlined in this Plan and thereby over the next three years, enhance the kind of police service that the residents of Woodstock have come to expect.

A sincere thank you to the members of the Service, the members of the public and the members of the business community of Woodstock for your contributions to the ground work for this Plan. It is essential that the Board knows where we stand today and what needs to be done to make the service even better considering how the city is growing both in the diversity of its residents and geographically.

The Board sincerely appreciates the support that has been evident from the community over the years for our police service and we will do everything that we can to ensure that your confidence in the service is well founded as we embark on the realization of our and your Strategic Plan.



# From the Chief

I am pleased to present the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan for the Woodstock Police Service. Following a process of internal and external consultations with the community, our community partners, and our members, a number of Strategic Priorities and Organizational goals were identified. This Strategic Plan will serve as a collaborative framework in providing quality policing to the community of Woodstock over the next three years.



Chief Rod Wilkinson

The Woodstock Police Service continues to adapt and modernize in an evolving landscape of expectations and priorities. Members of the Woodstock police Service strive to make our community safe and a great place to live, work and play.

Providing a healthy workplace that supports our members mental health and wellness plays an important role in overall service delivery to the community and is addressed not only through the provision of support services, but also by providing a diverse, progressive, fair and inclusive workplace. Taking care of those working for you, will have a better impact on those taking care of the community they serve. By respecting and valuing our members, we enable them to be committed to organizational goals in their service delivery to our community.

We have identified three strategic priorities for the next 3 years: Our Principles, Our People, and Our Performance. We remain committed to providing a high standard of policing services to all of our citizens.



Deputy Chief Nick Novacich



Inspector Heidi Becks



Inspector Jamie Taylor

# Background for Woodstock Police Service Strategic Plan

The Police Services Act states that plans should cover ten fundamental areas of policing:

- Community Patrol
- Community Satisfaction
- Assistance to Victims
- Property Crime
- Emergency Calls for Service
- Youth Crime
- Violent Crime
- Road Safety
- Criminal Investigations
- Crime Prevention

The first step in building a plan and setting our priorities for our next three years is hearing from Our Community and Our Members.

## PLAN DEVELOPMENT

The 2023-2026 Woodstock Police Service (WPS) Strategic Plan is our vision for the future. It is an assessment of where we are now, a vision of where we want to be in the future and a plan for how we are going to get there. In preparing this plan an environmental scan was conducted. The scan included:

- An examination of contemporary issues in policing
  - Current Federal and Provincial Legislation (Federal and Provincial, including the Police Services Act and Adequacy Standards)
  - The proposed Comprehensive Ontario Policing Services Act
  - Relevant Case Law
- A review of the 2020-2022 WPS Strategic Plan
- Internal and External surveys conducted
- Review of Oxford Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

