



## Kingston Police

### Public Agenda Information Report

To: Kingston Police Service Board  
From: Adam MacIntosh, Chief of Police  
Subject: St. Patrick's Day 2026  
Date: May 21, 2026

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#### Strategic Priority Alignment:

#### Administrative/Procedural

#### Recommendation:

That the St. Patrick's Day 2026 report, Report Number 26-31, is for information only.

#### Background/Analysis:

St. Patrick's Day 2025 marked a continued improvement in overall crowd behaviour and compliance when compared to earlier years. Proactive communication, consistent enforcement, and the strategic use of Police Liaison Teams contributed to reduced enforcement interactions and fewer incidents requiring police intervention. The event concluded without significant injuries or Criminal Code charges, reinforcing the effectiveness of the policing approach.

#### 2026

#### Kingston Police St. Patrick's Day Event Mission Statement

Using an integrated response, Kingston Police, in partnership with policing and municipal partners, worked to keep the peace, enforce legislation, and maintain public safety during the St. Patrick's Day celebrations. This approach emphasized respect for individuals' Charter rights while prioritizing the safety and wellbeing of community members, emergency responders, and service personnel.

St. Patrick's Day celebrations in 2026 took place on March 14 and attracted large numbers of students and community members across the city. The overall event

management approach focused on maintaining a high level of public safety and oversight. The goal was to support the wellbeing of those in attendance, while ensuring public order was preserved with minimal disruption to the broader community and with careful consideration of financial impacts on the Kingston Police budget.

The majority of participants demonstrated responsible behaviour, contributing to a generally safe and orderly event. Police and partner agencies maintained a visible presence with an emphasis on education, harm reduction, and early intervention. One location was declared a nuisance party due to crowd and safety concerns; however, the situation was resolved quickly through coordinated efforts and cooperation from those in attendance.

### Corporate Communication and Media Messaging Strategy

Messaging was delivered through Kingston Police social media platforms and traditional media channels before and during St. Patrick’s Day. Communications focused on discouraging unsafe and unlawful behaviour, promoting respectful celebrations, and highlighting the shared responsibility of participants to minimize impacts on surrounding neighbourhoods and the broader Kingston community.

### Police Liaison Team Outreach Strategy

Kingston Police Liaison Teams, supported by the Ontario Provincial Police Liaison Team, played a central role in outreach efforts leading up to and during the event. This approach emphasized proactive engagement and relationship-building with students, Queen’s University representatives, and community stakeholders, reinforcing expectations, supporting open communication, and addressing concerns before enforcement became necessary.

### Enforcement

The enforcement strategy prioritized early alcohol interdiction, harm reduction, and firm but proportionate application of municipal, provincial, and federal legislation, including the Liquor Licence and Control Act and the Highway Traffic Act.

<b>Weekend Enforcement Totals</b>				
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
<b>Liquor Licence and Control Act</b>	367	98	7	3
<b>Highway Traffic Act</b>	5	2	8	1
<b>Arrests – Public Intoxication</b>	8			5
<b>Criminal Code Arrests</b>	1			

### Resources / Activities / Outcomes / Charges

The operation was conducted using the Incident Command Model and involved Kingston Police sworn and civilian personnel, supported by the Ontario Provincial

Police Police Liaison Team. Close coordination occurred with the City of Kingston, including By-Law Enforcement, and Queen's University.

During the event, officers issued four Provincial Offence Notices and made five arrests, all under the authority of the Liquor Licence and Control Act. One Provincial Offence Notice was issued under the Highway Traffic Act. No Criminal Code charges were laid.

### Summary

Reflecting on the event, Chief Adam MacIntosh stated: "Events like St. Patrick's Day demonstrate the positive impact of open communication and trust between Kingston Police, Queen's University, and the student community. Most students celebrated responsibly and worked with us to ensure the day remained safe and enjoyable. This shared commitment to looking out for one another played a key role in the overall success of the weekend."

Kingston Police extend their appreciation to the Ontario Provincial Police Police Liaison Team, the City of Kingston – including By-Law Enforcement – and Queen's University for their continued cooperation and support.

### **Financial Considerations:**

Total known costs associated with the St. Patrick's Day 2026 deployment, including overtime, part-time staffing, partner agency support, and operational supplies, were \$54,068. This represents a decrease of \$33,206 (approximately 38%) compared to 2025 costs of \$87,274.

The Chief and Deputy Chief wish to extend their sincere appreciation to the Kingston Police members who adjusted their operational rotations and performed duties outside of their usual assignments to support the St. Patrick's Day response. Their flexibility played a significant role in reducing overall costs, while recognizing that these adjustments did result in measured impacts to operations elsewhere within the organization.

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### **Exhibits Attached:**

N/A