

# SAANICH POLICE BOARD

OPEN MEETING MINUTES  
May 12, 2026 – Kirby Room



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**PRESENT:**

**Chair:** J. Cambridge

**Board Members:** C. Morton, S. Allan, G. Beckett, J. Theobald, R. Gandhi, Mayor Murdock, S. Dhillon, J. Taylor (virtual)

**Staff:** Chief Constable D. Duthie, Deputy Chiefs Underwood and Kowalewich, Inspectors, P. Smith, A. Stuart, J. Bland, D. Robertson, Director of Finance and Procurement J. Ko

**Recorder:** A. De Medeiros

**REGRETS:** T. Stevens

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**THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1433 HOURS.**

**1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Ms. Beckett delivered the Territorial Acknowledgment.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF MAY 12, 2026**

**MOVED** by Ms. Allan and **SECONDED** by Ms. Theobald: "That the agenda for the May 12, 2026, Police Board Public Meeting be approved."

**CARRIED**

**3. NEW BUSINESS ARISING**

No items.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

**4.1 Reporting Requirements for Police Boards**

The Board agreed to refer the correspondence to the Governance Committee for further review and consideration, noting that some items fall within the Chief Constable's responsibility and that others may already have been completed. The Board also recommended a formal review and response.

**4.2 Firearms Violence Prevention Act Updates**

The Board received an update on the Firearm Violence Prevention General Regulation, including the BCAPB's participation in the review process, key provisions related to replica firearms and exemptions, and plans for further departmental review, with follow-up communication on relevant implications.

Received for information.

## 5. DIVISIONAL UPDATES

### 5.1 Professional Standards Division Report

Deputy Chief Kowalewich provided the Board with an overview of the Professional Standards Division report included in the agenda package, including updates on divisional structure, policy development, data and analytics, officer wellness supports, and the use of AI and inter-agency collaboration in policy work. Discussion also addressed staffing continuity and the long-term plan to add civilian policy support.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (AS NEEDED)

### 6.1 Finance

Mr. Morton confirmed the committee is updating its terms of reference to incorporate a risk register component, with ongoing discussions and a finalized version expected for board approval at the next meeting. Ms. Ko confirmed that the budget was approved by Council and property taxes will be issued shortly.

### 6.2 Governance and Strategic Planning

Mr. Dhillon reported on branding efforts, including collaboration with local businesses used by the department, to produce samples for pins and challenge coins, with plans to present options to the board for selection and budgeting.

### 6.3 Stakeholder Outreach

Ms. Beckett advised that the committee met recently and highlighted changes to the Stakeholder Outreach Committee's terms of reference and work plan. She also noted the public feedback page on the website, which will be monitored for six months before results are reported to the Board.

### 6.4 Human Resources

No updates.

### 6.5 BCAPB

#### 6.5.1 BCAPB Conference 2027

The Board discussed the possibility of co-hosting the 2027 conference, as it has done previously, and expressed consensus in support of hosting. Chair Cambridge advised that he would convey Saanich's interest to the BCAPB Executive.

### 6.6 CAPG

No updates.

## 7. CHIEF CONSTABLE UPDATES

No updates.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS


No updates.

**9. ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: JUNE 9, 2026**

**MOVED** by Mr. Morton and **SECONDED** by Mr. Dhillon: "That the Saanich Police Board adjourn the May 12, 2026, Public Meeting in accordance with section 69 of the *Police Act* and continue in a closed meeting."

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 1503 hours.

  
Chair