

**NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS  
OF THE MANITOBA POLICE COMMISSION**

David Asper of Winnipeg has been appointed to a four-year term as the chair of the Manitoba Police Commission (MPC), which will expire in December 2022. He is a lawyer, former law professor and noted philanthropist. Asper has served the community in a number of roles including as a board member and chair of the Winnipeg Folk Festival, CentreVenture Development Corporation, the Winnipeg Football Club, Pan Am Clinic Foundation, The Asper Foundation, Building Winnipeg Task Force and the Winnipeg Police Board.

Jeannette Acheson of Winnipeg has been appointed as the vice-chair of the MPC with a term to expire in December 2021. She is currently a community parole officer with the Correctional Service of Canada. Acheson holds a bachelor of arts (honours degree with distinction) from the University of Manitoba with a major in criminology. She has served as a volunteer for many years in roles with the Heart and Stroke Foundation, CancerCare Manitoba and The Laurel Centre, and is a board member for the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

Ernie Blais of Winnipeg has been reappointed as a member with a term to expire in December 2021. He identifies as Métis and was a member of the Aiyawin Corporation, and has also served as a board member and president of the Manitoba Metis Federation. He was first appointed in 2013.

Desirée Gillespie of Stonewall has been reappointed as a member with a term to expire in December 2021. She identifies as Métis and was previously a registered social worker with the Métis Child and Family Services Authority. She is a published children’s author and a board member of the Interlake Métis Community Advisory Committee Restorative Justice Program. Gillespie was first appointed in 2015.

Mamadou Ka of Winnipeg has been reappointed as a member with a term to expire in December 2022. He teaches political science at the Université de Saint-Boniface and is an executive member of the Federation of Francophone of Manitoba, Amicale de la Francophonie Multiculturelle du Manitoba, Alliance Française du Manitoba and Abri Margueritte. Ka has also served on the Manitoba Ethnocultural Advisory and Advocacy Council. He was first appointed in 2015.

R.B. (Rick) Kenderdine of Virden has been appointed as a member with a term to expire in December 2021. He is the owner and operator of Great Western Oil Tools Inc. and has served as chair of the Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP) in Virden and as the southwest Manitoba representative on the COPP provincial board. Kenderdine has also served for over 15 years with the Virden Youth Justice Committee including 12 years as chairperson. He previously served as the director and chairperson of the Virden Area Foundation.

Ashling Sweeny of Thompson has been appointed as a member with a term to expire in December 2022. She is a member of the Cross Lake First Nation and a captain with Thompson Fire Emergency Services. Sweeny has also served as an emergency medical responder in Cross Lake and a child development counsellor in Thompson. She has been a speaker at the YMCA and served as a mentor to a Young Women's Conference at R.D. Parker Collegiate in Thompson.

George Wright of Winnipeg has been appointed as a member with a term to expire in December 2022. He was employed by the government of Manitoba for 18 years including 15 as the commissioner of the Law Enforcement Review Agency. He also previously served for 30 years as a police officer in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Wright also has extensive experience as an executive member of many community organizations.