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

Date: February 26, 2026

### **Commendations & Recognitions**

#### **Recognition: MADD Quinte Award**

The following officers were recognized for their exceptional efforts in impaired-driving enforcement, directly supporting the Service's goal to promote road safety through strategic partnerships with external agencies like MADD Quinte:

PC Jordan Rhodes, PC Aaron Gauthier, PC Mike McCurdy, PC Connor O'Hara, and PC Cory Mooney

Kaitlyn McConnell, Vice-chair of MADD Quinte, and Belleville Police Service CPIC & Niche RMS Validator, spoke about the devastating impact of drunk driving and presented the awards to the recognized officers, acknowledging their ongoing contributions to promoting road safety through proactive enforcement.

#### **Commendation: Operation Red Nose**

Co-Chairs for 2024 and 2025, Patricia Guernsey (Team Guernsey/Royal LePage) and Mike Callaghan (Retired Belleville Police Chief), were commended for their work in securing sponsorships and elevating community awareness for Operation Red Nose. Their leadership, along with past committee chairs, ensures the continued success of the initiative.

Rick Watts, founder of Red Nose Quinte, was also recognized for his over 20 years of dedication to the program. Rick was inducted into the Operation Red Nose Hall of Fame in 2017 for his national-level contributions. His leadership in recruiting volunteers, ensuring safety, and maintaining the program's heart and soul has been integral to its ongoing success.

### **Quality Assurance: Audit Report**

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- Regular audits conducted
- Lack of storage space at Belleville Police Service and need to expand at some point
- Highlighting some property remains in our possession indefinitely

### **Zone-Based Policing & Public Engagement Strategy: Community Town Halls**

- The service is rolling out a zone-based policing model which has divided the city geographically into 4 zones
- The goal is to connect with the community by meeting people where they are, especially through town halls and safety days
- Community engagement is at the core of this approach
- Officers will track and analyze their interactions with the community, identifying crime trends in specific areas (e.g., social crime, property crime)
  - While much of this is already happening, data will now be organized by zone
- Dates for the upcoming town halls will be announced soon

### **City of Belleville: Understanding Homelessness Task Force**

- Under the leadership of the Mayor, the Understanding Homelessness Task Force has been addressing the growing issue of homelessness in Belleville
- The task force recognizes homelessness as a complex issue involving economic factors, mental health, and more
- A housing-first approach was discussed as a key strategy
- It was emphasized that there is no single solution to this issue

### **Other Discussion**

- City Council Orientation Day: An orientation day will be organized to share key information about the Police Service, including policing costs, the board's role, and challenges faced by the service
- There was discussion about changing the meeting location, but it was decided to keep it at 459 Sidney St
- Discussed new outdoor signage to indicate the Police Service Board meeting time and location, and to direct attendees to an entrance other than the main door. This was in response to Council's concern that attendees might avoid the meeting if they had to use the main door and pass through the police station. The goal is to make it easier for *all* potential attendees to access the meeting.



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