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[Local MPP]

On behalf of the **[Name of Police Service]**, I am pleased to offer this letter in strong support of the **Prescription Diversion Project: Partnership and Collaboration "the birth of change."** Please find a copy of the project outline attached.

Across Ontario and beyond, powerful prescription drugs are being diverted almost immediately after purchase. The medications being diverted pose a risk to individuals who are not regular consumers, often very young clients. There are various reasons why clients divert their prescriptions, such as for basic needs like food and shelter, generating income to cover expenses, or exchanging prescriptions for other drugs like fentanyl. However, the primary motivation appears to be strictly profit, as clients sell their prescriptions to others to make money. Additionally, some believe these prescriptions are safer options compared to the unregulated drug supply.

We have been informed that the Public Prosecution Service of Canada (PPSC) is aware of this issue and is committed to supporting police services in investigating and prosecuting such cases.

A copy of our **[date]**, Board resolution in support of this project is being shared with the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards (OAPSB).

Thank you for your consideration. The **[Name of Police Service]** is committed to working collaboratively and constructively with the OAPSB and with provincial ministries to support this important and urgently needed project.

Sincerely,

[Name of Board Chair]

Chair

[Name of Police Service Board]

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BAIL REFORM

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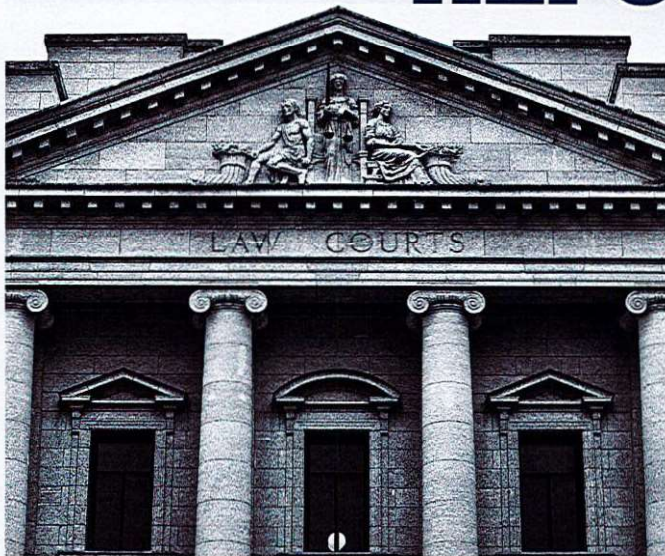
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of Victim Service
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The Ontario Network of Victim Service Providers (ONVSP) is a unifying umbrella organization representing 41 distinct Victim Service agencies across the province. Each of these locations brings unique strengths, perspectives, and community-based approaches to supporting individuals affected by crime and tragic circumstances.



THE ONTARIO BAIL REFORM LANDSCAPE



A SHIFTING LANDSCAPE

- Public pressure for tougher bail conditions
- Focus on repeat and violent offenders
- Gaps in victim notification identified
- Growing attention from government and media



THE PROBLEM WE FACE

THE NOTIFICATION GAP

- Victims not notified of bail decisions or release conditions
- No standardized provincial process
- Inconsistent safety planning and referrals
- Survivors left in danger, retraumatized, or unaware

THE ONVSP SOLUTION

OUR NEW VCAO NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

- Standardized, real-time victim notification
- Province-wide program, led by VCAO agencies
- Trauma-informed and culturally responsive
- Integrates with police, bail courts, and Crown



CORE PROGRAM FEATURES

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

- Bail court presence
- Direct access to release decisions and conditions
- Real time survivor follow-up
- Referrals to safety planning and supports
- Secure database for tracking and coordination



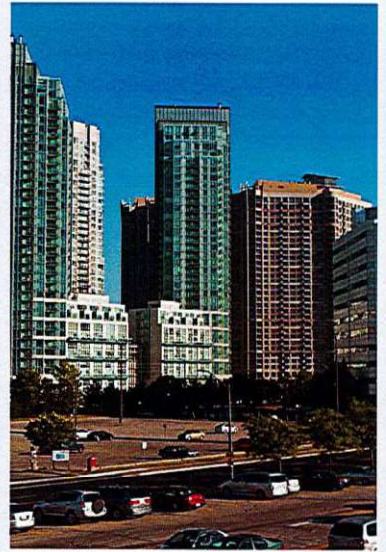


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- VS of Brant
- Small-to-medium site
- Established in 2000
- Noted increased risk of perpetrators returning to victims' homes post-release
- Reduced risk through notification process

02

- VS of Peel - 40+ years of continuous Bail Court Notification & Advocacy
- Proven outcomes: fewer missed notifications, enhanced survivor safety, proactive partnership with Crown and Police



EXISTING MODELS IN ONTARIO

PROVEN OUTCOMES: FEWER MISSED NOTIFICATIONS, BETTER SAFETY PLANNING, STRONG POLICE-COURT COLLABORATION

OUR ASK TO GOVERNMENT

WHAT WE'RE CALLING FOR

- Funding for program expansion and staffing
- Policy support to standardize notification
- Provincial endorsement of VCAO as lead
- Integration with bail courts and police



