

Welcome to the Manitoba Police Commission's website.

As a result of community concerns and the Province of Manitoba's desire to modernize policing, the eighty year-old *Provincial Police Act* was replaced with *The Police Services Act* (PSA) in 2009. One of the progressive elements of the PSA is the provision for civilian oversight of policing with municipal police boards, civilian monitoring and the Manitoba Police Commission (MPC).

The MPC consists of nine commissioners representing Manitoba's diverse and pluralistic community and three staff with a goal of improving the quality of policing in Manitoba. While the Manitoba Police Commission works at arm's length from government, we do work collaboratively and in consultation with the government and with the community to meet our statutory obligations. These obligations include:

1. Developing a "code of ethical conduct for police boards;"
2. Developing a "policy and procedure manual" for police boards;
3. Arranging police board training;
4. Selecting, training and assigning civilian monitors to oversee Independent Investigation Unit investigations;
5. Consulting with stakeholders on related matters; and,
6. Providing independent advice to the Minister on a range of policing, policy, legislative and program issues, including new policing regulations and standards.

In addition, the MPC is working with the Government of Manitoba and stakeholders in the development of new regulations and standards for police within Manitoba.

Finally, the MPC intends to improve the knowledge base within Manitoba's police community.

This is an exciting time for our Province and I want to acknowledge those who have embarked on the trail to improving policing in Manitoba and thank those who have assumed or will assume the responsibility to continue on the quest to modernize our policing community. I invite you to become part of the change and welcome you to explore our website.

Rick Linden
Manitoba Police Commission Chair