

**BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY / INNISFIL POLICE SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**



Wednesday, March 25, 2026

**Jonkman Community Room, South Division
81 Melbourne Avenue, Bradford, ON**

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Chris Gariepy, Chair (Provincial Appointee)
Janece Kristman, Vice Chair (Municipal Appointee)
Mayor Lynn Dollin, Town of Innisfil
Mayor James Leduc, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
Sarbjit Singh, (Provincial Appointee)

SSPS Present: Chief John Van Dyke
Deputy Chief Chris Landry
Inspector Julio Fernandes
Inspector Henry Geoffroy

Members of the Public: Michael Owen, Bradford Today

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:05 a.m.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None declared.

3. ADOPTION OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Resolution #032026-001

Kristman/Leduc

That the Closed Session Agenda dated March 25, 2026, be received as printed.

CARRIED

4. CLOSED SESSION

4.1 Convene Closed Session

Resolution #0322026-002

Singh/Leduc

That the Board resolve itself into Closed Session to discuss matters under the provisions of the Community Safety and Policing Act, Section 44(1) to address intimate financial and personal matters and matters involving public security.

CARRIED

4.2 Reconvene Regular Meeting 10:17 a.m.

5. RISE AND REPORT PROGRESS

Resolution #032026-003

Kristman/Leduc

That the Bradford West Gwillimbury/Innisfil Police Services Board receive and approve the confidential reports as presented in the Closed Session meeting of March 25, 2026.

CARRIED

6. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – REGULAR MEETING ITEMS

None.

7. ADOPTION OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Resolution #032026-004

Kristman/Leduc

That the Regular Meeting Agenda dated March 25, 2026, be received as printed.

CARRIED

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution #32026-005

Leduc/Kristman

That the minutes of the Bradford West Gwillimbury/Innisfil Police Services Board meeting on February 18, 2026, be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

9. DELEGATIONS

None.

10. PRESENTATIONS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

None.

12. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

12.1 2026 – 2029 Strategic Plan – Dr. Tori Semple

Dr. Semple reviewed the 2026-2029 Strategic Plan with Board Members.

The results were derived from the consultation processes that took place over the past year.

Resolution #032026-006

Dollin/Kristman

That the Bradford West Gwillimbury/Innisfil Police Services Board approve the 2026-2029 Strategic Plan as presented by Dr. Semple.

CARRIED

12.2 Motion to Support Sustainable Funding for Police Service Boards – Chief/Chair

As per Chair Gariepy, the below resolution is the result of talks that have taken place over the last couple of months.

Resolution #032026-007

Leduc/Dollin

That the Bradford West Gwillimbury/Innisfil Police Services Board endorse the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council resolution of February 3, 2026, and the Town of Innisfil Council resolution of February 25, 2026, in support of stable funding for police services.

CARRIED

12.3 OPP Multi-Jurisdictional Special Constable – Chief

Chief Van Dyke reviewed the Agreement under subsection 92(5) and 96(3) of the Community Safety and Policing Act between His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Solicitor General operating through the Ontario Provincial Police and the Bradford West Gwillimbury/Innisfil Police Services Board, noting there is no end date for this agreement.

Resolution #032026-008

Leduc/Kristman

That the Bradford West Gwillimbury/Innisfil Police Services Board enter into a memorandum of agreement with His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Solicitor General operating through the Ontario Provincial Police (Hereinafter, the “OPP”) pursuant to section 92(5) and 96(3) of the Community Safety and Policing Act.

CARRIED

12.4 Tire Storage – Capital Funds Reallocation Request – Chief

The Town of Innisfil can no longer store the Services tires due to space constraints. The Chief is requesting that funds be reallocated in order to purchase storage containers to house them.

Mayor Leduc would like the Chief to explore if these funds can come from the Town’s DC’s as this is due to the growth of both municipalities. The Chief will have this report forwarded to the municipal finance teams to explore this possibility.

Member Singh inquired as to where these containers will be stored and if they will need to pay an additional fee for the storage space. As per the Chief, no they have not asked for any additional fees to store them. They will be stored at InnPower.

Resolution #032026-009

Kristman/Dollin

That the Bradford West Gwillimbury/Innisfil Police Services Board reallocate \$6,000.00 of unused 2025 Capital Budget funding to purchase two (2) twenty (20) foot steel containers to store the Services’ summer/winter tires.

