



City of Langford

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Honourable David Eby
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Dear Minister Eby,

Re: Support for City of Victoria re: Release of Violent and/or Repeat Offenders

At the regular Meeting of Council held on August 16, 2021, City of Langford Council passed a resolution in support of Victoria Mayor Lisa Helps, July 9, 2021 regarding the release of violent and/or repeat offenders who are awaiting charge disposition.

Due to COVID-19 physical distancing requirements, some individuals charged with violent offences and/or with past criminal convictions are being released into the community on a promise to appear, or given restrictive behavior conditions, rather than being held in custody while awaiting charge disposition. While COVID-19 continues to be a public health concern, the City of Langford echoes the point that that this practice may create an increased risk to local communities and overall public safety, as well as overextending our police resources.

We fully support the request from Mayor Helps and ask the Province to provide assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Stewart Young
Mayor

cc: West Shore RCMP
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