



Notice of Motion

Strengthening Public Safety Through Transparency and Reform of Sex Offender Registry Frameworks

Date: April 27, 2026

Moved By: Councillor Robinson

Signature:

Seconded By:

Signature:

WHEREAS, the protection of children and vulnerable persons is among the most fundamental responsibilities of all levels of government in Canada;

And Whereas, communities across Ontario and Canada are increasingly concerned about the safety of children in light of growing awareness of sexual exploitation, human trafficking, luring, and other offences targeting vulnerable persons;

And Whereas, offences related to sexual exploitation and human trafficking often involve repeat offenders and complex networks, increasing the need for stronger transparency, monitoring, and community awareness measures;

And Whereas, the federal Sex Offender Information Registration Act (SOIRA) and Ontario's Christopher's Law establish sex offender registry systems that are accessible only to law enforcement and are not available to the public;

And Whereas, members of the public and municipalities are often left without sufficient access to information necessary to assess and respond to credible community safety risks;

And Whereas, municipal governments are on the front lines of responding to community safety concerns and are expected to protect residents without access to the full scope of relevant risk information;

And Whereas, existing community notification mechanisms for high-risk offenders are limited, inconsistent, and do not always provide timely or sufficient information to affected communities;

And Whereas, other democratic jurisdictions have implemented structured community notification systems for high-risk offenders, demonstrating that increased transparency can be balanced with appropriate legal safeguards;

And Whereas, there is an urgent need to review and modernize Canada's legislative framework to ensure it reflects current public safety realities and prioritizes the protection of children above all;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering directs staff to:

1. calls upon the Government of Canada to undertake a comprehensive review of the Sex Offender Information Registration Act (SOIRA), including consideration of enhanced community notification systems and carefully structured public access mechanisms for high-risk offenders; and,
2. the Province of Ontario be requested to conduct a parallel review of Christopher's Law to improve transparency, strengthen municipal access to relevant public safety information, and enhance community notification frameworks; and,
3. That any such review prioritize the protection of children and vulnerable persons while ensuring consistency with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms; and,
4. That this resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Public Safety, all Members of Parliament, the Premier of Ontario, all Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and all Ontario municipalities.