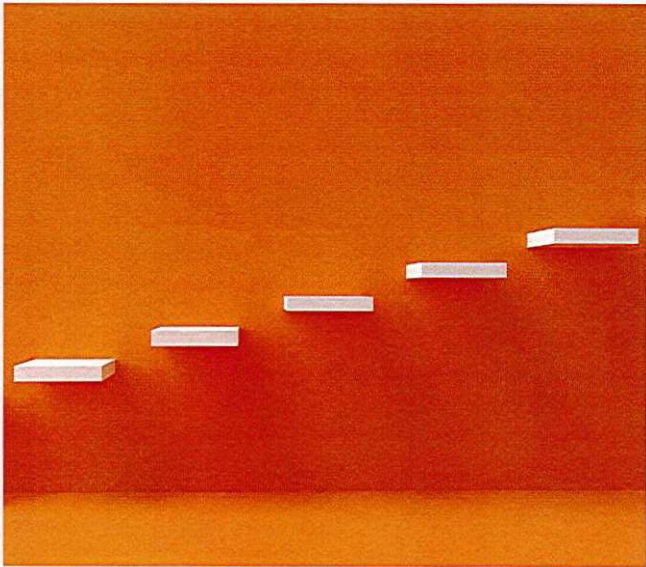


OACP

ENDORSEMENT

- OACP has endorsed the ONVSP plan to implement a standardized, province wide bail notification system.
 - equitable service across Ontario
 - alignment of best practices
 - real time notification
- Recognizing the role Victim Service providers play in ensuring safety and well-being of survivors.

NEXT STEPS



WHERE WE GO FROM HERE

- Continue to enrich partnerships with your local VCAO
 - Referrals
 - Fundraise
 - VCAO staff embedded in units
- Advocate for VCAO bail notification

THANK YOU

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP

- Together, we're building safer communities
- Questions or ideas? Contact kjodouin@vsnd.ca

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2025



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[Local MPP]

On behalf of the **[Name of Police Service]**, I am pleased to offer this letter in strong support of **Victim Crisis Assistance Ontario (VCAO)** agencies across the province and the development of a coordinated **Provincial Bail Notification Program**.

VCAO organizations are essential partners in community safety and well-being. They provide immediate, trauma-informed support to individuals and families affected by crime and tragic circumstances, often at the most vulnerable moments in their lives. Their staff and volunteers work closely with police services to ensure survivors receive timely safety planning, crisis intervention, and connections to critical supports. This partnership enhances our ability to respond effectively, reduces risk, and strengthens trust with those we serve.

Timely and reliable bail notification is a vital component of victim safety. The current system is inconsistent across jurisdictions and leaves survivors at risk when they are not informed of release conditions or bail decisions that may impact their safety planning. A province-wide bail notification program, led in partnership with VCAO agencies, will ensure victims receive clear, coordinated, and rapid notification, regardless of where the offence occurred or where the accused is released. This is not only a matter of safety but also an essential part of ensuring victims' rights, dignity, and confidence in the justice system.

The **[Name of Police Service Board]** fully supports:

1. **Strengthened investment in VCAO agencies**, recognizing them as critical frontline partners in community safety and in supporting survivors of crime.
2. **A standardized, province-wide bail notification system**, designed in partnership with police services, VCAOs, and justice partners to promote timely communication, reduce risk, and improve outcomes for victims.
3. **Ongoing collaboration between police and VCAO**, including shared training, coordinated response models, and information pathways that improve both public safety and victim care.

VCAO agencies deliver high-quality services that directly complement police response. A provincial bail notification program will further enhance our collective ability to keep communities safe and uphold the rights of survivors. We urge the Government of Ontario to move forward with the development, implementation, and sustainable funding of this program.

Thank you for your consideration. The **[Name of Police Service Board]** is committed to working collaboratively and constructively with our VCAO partners and with provincial ministries to support this important and urgently needed initiative.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Opposition to the Planned Closure of Cecil Facer Youth Centre

Dear Minister Kerzner and Minister Parsa,

On behalf of the Greater Sudbury Police Service Board, I am writing to express our deep concern and strong opposition to the planned closure of Cecil Facer Youth Centre, scheduled for 2027. As Northern Ontario's only youth detention facility for males aged 12–17, Cecil Facer is a critical component of the justice and rehabilitation system in our region. Its closure will have significant and negative repercussions for youth, families, police services, and the justice system across Northern Ontario.

Operational Impacts on Policing and Community Safety

The closure of Cecil Facer will create substantial operational hardships for the Greater Sudbury Police Service (GSPS) and other Northern Ontario police services. In 2024 alone, GSPS completed 80 local jurisdiction transports to and from Cecil Facer and traveled 11,218 kilometres for out-of-jurisdiction transports. With the closure, transports will be redirected to distant facilities in Brampton, Ottawa, Hamilton, and Thunder Bay—the latter requiring air travel.

