



Office of the Mayor

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Via email: AG.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Honourable David Eby
Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing
PO Box 9044 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

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 September 20, 2021, the District of North Saanich Council passed a resolution in support of the letter to you from Mayor Helps, City of Victoria dated July 9, 2021 regarding the release of violent and/or repeat offenders while awaiting charge disposition.

The District of North Saanich shares the concern that in response 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 behaviour conditions rather than being held in custody while awaiting charge disposition. While COVID-19 continues to be a public health concern, we agree 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 of Mayor Helps and ask the Province to provide assistance with this important matter.

Sincerely,

Geoff Orr
Mayor

cc: Sidney/North Saanich RCMP
Capital Region District Municipal Councils