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Belleville Police Services Board

Chair Allsopp and members of the Board:

**SUBJECT:** Second BPS Canine Unit

**CHIEF'S RECOMMENDATION:**

For the Board to review and file for information:

As of Friday June 28, 2024 our second Canine Unit composed of canine officer Dash and his handler Constable Darrell Hatfield will be operational. This has been a long journey made possible by contributions from our community partners including Cobourg Development Services, The Stirling Veterinary Service, and Pet Valu Belleville. This process started in February of this year when we posted the position and ended with the presentation of a graduation certificate to Constable Hatfield. The Belleville Police Service will hold a media event and demonstration on Tuesday July 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm to introduce Darrell and Dash to the community and recognize our sponsors. We are thrilled to see the expansion of this program which will provide double the coverage we currently have and provide our first handler Constable McInroy with some much needed time off with his family and relief from his previous 24/7 on call responsibilities. In addition, Constable McInroy has now been certified as a canine mentor by the course instructor Constable Lance Montigny of the Windsor Police Service!

This is another great news story and another move forward as we strive to become the safest community in Ontario!!!