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October 12, 2023

Dear Minister Virani and Minister Downey,

**RE: “Catch and Release” Justice in Ontario**

Please be advised that at their meeting held on October 3, 2023, the Council of the Township of Howick passed the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 351-23**

**Moved by:** Councillor Grimes

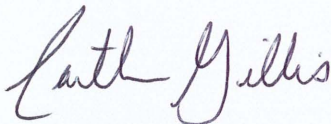
**Seconded by:** Councillor Rognvaldson

**That** Council of the Township of Howick supports Item 9.5 of correspondence from the Town of Midland regarding the current “catch and release” justice in the Ontario legal system.

**Carried.**

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



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Cc: All Ontario Municipalities

Enclosure: Correspondence from the Town of Midland – “Catch and Release” Justice in Ontario

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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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