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October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Honourable Doug Downey  
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Via Email: [doug.downey@ontario.ca](mailto:doug.downey@ontario.ca)

Re: Catch and Release Justice in Ontario

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 regarding "Catch and Release" Justice in Ontario.

**Moved By:** Sarah Blazek     **Seconded By:** Matt Richardson

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth endorses the resolution from the Town of Midland and circulates the resolution to relevant stakeholders.

**CARRIED**

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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Cc: Perth-Wellington MP, John Nater  
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Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: "Catch and Release" Justice is Ontario**

At its September 6, 2023, Regular Council Meeting with Closed Session the Council for the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

*That the Town of Midland 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; and*

*That this resolution be sent to other Municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.*

Thank you.

Yours very  
truly,

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND**

*Sherri Edgar*

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