

Resolution 2023-04: Bail Reform

Submitted by: NOMA Resolution Committee

Received by: Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

RECOMMENDATION:

WHEREAS the cost of Policing and Emergency Services in Northern Communities is harming a community's ability to support local Social and Health issues

WHEREAS a small percentage of those affected by an Addiction in the communities of Northern Ontario are committing crimes

WHEREAS many of those committing crimes are not housed in the correctional system, therefore, remain in our communities, often those that do require treatment for their Addiction issue receive none.

WHEREAS some committing crimes become violent, but are released back into the community, due to the negative impacts Federal Bill C75

WHEREAS the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) believes that more must be done by the Federal Government on Bail Reform

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NOMA requests the Federal Government make these Legislative changes 1. Create a Designation of a chronic persistent offender. 2. Allow community impact statements at bail and at bail hearings. 3. Creating reverse onus in bail for all firearms offences. 4. All bail-related gun charges go to the superior court for bail release.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, Federal Justice Minister, Premier of Ontario, The Attorney General, the Solicitor General, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Northeastern MPs and MPPs, Leaders of the Opposition, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Committee Recommendation: Approve	Conference Recommendation:
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