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Coming up at 2:30 pm, it's this month's Guelph Police Services Board meeting. Check out what's coming up in the agenda here:



**MEETING PREVIEW: Guelph Police Services Board for February 15, 2024**

February's meeting of the Guelph Police Services Board doesn't have a lot on the agenda, but there is one very important issue that will be discussed and it's a follow-up from a c...

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Chair McSherry calls the meeting to order.

Declarations of Conflict or Pecuniary Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act?  
None.

Next a community account resolution, \$250 for the "Bangladesh community". That motion is approved.

Next, Inspector Jeimy Karavelus and Staff Sergeant Melanie Clark will make a presentation about Intimate Partner Violence.

Clark is a 22 veteran of the Service, half of that in SVU in some capacity. Karavelus is a 26 year veteran, and the head of investigations. Clark opens with a video created by Victim Services last year:



<https://www.youtube.com/embed/uiH-qkP6yXg>

We're learning about the origin of the Culleton, Kuzyk & Warmerdam (CKW) Inquest, 86 recommendation made in June 2022 in relation to the murder of three women in Renfrew County who were each murdered by a man whom they had a past relationship with.

You may recall that city council passed a motion last fall endorsing the recommendations and asked GPS for information about their efforts to address them.

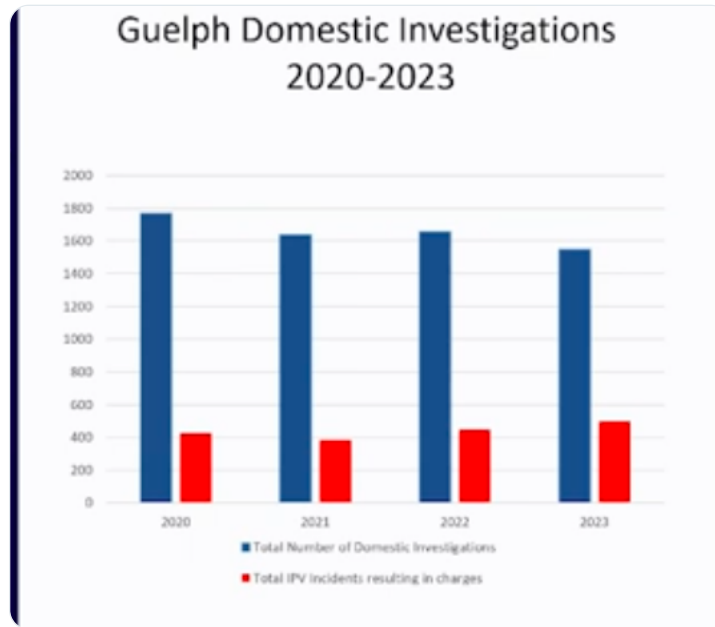


#### **This Week at Council: Royal City Mission Saved (For Now) and The Bu...**

This week council took a couple of tough meetings. On Tuesday, there was a question about homelessness downtown, but the controversial motion proposed by Mayor Cam Guthrie had been pulled. Still, t...

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GPS acknowledge the recommendations, and have been looking at how best to incorporate the recommendations. This chart shows the calls and charges for IPV btw 2020 and 2023.



Karavelus says that most charges are handled by front line officers but there are also occasionally kicked up to the unit. KMPG in their report on staff recognised the need to staff up this area of the service.

#### IPV/HT/Specialized Seniors Unit

The Guelph Police Service currently has an IPV/Human Trafficking/Specialized Seniors Unit. The unit consist of the following

1. Supervisor (new 2024) –KPMG
2. High Risk Intimate Partner Violence Coordinator
3. High Risk Intimate Partner Violence & Specialized Seniors Investigators (2)
4. Human Trafficking Investigator (1)

Members of GPS work with community partners on issue of IPV, there are courses at Ontario Police College, there was a trauma informed workshop in 2021 as well as IPV training for supervisors. There was Be Safer Training for all officers and partners in 2022,

This year, there will be ACEs training (Adverse Childhood Experiences) for all officers, a Lunch and Learn with 12 community partners for all members, and there will be a "Working Together to Build a Community Response" symposium with the crown attorney and an IPV advocate.