## INTERNAL/EXTERNAL SURVEYS

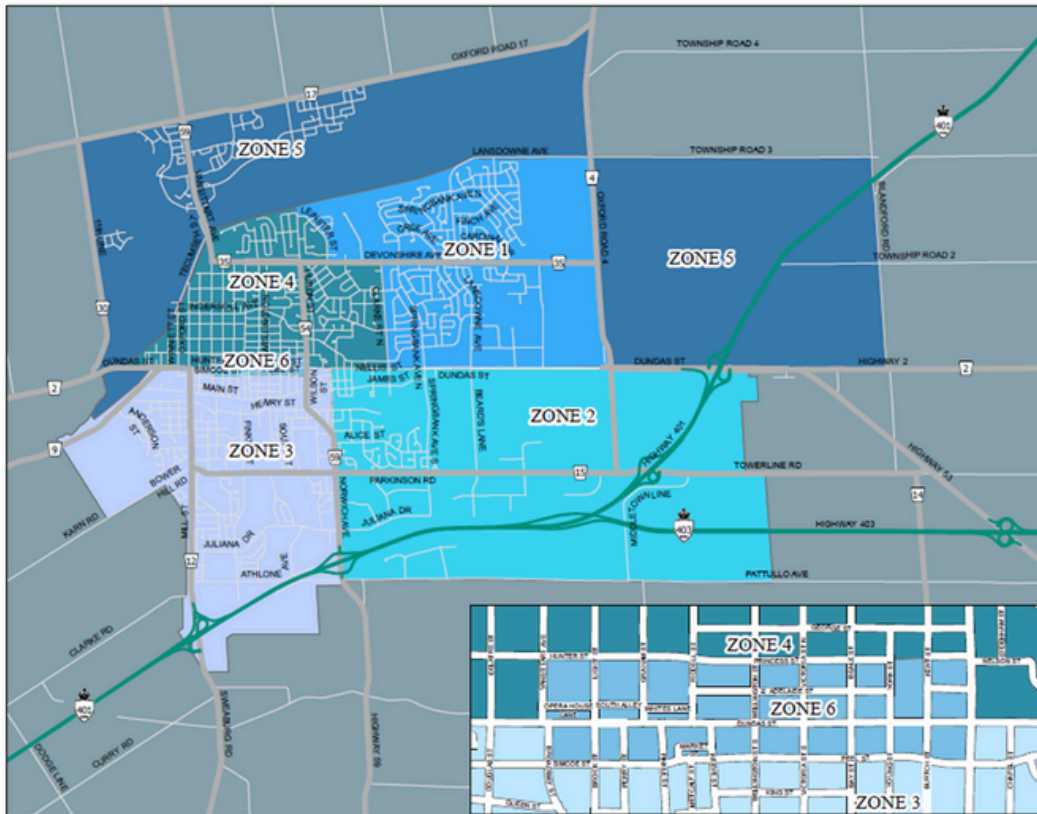
In the preparation of this plan, Oracle Poll Research Firm was engaged to conduct internal and external consultations and surveys to identify the issues that matter most to the residents of Woodstock and WPS members.

- 325 Woodstock residents were interviewed by telephone using computer-assisted techniques of telephone interviewing and random number selection;
- 75 Woodstock Businesses or organizations were interviewed by telephone using the same process
- 93 open online survey was conducted
- Surveys were sent to a number of community stakeholders and responses received from The Children's Aid Society of Oxford County, Oxford County Community Health Care and Ingamo Family Homes Inc.
- An internal email survey of 130 WPS members was conducted with a response rate of 45%.

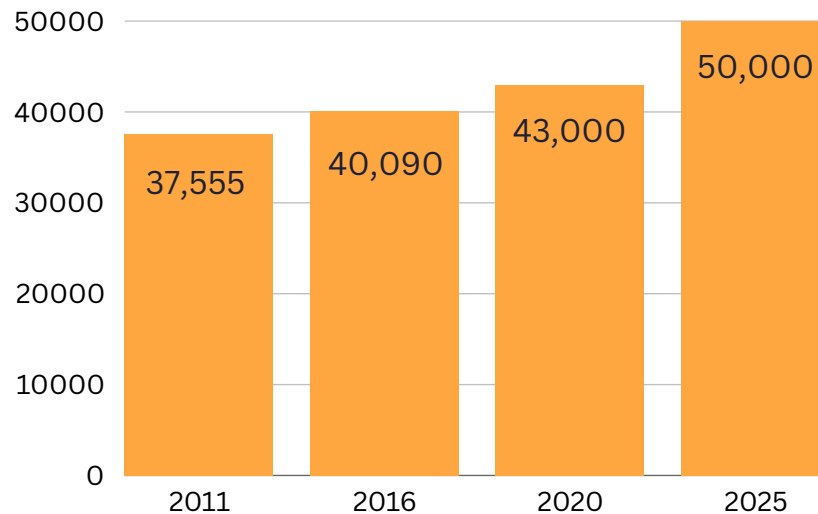
# WPS & Our Community

The city of Woodstock is located in Southwestern Ontario, Canada with a population of approximately 49,000 residents. Woodstock is the seat of Oxford County, located approximately 128 km from Toronto, and 43 km from London, Ontario. The city is known as the Dairy Capital of Canada and promotes itself as "The Friendly City".

