



BELLEVILLE POLICE SERVICE

BOARD POLICY

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**CP-001BPSB-001 Community Safety
and Well-Being.**

1. Community Safety and Well-Being:

The Ministry of the Solicitor General has been working with multi-sectoral government partners and local community and policing partners to develop the Provincial Approach to Community Safety and Well-Being.

This work began in 2009 with a partnership between the Ministry and the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) – together, these two groups initiated the development of a provincial response to crime and victimization.

A new legislative requirement came into force on January 1, 2019, and municipalities had until January 1, 2021, to prepare and adopt a plan. The current *Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA)* mandates every Municipal Council to prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWBP). Under the legislation [s. 248(1)], the responsibility to prepare and adopt a CSWBP applies to:

- I. Single-tier Municipalities;
- II. Lower-tier Municipalities in the County of Oxford and in counties; and
- III. Regional Municipalities, other than the County of Oxford.

Municipalities have the discretion and flexibility to develop joint plans with surrounding Municipalities or First Nation communities [s. 248(2)], although First Nation Band Councils are not required to engage in Community Safety and Well-Being Planning by Legislation.

Belleville's Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan aims to create a safe, inclusive, and sustainable community where everyone can thrive. It focuses on addressing a range of needs, including access to services, affordable housing, mental health support, and social safety nets. The City of Belleville, working with various partners, uses a collaborative approach to achieve these goals.

2. Key aspects of Belleville's CSWB Plan:

- a) Collaboration: The plan emphasizes inter-agency collaboration and partnership between municipalities, police, health, social services, and community groups;
- b) Needs-Based Approach: It identifies and addresses key community risks, such as homelessness, mental health, and poverty, through tailored programs and services;
- c) Prevention and Mitigation: The plan focuses on proactive strategies to prevent crime and minimize risks, rather than solely responding to emergencies;
- d) Focus on Vulnerable Populations: Specific attention is paid to supporting individuals and families who may be marginalized or experiencing hardship;
- e) Data-Driven: The plan uses data and research to track progress, identify areas needing improvement, and ensure effectiveness; and
- f) Community Engagement: The City of Belleville involves residents and stakeholders in the planning process to ensure the plan meets their needs and aspirations.

3. Examples of CSWB Initiatives in Belleville:

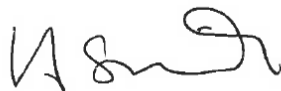
- a) Mental Health Co-Response Teams: These teams provide on-the-ground support to individuals experiencing mental health crises, diverting them from the traditional criminal justice system;
- b) Affordable Housing Initiatives: The plan addresses the need for affordable and appropriate housing for all residents;

- c) Community Outreach and Support Teams: These teams provide a range of services to residents in need, including mental health support, addiction services, and social services; and
- d) Domestic Violence Prevention Programs: The plan includes initiatives to prevent and respond to domestic violence, sexual violence and intimate partner violence.

Belleville's CSWB Plan is a comprehensive and collaborative approach to creating a safer, more equitable, and thriving community where everyone has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

It is the policy of the Belleville Police Service Board (the Board) with respect to Community Safety and Well-Being that:

1. As a legislative requirement, a Member of the Board will participate as an Advisory Committee member to undertake the Community Safety and Well-Being planning and the subsequent implementation of a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan; and
2. As a legislative requirement, the Chief of Police or designate will participate as an Advisory Committee member to undertake the Community Safety and Well-Being planning and the subsequent implementation of a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.



August 10, 2026

Chair

Date

