



ORANGEVILLE POLICE SERVICES BOARD

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On January 16, 2024, the Orangeville Police Services Board passed the following resolution:

“WHEREAS the safety and well-being of the Orangeville community and its residents are of paramount importance to the Orangeville Police Services Board and;

WHEREAS Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) also known as domestic violence, poses a significant threat to the security and welfare of individuals within our community, involving any use of physical or sexual force, as well as emotional and psychological abuse in intimate relationships and;

WHEREAS on August 16th, 2023, Justice Minister Arif Virani acknowledged gender-based violence as an epidemic and committed to addressing this issue comprehensively at the federal level and;

WHEREAS it is imperative for local law enforcement to actively contribute to community safety and well-being by addressing the rising incidents of Intimate Partner Violence, particularly considering the alarming increase during the COVID-19 pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Orangeville Police Services Board receives and endorses the resolutions by both Orangeville Council and Dufferin County Council with regards to IPV.
2. The Orangeville Police Services Board recognizes IPV as a significant concern affecting the safety and welfare of Orangeville residents.
3. The Orangeville Police Services Board commits to prioritizing the prevention and response to IPV within the community.
4. The Orangeville Police Services Board will collaborate with relevant stakeholders, including local government, community organizations, and social support services, to ensure that the prevention and response to IPV is prioritized in the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan including specific action steps to address IPV.
5. The Orangeville Police Services Board will actively engage in public awareness campaigns and educational initiatives aimed at preventing IPV and promoting healthy relationships within the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Executive Assistant for the Orangeville Police Services Board be directed to share this resolution with the Town of Orangeville, the County of Dufferin, all Ontario Municipalities, and Police Services Boards.”

Sincerely,

The Orangeville Police Services Board

Cc Orangeville Town Council
Dufferin County Council
Ontario Municipalities
Ontario Police Services Boards