Our police service covers over 56 Square Kilometers in land which is divided into 6 different patrol zones. Officers are assigned to patrol zones based on the work load, crime analysis or events that may be occurring within the respective patrol zones at a specific time.



## ANTICIPATED GROWTH RATE

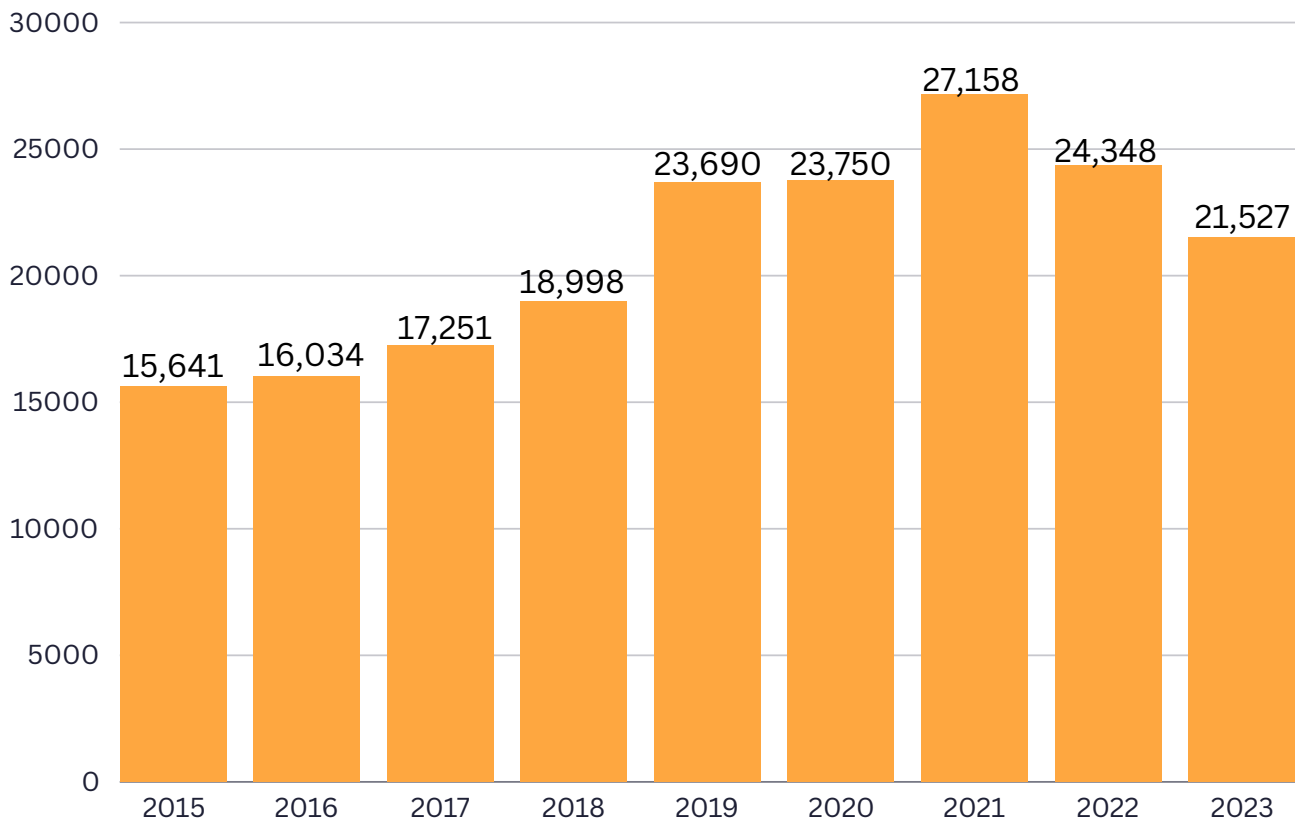


# ANNUAL BUDGET

The budget for the Woodstock Police Service is \$19,430,909.

## CHANGE IN DEMAND ON SERVICE

The below chart represents a change in “demand for service” over the last eight years. Our call volume has increased 63% over the last five years.



