## **PRESS RELEASE**

## **Global News Kingston Recognizes Welcoming Streets**

Belleville, Ontario, January 24, 2023 - The Downtown Belleville Business Improvement Area (BIA)

has been hard at work to support our local businesses and the vulnerable population through the Welcoming Streets Program. Downtown Belleville has recently been recognized as being the "Friendly City" by Global News Kingston thanks to our Welcoming Streets Program.

Sara Behring and Nik McEwen, Welcoming Streets Stewards were interviewed by Aryn Strickland, Global News Reporter on January 23rd 2023. The Stewards were spending their morning walking Downtown Belleville and conducti

ng proactive outreach as a way to support the community. David Herbert Graham, a previous client of Welcoming Streets was also interviewed, sharing his unique experience with the program. Welcoming Streets believes that listening to and involving individuals with lived