A report will be forwarded to the Town’s Finance Department to explore the possibility of DC (Development Charge) funding.

CARRIED

12.5 Board Policies – Chief

Chief Van Dyke reviewed two new Board Policies and updates to three existing policies that coincide with the CSPA.

Resolution #032026-010

Leduc/Singh

That the Bradford West Gwillimbury/Innisfil Police Services Board approve the following new board policies: 2026-01 Legal Indemnification of Members and 2026-02 – Undercover Operations. As well as the updated board policies: B-LE-017 – Traffic Management and Road Safety, B-LE-13 – Police Response to Persons in Crisis, and B-LE-009 – Underwater Search Rescue and Recovery, as presented by Chief Van Dyke.

CARRIED

13. MONITORING REPORTS TO THE BOARD

13.1 February 2026 Operations Dashboard and Report – Deputy Landry

Deputy Chief Landry reviewed his report with Board Members outlining there were:

CAP - 14 new criminal investigations,

SCU - 8 new investigations and 3 ongoing.

Platoon A – 161 charges laid (140 provincial & 21 criminal)

Platoon B – 300 charges laid (259 provincial & 41 criminal)

Platoon C – 115 charges laid (97 provincial & 18 criminal)

Platoon D – 136 charges laid (100 provincial & 36 criminal)

Traffic & Marine – 2 Criminal Code, 63 Part III, 33 No Insurance and 16 Drive Under Suspension

CRU – 5 Notable interactions, 76 compliance checks, 28 community events and 5 PON's from proactive patrols

MCRT – 22 calls attended, 52 number of referrals and follow ups and 9.0 estimated time spent at the hospital.

Community Activity – 28 community events, 38 hours spent at community event and 9.0 average time spent per activity.

Offender Management – 75 compliance checks, 4 warrant checks and 81.0 hours spent on Offender Management.

Canine – 14 deployments

Provincial Auto theft – 19 occurrences, 1 arrest and 1 expert vehicle examination.

Ident – 103 requests and 86 completed

Financial Crimes – 19 ongoing investigations

Feb. 12th was the Services launch of the new website. Since then, there have been 33,000 visits. Top interests are careers and job postings, reports and records checks, media reports, road safety and bus cancellations.

The Operations Dashboard showed 3,199 occurrences for the month of February with 19 of those being reported online. Forty-six (46%) percent were Bradford and 51% in Innisfil.

Mayor Dollin commented about the home invasions, that the perception from the community is that houses are randomly chosen and people barge in. Is this correct? As per the Deputy and the Chief, typically these are targeted incidents. A media release will go out if there is no threat to the communities.

Mayor Dollin asked if we are in line with other Services when it comes to online reporting. As per Inspector Fernandes, yes, they are.

Mayor Dollin also asked what ‘compassionate to locate’ means. As per the Deputy, missing persons.

Mayor Leduc asked the Deputy to put together stats for January to March for the 9th and all intersections from the 27th over to Yonge St., as they have had major collisions there and the Mayor would like to address this with the County.

Resolution #032026-011

Leduc/Singh

That the Bradford West Gwillimbury/Innisfil Police Services Board receive the February 2026 Operations Dashboards and Reports as presented for information.

CARRIED

13.2 February 2026 Finance Reports – Chief Van Dyke

There are no financial reports for the month of February due to year end audit.

A. February 2026 Capital Report Update

Chief Van Dyke reviewed the February 2026 Capital Report with Board Members outlining that as of year-to-date, they have spent \$440,966 of the \$1.9 million requested. The majority of that was on vehicles and upfitting. They have purchased all vehicles for the year, plus ordering ones that will be to replace.

They have completed the connected officer program and purchased and deployed cell phones to the frontline officers, traffic, and crew.

Mayor Dollin asked if the Service has a policy regarding the cell phones. As per Chief Van Dyke, yes there is a policy in place.

B. February 2026 Operating Budget Summary

The summary for financial activities shows they are in an overall positive variance for the month of February in the amount of \$360,814.

Resolution #032026-012

Kristman/Dollin

That the Bradford West Gwillimbury/Innisfil Police Services Board approve the February 2026 Capital Report and Operating Summary as presented.

