



Notice of Motion

Strengthening Sentencing, Bail, and Parole Laws To Protect Children and Vulnerable Persons

Date: April 27, 2026

Moved By: Councillor Robinson

Signature:

Seconded By:

Signature:

WHEREAS, the protection of children and vulnerable persons must be a primary priority within Canada's criminal justice system;

And Whereas, communities across Ontario and Canada are increasingly concerned about serious offences against children, including sexual exploitation, human trafficking, luring, and violent harm;

And Whereas, many of these offences involve repeat offenders or individuals who have previously come into contact with the justice system;

And Whereas, there is growing concern that current sentencing, bail, and parole frameworks do not adequately reflect the severity and long-term impact of crimes committed against children;

And Whereas, cases involving serious harm to children have raised concerns about early release, reintegration practices, and the adequacy of safeguards to prevent reoffending;

And Whereas, public confidence in the justice system depends on ensuring that penalties reflect the gravity of the offence and that community safety is prioritized;

And Whereas, the Government of Canada has the authority to amend the Criminal Code and related legislation governing sentencing, bail, and parole;

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

1. Call upon the Government of Canada to undertake a comprehensive review of the Criminal Code of Canada, as well as federal bail and parole frameworks, as they relate to offences involving children; and,
2. That such review include consideration of stronger sentencing provisions, limitations on early release, and enhanced safeguards to prevent repeat offending in cases involving serious harm to children; and,
3. That the Government of Canada be urged to examine whether current parole and reintegration practices adequately protect the public, particularly in cases involving violent or sexual offences against minors; and,
4. That the Province of Ontario be requested to advocate for these reforms and review provincial monitoring and community safety measures related to high-risk offenders; and,
5. That this resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Minister of Public Safety, all Members of Parliament, the Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, all Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and all Ontario municipalities.