

Collingwood OPP Detachment Board Recognition Program

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Eligibility & Ineligibility (Please Read Before Applying)

This Recognition Program is intended to honour individual residents of Collingwood and informal groups of residents who demonstrate personal commitment to community safety and wellness.

Eligible nominees must:

- Be an individual resident of Collingwood, or an informal group of residents
- Contribute on a voluntary or personal basis
- Act outside of paid employment or contractual responsibilities

Not eligible:

- Businesses, corporations, or commercial enterprises
- Registered charities or not-for-profit organizations
- Government agencies, boards, or service providers
- Activities that are part of a nominee's paid role or organizational mandate

Nominations that do not meet this eligibility requirements cannot be considered.

Purpose of a Recognition Program Specific to Public Safety and Community Wellness

The Collingwood OPP Detachment Board's purpose is mandated by the Community Safety and Policing Act, which took effect on April 1, 2024. The revised legislation provides the Board with increased autonomy related to community engagement, priority setting, and communications.

Many residents of Collingwood demonstrate personal initiative and everyday leadership that contribute to community safety and wellness in alignment with the OPP Detachment Board's objectives. These efforts deserve recognition, and the Detachment Board has developed a simple and timely process to acknowledge individual and grassroots contributions.

Recognition Program Criteria

The Recognition Program Criteria focus on the personal actions of individual residents and informal community groups whose voluntary efforts contribute to a safer Collingwood.

Applications will demonstrate one or more of the following:

a) Personal Initiative and Neighbourhood Leadership

An individual or informal group has demonstrated initiative, leadership, or care for others through voluntary actions that improve safety, connection, or wellbeing in their neighbourhood or community.

b) Promotion and Awareness Through Personal Action

An individual or informal group has taken personal steps to raise awareness of public safety or wellness issues (e.g., sharing information, checking on neighbours, informal education, or peer-to-peer support), outside of any formal organizational role.

c) Taking Action to Help Others

An individual or informal group has taken preventative, responsive, or courageous action to support the safety or wellbeing of individuals, families, or the broader community.

What We Are Looking For

The Detachment Board is seeking stories of personal commitment, neighbourly leadership, and grassroots action. This program is not intended to recognize formal programs, services, research projects, or organizational achievements.

Application, Selection, and Award Process

An online application will be available for completion and submission. Printed copies will be available upon request.

Submissions will be reviewed by the Detachment Board twice annually (Q1 and Q3) in advance of scheduled Board meetings.

Recognition, in the form of a framed citation, may be awarded up to four times annually at OPP Detachment Board meetings. Letters of appreciation will be issued for submissions not selected for award.

Eligibility Confirmation (Required on Nomination Form)

Nominators must confirm that the nominee meets all the following criteria:

- The nominee is an individual resident of Collingwood (or an informal group of residents)
- The actions described were voluntary and not part of paid employment
- The nominee is not a business, charity, non-profit, or government agency

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Applications will include one or more of the following criteria:

a) Personal Initiative and Neighbourhood Leadership

~~Assessment and/or Collective Impact~~

~~A study of a particular age group and/or demographic within Collingwood has been undertaken to determine the current safety and engagement issues, best practices, and potential remedies. Efforts have been made to work collectively with other agencies to implement programs and initiatives.~~

An individual or informal group has demonstrated initiative, leadership, or care for others through voluntary actions that improve safety, connection, or wellbeing in their neighbourhood or community.

b) Promotion and Awareness Through Personal Action

~~An individual or a collective has undertaken to promote and create greater awareness of public safety issues affecting Collingwood residents, visitors, and businesses, such as Senior Fraud, Online Safety, and Car Theft prevention, as well as other safety-related initiatives.~~

An individual or informal group has taken personal steps to raise awareness of public safety or wellness issues (e.g., sharing information, checking on neighbours, informal education, or peer-to-peer support), outside of any formal organizational role.

c) Taking Action to Help Others

~~An individual or a collective has taken preventative, emergent actions or heroic actions to address the safety of individuals, groups, or families.~~

An individual or informal group has taken preventative, responsive, or courageous action to support the safety or wellbeing of individuals, families, or the broader community.

Example: What We Are Looking For

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