

## THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SARNIA City Clerk's Department

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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau Prime Minister of Canada House of Commons 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2 The Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario Legislative Building Queen's Park Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

**RE: "Catch and Release" Justice** 

At its meeting held on December 13, 2021, Sarnia City Council adopted the following resolution with respect to "Catch and Release Justice":

That the City of Sarnia send a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments requesting meaningful improvements to the current state of "catch and release" justice in the Ontario legal system. Police Services across Ontario are exhausting precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of the same offenders, which in turn, is impacting their morale, and ultimately law abiding citizens who are paying the often significant financial and emotional toll of this broken system. This resolution should also be sent to other Municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration; and

That the request also be referred to the Sarnia Police Services Board and be presented via AMO delegations for endorsement consideration.

Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Yours sincerely,

Amy Burkhart City Clerk

Cc: Bob Bailey, MPP Marylyn Gladu, MP

All Ontario Municipalities