CARRIED

13.3 Missing Persons Report – Inspector Fernandes

Inspector Fernandes reviewed the Missing Persons Report with Board Members outing that during the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2025, South Simcoe Police used the urgent demands provisions of the Missing Persons Act on four separate occurrences.

The urgent demand provision was used to obtain records of telecommunications or records that contain other electronic communications information, including information signals related to that person's location. It's also used to obtain records of financial information, specifically in these instances, cell phone records and details were sought in addition to banking activity. The missing persons were three males and one female, all of which were located by using the provisions of the Act.

Resolution #032026-013

Dollin/Leduc

That the Bradford West Gwillimbury/Innisfil Police Services Board receive the Missing Persons Report for information as presented.

CARRIED

14. CHIEF UPDATE – January & February 2026

Jan. 29th – Chief and Deputy were interviewed by Rock95/Cool FM in regard to 2026 updates and plans.

Jan. 30th – MCRT Funding announcement was made at the North Div. It was attended by three Ministers of the Crown; Kerzner, Mulroney and Khanjan, as well as several media outlets.

SSPS will be cohosting with Barrie Police a Small and Mid-sized Chief's conference in April. There will be no cost to the Board. It is a cost recovery event as well as through sponsorships.

Feb. 5th – Chief and Deputy attended an Auxiliary Meeting.

Chief along with the Board Chair, Vice Chair and Member Singh have been attending on going bargaining sessions over the last couple of months.

Feb. 6th – Chief meet with Deputy Mayor Sandhu who is planning some voluntary cultural competence sessions at the Sikh Temple in Bradford for the spring.

Feb. 10th – Chief attended a lunch and learn session in regard to AI Call Management software for Comm Centers. ESCO partners, Guelph and Brantford are in the process of piloting two different product projects.

Feb. 12th – Launch of the new SSPS website. Thank you to Samah for all her hard work that went into this.

Feb. 13th – Chief had another Rock95/Kool FM interview on police corruption and what they have in place, and what they are planning to do going forward.

Feb. 17th - Meetings started to pre-plan for enhanced employee screening and vetting evidence and property management pillars for the future IOP independent inspection.

Chief was on vacation the last week of February.

Feb. 28th – Coldest Night of the Year event took place. The Service had a team in both BWG and Innisfil. The Chief attended the BWG one while other members attended the Innisfil event.

Mar. 2nd – Chief, Deputy and Inspector Fernandes attended IRD training at the InnPower Building in support of the Training Branch.

Mar. 6th – Chief met with the IT Dept. to review the database and network security system.

Mar. 12 – Polar Plunge event took place at the YRP Association Building in support Special Olympics. SSPS had two teams fundraising for it.

Mar. 13th – A headset presentation took place for four new part-time communicators. This is a presentation similar to when an officer receives their badge once they have completed all the required training.

Mar. 20th – S/Sgt. Willan attended a festival in BWG on behalf of the Chief as he had a prior commitment.

On going

- 4 communicators have been hired and are completing their training.
- 2 part-time constables have been hired and are completing their training. They will be deployed operationally next week.
- 13 Auxiliary candidates currently in background checks.
- 4 cadets in training and 1 cadet have been hired.

- Strategic Plan is now complete. Thank you to Dr. Semple and staff for all their hard work.
- 2025 Annual Report is almost complete and will be available for the April Board Meeting.
- They continue to work on the conflict-of-interest IOP inspection preplanning work to get ahead of the inspection.
- Multi-factor authentication for all members is in progress. All members with company cell phones will have to ensure that they have their multi factor done by the end of the month.
- Spring open houses are scheduled for Police Week.
 - North Div. – May 13th
 - South Div. – May 14th

Resolution #032026-014

Dollin/Leduc

That the Bradford West Gwillimbury/Innisfil Police Services Board receive the Chief's Report for information.

CARRIED

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

New EA for the Board should be in place for the April Meeting.

16. INSPECTOR GENERAL UPDATES

All members of the Board have been registered and can now log into the IOP Intelligence HUB.

17. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 22, 2026, South Simcoe Police Service South Division, Frank Jonkman Community Room, 10:00 a.m. for Regular Public Meeting (9:00 a.m. for closed session).

18. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #032026-015

Singh/Dollin

That the Bradford West Gwillimbury/Innisfil Police Services Board adjourn at 11:43 a.m.

CARRIED

Maria Gucciardi, Executive Assistant

Chris Gariepy, Chair