



TOWN OF MINTO

MEETING DATE: January 21, 2025
REPORT TO: Mayor and Council
SERVICE AREA: Clerks
SUBJECT: CL 2025-003 – Catch and Release Justice in Ontario

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report CL 2025-003 Catch and Release Justice in Ontario, prepared by the Clerk, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto endorses the Town of Colbalt's resolution on "catch and release" justice.

BACKGROUND:

At the January 7th, 2024 meeting, Council considered correspondence from Town of Cobalt, re: 'Catch and Release' Justice in Ontario The following Motion was carried:

MOTION: COW 2025-002

Moved by: Councillor Dirksen; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Anderson

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto direct the Clerk to contact the OPP regarding support for the Catch and Release Justice in Ontario.

COMMENTS:

The Solicitor General's information on "Catch and Release Justice" on October 28, 2024, through the Ontario Newsroom titled "Ontario Calls for Immediate Federal Action on Bail Reform" is attached.

As a part of the attached communications, the Ontario Provincial Police provided the following quote:

"The OPP Association support changes to the current bail system. Our members overwhelmingly feel that the current system is a "catch and release" system that results in many of the same accused persons being at large again to re-offend shortly after arrest. We feel that the safety of our community and our police officers are at risk with this system. We acknowledge that the balance of the Canadian Charter of Rights of an accused person and community safety must be considered and welcome all efforts by all levels of government to make the system more effective for all."

**- John Cerasuolo
President, Ontario Provincial Police Association**

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN:

N/A

PREPARED BY: Annilene McRobb, Clerk

RECOMMENDED BY: Gregg Furtney, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

Attach-1