34

Police Vehicles



96

Sworn Officers



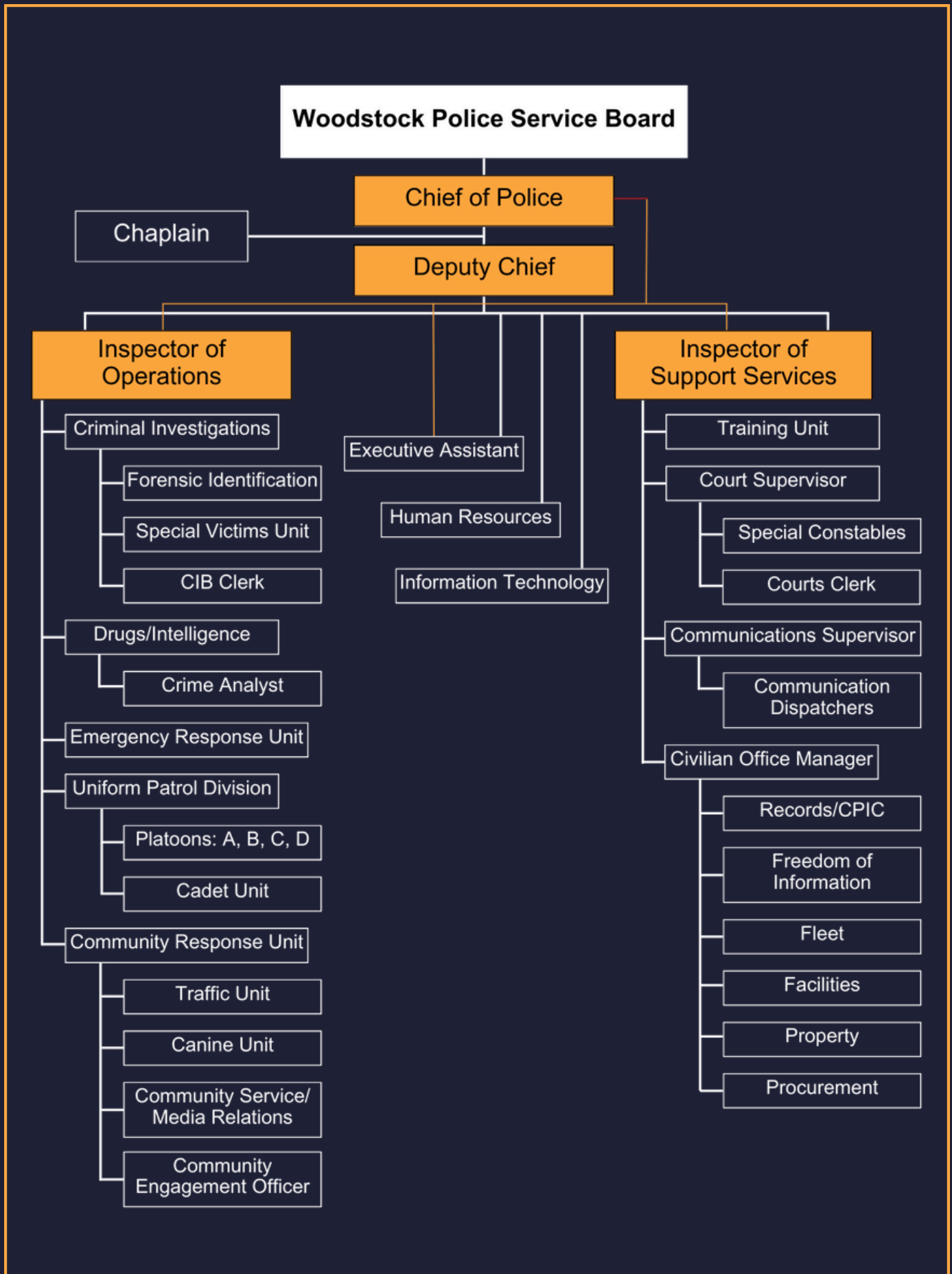
50

Civilians



67

Average Hours of  
Training per Officer



# What Our Community & Members Tell Us

## CRIME & PUBLIC SAFETY

- Substance abuse is a growing concern and a top priority
- Safety in our downtown is a concern
- More patrols in general and more foot or bike patrol downtown is needed
- Homelessness is a concern
- Traffic Safety and impaired driving remains a high priority
- 71% of respondents felt totally safe in the city
- 67% felt they receive good policing for their tax dollar