Community partners:

#### Community Partners

- High Risk IPV Team Guelph-Wellington
- Action Committee
- Ontario High Risk IPV Coordinators Committee
- Victims Services Wellington (VSW)
- IMPACT
- Women in Crisis
- Child Witness Centre
- Victim Witness (VWAP)
- Family and Children Services (F&CS)
- Guelph General Hospital Sexual Assault & IPV Unit

The high risk team identifies and manages high-risk cases, which are based on indicators developed by the Domestic Violence High Risk Committee, which is made up of...

#### HRIPV Team Guelph Wellington

- 2009 implementation of Guelph-Wellington Domestic Violence High Risk Committee (Now HRIPV)
- Members
  - Crown Attorney
  - Probation and Parole Manager
  - Wellington County OPP
  - Family & Children Services
  - VWAP Manager
  - Family Counseling & Support Centre (PAR)
  - Women in Crisis
  - Guelph Police Service

There's also the Guelph-Wellington Action Committee, which is a partnership of community partners and service providers, which is a much bigger group.



At the provincial level:

## Ontario High Risk IPV Coordinators Committee

Purpose: provide support, and coordination for domestic violence cases.  
Membership consists of Provincial representatives from all geographical areas.

Committee mandate:

- Provide information and support to all Domestic Violence Coordinators in the Province of Ontario
- To promote a coordinated, effective police response on a provincial level by facilitating information sharing among investigators on best practices and initiatives.
- Provide statistical information that will allow services to identify patterns, emerging trends, changes, and benchmarks specific to Intimate Partner Violence.
- To discuss provincial and local issues and engage in problem solving techniques to enhance services provided to victims by police, related agencies, and the community.
- To facilitate the exchange of information between police services and to assist in developing domestic violence policies and / or making changes to the policing standards guidelines. (at the Ministry level )

In the last 1.5 years they've reviewed the recommendations, looked at the ones that apply to police and start to develop action plans including bail notification, the adequacy standard, the domestic violence risk management form, and more.

### Current actions addressing police specific recommendations

- Adequacy Standard – Procedures for IPV investigations
- DVRM
- Crown notification for High-Risk Cases
- Bail notification
- Person at Risk
- F&CS Reporting
- Probation contact
- Child Witness Centre Referrals
- VSW referral
- Required Investments

Clark says that they've made important investments to fight IPV, and they also work actively with community partners to secure grant funding. Thru this they've been able to imbed a victims support worker with the IPV unit, also creating a support and info guide for survivors.

They've also furnished the "soft interview room" and children's room, plus funded educational campaigns, gift cards, posters, and there are some radio ads coming. Plus those education videos.

Here's the new one to show that there's issues with the youth and tech too.



<https://www.youtube.com/embed/Fa8KsxYXxDs>

Chief Cobey thanks Clark and Karavelus, and all members really, who are doing this work and it takes a lot of dedication to do it.

Mayor Guthrie asks promoting events. Clark says Victim Services Wellington is preparing that, but it will be a limited event, seating for 100 only.

Cobey says that he knows council's motion talked about a report, but felt that a presentation to the board wasn't a bad idea either. While the video is available, Cobey says he and the team are open to coming to council. Guthrie says presentation style is more authentic.

McSherry thanks the presenters too and says it will help us greatly to understand how IPV is being tackled in Guelph.

Minutes of the last meeting approved.

Consent agenda approved.

Chief report: Cobey says last fall there was a lot of discussion about resources, and they made commitment to boost support downtown. Cnst. Mark O'Connell (sp?) will be returning downtown as the second dedicated patrol officer.

Also, an additional IMPACT worker for downtown has been hired and her name is Kim Catcher (sp?), who is one of the founding members of the IMPACT team so she brings a lot of experience and knowledge.

Guthrie asks about data collection. Cobey says that's part of the project going forward, in fact they will be increasing data intake because they've also been gathering data.

New business? None.

That's a wrap for this meeting. The next GPS board meeting will be on the first day of Spring, March 21!



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