
MEMORANDUM

CSC-C 25-2021

Subject: Recommendations from the Joint Board of Management – Niagara Courts meeting held on August 19, 2021

Date: September 15, 2021

To: Corporate Services Committee

From: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

The Joint Board of Management – Niagara Courts, at its meeting held on August 19, 2021, passed the following motion for consideration by the Corporate Services Committee:

1. That Regional Council **DIRECT** the Regional Chair to send a letter to request the Attorney General of Ontario to:
 - a) halt the proclamation of the Early Resolution reforms to the *Provincial Offences Act* included in Bill 177 *Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act*; and instead take action to review, streamline and modernize the Early Resolution provisions of the *Provincial Offences Act*;
 - b) enact changes to the *Provincial Offences Act* to permit the prosecutor and defendant or legal representative to agree, at any stage of a proceeding commenced under Part I, to a resolution in writing and to permit the Clerk of the Court to register the court outcome immediately upon receipt of the written agreement without requiring an appearance before a Justice of the Peace; and
 - c) support the proclamation of the remainder of the Bill 177 *Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act* reforms to the *Provincial Offences Act*; and
2. That a copy of this resolution **BE FORWARDED** to the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, and copied to other municipalities that administer Provincial Offences Courts, the Ministry of the Attorney General, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for support.

A copy of the minutes of the Joint Board of Management – Niagara Courts meeting held on August 19, 2021, and the associated report are attached to this memorandum.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk