



The Corporation of the Township of King Notice of Motion

Date of Meeting: Monday, November 25, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Boyd

Seconded by: Mayor Pellegrini

Subject: **Strengthening Bail Reform and Enhancing Community Safety**

Whereas violent crime rates are consistently trending upwards in major Canadian cities, including York Region, which has seen a steady increase over the past five years, with significant rises in assault, robbery, sexual violations, theft of motor vehicles, theft over \$5,000, and weapons violations, with firearms-related violations alone increasing over 50 percent from 2019; and

Whereas recent criminal activities in Nobleton and throughout King Township and York Region have significantly impacted our community; and

Whereas at the Nobleton Community Safety Meeting held on Monday, November 18, 2024, community residents voiced their concerns regarding crime and safety within their neighbourhood to York Regional Police; and

Whereas the current bail system has been criticized for allowing dangerous criminals to be released thereby compromising the safety of Ontario communities and effectiveness of law enforcement efforts; and

Whereas the Premiers of all thirteen provinces and territories have written two letters to the Federal Government calling for meaningful bail reform; and

Whereas the [Provincial Government](#), on October 28, 2024, has called on the Federal Government to urgently amend the Criminal Code to tighten bail legislation, aiming to protect public safety and keep repeat violent offenders off the streets; and

Whereas the [York Regional Police Service Board's 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets](#) include a proposed net budget increase to \$441.5 million, reflecting the need for additional resources and staffing to address rising crime rates and enhance community safety and wellbeing; and

Whereas the York Regional Police Service Board recognizes the importance of partnerships and prevention strategies in addressing complex organized and violent crimes, and aims to improve community safety through targeted initiatives and enhanced bail reform measures; and

Whereas ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents is a top priority;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. Council request the Federal Government and the Provincial Government to come together to ensure that all bail reform changes made as part of Bill C-48 are being effectively implemented, resourced, and are meeting the goals and outcomes intended in the legislation.
2. Council request the Attorney General of Ontario and the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada to ensure that bail decisions take into account potential risks to public safety and that imposed conditions are enforceable and sufficient to protect the community.
3. The Council requests that the Federal Government to consider the Provincial Government's recent call to action, dated October 28, 2024, regarding the implementation of additional measures to enhance public safety.
4. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, and the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services for their consideration and necessary action.
5. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to all local area municipalities in York Region, including York Region itself and to York Regional Police, for their information and support.