## POLICING IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT

- Health and wellness of our members is paramount.
- More emphasis should be placed on using data to inform decisions and developing efficiencies.
- Community stakeholders and diverse communities seek greater collaboration and engagement
- Need to leverage more technology
- Career development and education opportunities along with performance management improvements are important to our members

The review of the environmental scan and analysis of the results informed the development of strategic priorities which were then broken down into desired outcomes and objectives. The desired outcomes and objectives are placing a stronger emphasis on strategic and collaborative partnerships in achieving our objectives. They are also placing more emphasis on data collection and better measurement of both outputs and outcomes in order to demonstrate that we are making a difference.

# Strategic Priorities 2023-2026

## STRATEGIC PRIORITY #1

### **Improved Community Safety**

- Enhance crime prevention and crime reduction strategies
- Reduce crime
- Enhance road safety
- Increase collaboration with community partners to address the harm associated with substance abuse
- Improve outcomes for victims of intimate partner violence and their families
- Improve emergency preparedness
- Improve perception of safety in downtown core

## STRATEGIC PRIORITY #2

### **Foster a Culture of Collaboration and Engagement with the Community**

- Enhance communication of key messages
- To review and revise protocols to ensure greater inclusion of our community partners in supporting victims of crime
- To develop and expand community mobilization and risk intervention opportunities
- To foster continuous collaborative engagement and dialogue with our community partners, diverse communities, youth, elderly and vulnerable populations

## STRATEGIC PRIORITY #3

### **Enhance Organizational Excellence**

- Improve internal communication
- Promote and enhance employee mental and physical wellness
- Enhance performance management and career development
- Leverage technology
- Enhance financial planning and budget management processes
- Implement better use of data to inform deployment strategies and develop efficiencies

## Report

**Subject:** Administrative Review of SIU Investigation (SIU #24-OCI-048)  
**From:** Inspector Jamie Taylor  
**To:** The Chair and Members of the Woodstock Police Services Board  
**Date:** June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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### Recommendation

For Information only.

### Summary

On February 1, 2024 Woodstock Police Service (WPS) were in the area of Graham Street and Dundas Street in the City of Woodstock. In an attempt to escape apprehension by police, the man scaled a fence and fell coming down. The man was taken into custody and later seen at hospital where he was reportedly diagnosed with fractures of the right hand and wrist. As a result of the fractured hand and wrist the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) was notified.

The SIU investigated the incident and determined that there was no criminal conduct by the responding officer. No Subject Officer was designated.

This report summarizes the required review pursuant to section 34 of *Ontario Regulation 268/10 of the Police Service Act*.

### Report

On February the 1, 2024 at approximately 12:30am Woodstock Police were in the area of Graham Street and Dundas Street in the City of Woodstock. Police observed a male who appeared to be intoxicated yelling and swearing at nothing in particular.

The behaviour caught the attention of Police who were nearby dealing with an alarm. Police noticed the same male shortly after on Finkle Street accosting an old man who was using a walker. Police spoke to this male and noted he was stumbling, slurring his words, drooling and had red glossy eyes. Police became concerned for his well-being due to his level of intoxication

and his behaviour walking in and out of the roadway. The male was advised he was under arrest for public intoxication.

The male fled on foot and scaled a metal fence and fell coming down. The metal fence did not need to be jumped as there was an obvious large opening in the fence to allow passage through it. The male suffered injuries to his right hand and wrist from this fall.

WPS notified the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and the SIU invoked their mandate. No officers were designated as the *subject official* or *witness officials*, and all officers remained on active duty.

On May 23, 2024, the SIU advised, in a letter from the Director, Joseph Martino, the file had been closed and no further action was contemplated. In the Director's view, there were no reasonable grounds in the evidence to proceed with criminal charges against the subject official.

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### **Attachments**

Nil

**Prepared By:** Inspector Jamie Taylor

**Approved By:** Chief Rod Wilkinson

## Report

**Subject:** Administrative Review of SIU Investigation (SIU #24-OVI-15)  
**From:** Inspector Jamie Taylor  
**To:** The Chair and Members of the Woodstock Police Services Board  
**Date:** June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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### Recommendation

For Information only.

### Summary

On January 13, 2024, Woodstock Police Service (WPS) attended Dundas Street and Hunter Street in the City of Woodstock for a report of a male passed out behind the wheel of a GMC Sierra pick up truck. The responding officer arrived on scene and was able to wake the lone occupant in the driver's seat. The driver then put the vehicle in motion and fled westbound on Dundas Street at a high rate of speed. The responding officer notified dispatch of his observations and did not pursue this motor vehicle for public safety. A short time later police received a report that this same motor vehicle had crashed on the south side ditch of Dundas Street in the area of Zorra and East Zorra Tavistock Line. The male driver was arrested and transported to the hospital where he was diagnosed with fractured ribs. As a result of the fractured ribs the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) was notified.

The SIU investigated the incident and determined that there was no criminal conduct by the responding officers. No Subject Officer was designated.

This report summarizes the required review pursuant to section 34 of *Ontario Regulation 268/10 of the Police Service Act*.

### Report

On January 13, 2024, Police were dispatched to the area of Dundas Street, and Hunter Street in the City of Woodstock for a vehicle parked running with a male passed out behind the wheel. Police arrived on scene and observed a Grey coloured pickup truck parked at the stop sign.

Police observed the driver's side door to be heavily damaged. The vehicle was parked at the stop sign facing southbound. Police pulled up to the scene parked facing northbound beside the truck. Police observed the truck to have some sort of cardboard covering the driver's side window. Police called out for the driver to ascertain if he was in medical distress. Police were met with negative results getting an answer from the driver. Police removed the cardboard from the window and observed the male leaning back in the driver's seat with his eyes closed. Police asked the male if he was alright. Police were met with negative results for a response. Police shook the male's arm at which time he opened his eyes, observed Police, put the vehicle in motion, spinning his tires making a right hand turn travelling westbound on Dundas Street at a high rate of speed.

Police advised dispatch that the vehicle had fled and provided the direction of travel. Police also advised dispatch to contact the Oxford County OPP as the vehicle was travelling toward their jurisdiction. Police did not engage the vehicle in any manner.

Police advised dispatch that the vehicle may have been involved in a Fail to Remain single vehicle collision on Mill Street and Parkinson Road in the City of Woodstock. A vehicle described as a Grey Pick up Truck struck a Traffic light standard and fled the scene. The Grey pickup was described as having a heavily damaged driver's side door.

Police advised dispatch that they would travel west on Highway 2 to make observations for that vehicle. At no time did Police have their emergency equipment activated. Police drove westbound on Highway 2 to the Tenth Line before turning around and heading back toward the city. A short time later Police were advised that a vehicle had crashed into the ditch in the area of East Zorra Tavistock Line and Highway 2.

Police arrived on scene and observed the vehicle to be crashed in the south ditch just west of East Zorra Tavistock Line. Police observed the male driver walking North on East Zorra Tavistock Line. The male was believed to be the same male observed in the Grey Pickup Truck. Police engaged the male verbally at which time he turned and looked at Police. The male had an injury to his face and was observed to have blood covering his face. The male walked back towards

Police where he was placed under arrest and transported to hospital for injuries resulting from the motor vehicle collision.

It was determined through investigation that the pick up truck was travelling at 130 km/hr 5 seconds before the motor vehicle collision had occurred. It should also be noted that the weather on the day was snowing, with gusting white out conditions. The roads were snow covered with icy conditions

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