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To: Members of Belleville's Municipal Council

Good day,

You will recall that at the conclusion of the Belleville Police Service's Strategic Plan presentation to Council on December 8, Councillor Carr asked the Chair of the Belleville Police Services Board (BPSB) to reconsider the current location of Board meetings, which are held at the Belleville Police Station at 459 Sidney Street.

The matter was placed on the agenda for the Board's meeting of January 22, 2026. Rather than waiting for the minutes of that meeting to be posted on February 26, we felt it would be helpful to provide Council with a written update to confirm that the issue received full and thoughtful consideration by Board members.

While the Board identified several operational efficiencies associated with continuing to meet at the station and only one request in two years regarding live-streaming of meetings, members also acknowledged that the meeting room is not immediately visible to members of the public entering from the parking lot. In response, the Board has committed to enhancing exterior signage to clearly direct visitors to the meeting location.

We appreciate the question being raised, as it provided an opportunity for meaningful discussion and reaffirmed that holding meetings within the station supports effective and timely access to Directors, Inspectors, Sworn and Civilian Members and confirms the arms-length and autonomous relationship of the Police Service with Council.

Respectfully,

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Heather Smith
Board Chair

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Barb Enright Miller
Vice Chair