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## **Belleville Police Service Board – Meeting Highlights**

Date: October 23, 2025

### **In-Camera Session**

The Board met from 9:00 a.m. –10:00 a.m. in-camera.

### **Commendations & Recognitions**

#### **Jordan Ackerly – NENA award**

Recognized for outstanding dedication to public safety communications. Jordan's professionalism, calm under pressure, and excellence in dispatch operations earned him the NENA Award, highlighting his exceptional service in supporting frontline officers and the community.

#### **Sergeant Pat Comeau – Kids Fishing Derby**

Acknowledged for his leadership and commitment to community engagement through organizing and supporting the Annual Kids Fishing Derby. Sergeant Comeau's efforts foster positive relationships between youth, families, and police, reinforcing trust and connection within the community.

#### **Cst. Blake, D/Cst. Walden, Tara Hanley, Lila Evans - Strategic Plan Work**

Recognized for their significant contributions to the creation and implementation of the Belleville Police Service Strategic Plan. Their dedication ensured that community input, organizational priorities, and accountability measures were effectively integrated into a forward-looking plan that will guide the Service over the next several years.

#### **Cst. Monique Waite**

Recognized for her leadership in organizing a successful blood drive at the Belleville Police Service. Constable Waite's efforts brought members of the Service together to support a vital community cause, resulting in numerous donations that will directly benefit those in need. Her commitment to community service and compassion exemplify the values of the Belleville Police Service.



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## **Strategic Plan Launch**

The Board received and approved the presentation of the new Strategic Plan, delivered by Chair Smith, Cst. Blake, D/Cst. Walden and Chief Murray Rodd.

### **Presentation Highlights:**

- Community and internal feedback were carefully organized into themes, shaping the Service's strategy moving forward and guiding key priorities.
- Emphasis was placed on measurement, transparency, and accountability. Progress will be shared publicly so the community can track our performance and ensure we remain on course.
- The plan is designed to deliver tangible impact and ensure that investments lead to meaningful outcomes for the community.

To conclude, Chief Murray Rodd emphasised that what makes this document different is what makes Belleville unique: a community that tries hard, achieves much success, and is supported by one of the most talented police services in the province.

## **The Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) Grant**

The Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) Transfer Payment program funding allocation was discussed. It was noted that the 2025 allocation decreased from 2024, prompting continued dialogue with the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

A letter was sent to Minister Kerzner outlining concerns, and a response was received acknowledging the challenges.

The Board emphasized that while the Service has the honour of representing and staffing the courts, this also brings significant operational demands. It was noted that the Service was advised last year that one additional courtroom would be opening; however, within a year, two new courtrooms were added. Each requires dedicated staffing, and both call volume and activity levels have increased substantially.

In addition, there are growing expectations around security requirements, including the number of armed officers that must be present.

It was stressed that while the province provides funding support, much of it is not mandated, which mirrors challenges faced by other police services across Ontario. This reality increases local financial pressure.



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It was reconfirmed that the Service remains committed to transparency and accountability, ensuring the community fully understands how budget decisions are made and what they support.

### **Special Constables**

Reflecting our continued growth, the Board approved the appointments of special Constables Jolie Elliott and Michael Verbeek to the Belleville Police Service.

### **30forward Pledge**

Deputy Chief Sheri Meeks highlighted the Belleville Police Service's commitment to the 30Forward pledge, a Canadian initiative aimed at increasing gender diversity in policing beyond 2030. She noted that the Service has made significant progress, with the representation of sworn female officers rising to 26% in 2024.

The Deputy Chief emphasized that this achievement reflects the Service's dedication to diversity, inclusion, and leadership development, and expressed pride in being an active participant in a national movement that promotes long-term positive change.



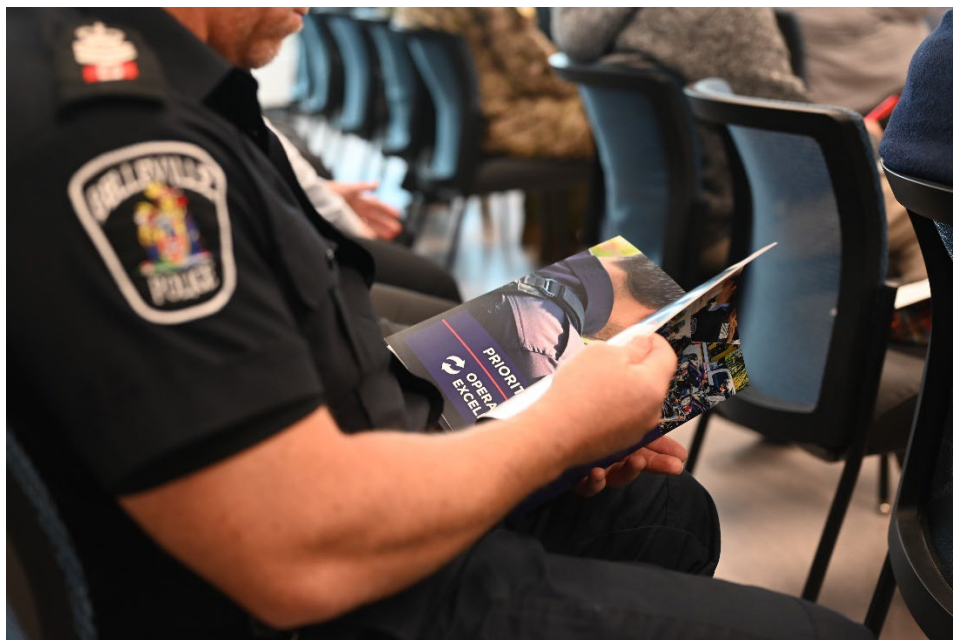
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