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Each transport requires a minimum of two Special Constables, removing personnel from local community safety duties for extended periods. This will significantly increase staffing pressures, overtime costs, and operational risks.

Financial Hardships

The existing Court Security and Prisoner Transport Program has already resulted in annual shortfalls for GSPS. Between 2017 and 2024, funding allocations fell consistently short of actual expenditures, with deficits ranging from several hundred thousand dollars to well over a million in some years. Adding extended and more frequent prisoner transports will only exacerbate this structural funding gap and place an unsustainable financial burden on municipal taxpayers.

Human and Community Impacts

Beyond operational and financial concerns, the closure of Cecil Facer will harm vulnerable youth and their families. Proximity to family and guardians is vital to rehabilitation and reintegration. Forcing youth to serve custodial sentences far from their home communities will:

- Sever critical family and cultural support systems;
- Create significant barriers to visitation, often making it impossible;
- Impose psychological and emotional tolls on youth already at risk; and
- Undermine principles of rehabilitation central to the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

Our Position

The Greater Sudbury Police Services Board firmly believes that closing Cecil Facer will have disproportionate and harmful consequences for Northern Ontario communities. This decision prioritizes administrative convenience over the well-being of youth, families, and communities, while further straining already underfunded police resources.

We strongly urge the Government of Ontario to reconsider the planned closure and to maintain Cecil Facer Youth Centre as a critical Northern Ontario institution that supports both public safety and youth rehabilitation.

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We thank you for your attention to this matter and request an opportunity to meet and discuss viable alternatives.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gerry Loughheed, Jr.", is written over a faint, large watermark of the Greater Sudbury Police Service Board logo.

Gerry Loughheed, Jr.
Chair

cc:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
- Greater Sudbury City Council

Encl:

Letter from Kristina Fowler

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Operational Impacts on Policing and Community Safety

The closure of Cecil Facer will create substantial operational hardships for the NBPS and other Northern Ontario police services. In 2025 to date the NBPS completed 6 transports of youth detainees to and from Cecil Facer in all weather conditions, 129 kilometres each way for a total of 774 kilometers. This number although small in 2025 also requires the use of 2 members of the NBPS, normally Special Constables for a period of 3 hours each member has a cost of \$48.83 (salary and percentage in lieu of benefits) per hour for a total cost of each escort of approximately \$292.98, plus fuel. The time that these members are on the road transporting the youth in custody, has a further cost as the NPBS requires

additional staffing to ensure the security of the North Bay Court House is properly staffed in their absence.

In 2024 the NBPS had a total of 7 youth in custody transports to and from Cecil Facer, with the same amount of time and distance as outlined above.

With the distances of northern Ontario in 2025 to date the NBPS has had to transport other youth in custody particularly female youths out-of-jurisdiction including 1 to Sault Ste Marie a distance of 435 km one way, and over 5 hours of driving time each way in all weather conditions. We have also had to transport 2 female youth in custody to Thunder Bay and return, a driving distance of 1105km one way with a driving time of 12 hours in good weather. The Thunder Bay youth in custody transports because of the extreme distance now requires flights each way, which the Ministry pays for including the hourly wages, meals and lodging for the 2 Special Constables who are required to stay overnight.

As previously stated, each transport requires a minimum of two Special Constables, removing personnel from local community safety duties for extended periods. This will significantly increase staffing pressures, overtime costs, and operational risks.

Financial Hardships

The existing Court Security and Prisoner Transport Program has already resulted in annual shortfalls for the NBPS. For the last decade and more the funding allocations to the NBPS from the Ministry have fallen consistently short of actual expenditures. Adding extended and more frequent prisoner transports will only exacerbate this structural funding gap and place an unsustainable financial burden on municipal taxpayers.

Human and Community Impacts

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Further the youth are often released from the facility they are located at, by video, the burden then falls to the Ministry and Childrens Aid Society, both government funded to return the youth to their home communities. This further burdens the taxpayers, although not through the law enforcement stream.

North Bay Police Services Board Position

The North Bay Police Services Board firmly believes that closing Cecil Facer will have disproportionate and harmful consequences for Northern Ontario communities. It is not in the best interests of the youth, our members or the province as a whole to transport youth the distance of Cecil Facer, let alone the only other detention facilities in the north. Should the removal of youth from the communities of the north happen in the Greater Toronto Area, the distance that it does in the north that it would receive extensive negative attention.

This decision prioritizes administrative convenience over the well-being of youth, families, and communities, while further straining already underfunded police resources.

We strongly urge the Government of Ontario to reconsider the planned closure and to maintain Cecil Facer Youth Centre as a critical Northern Ontario institution that supports both public safety and youth rehabilitation.

We thank you for your attention to this matter and request an opportunity to meet and discuss viable alternatives.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Stivrins
Chair,
North Bay Police Services Board



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News

\$405,000 to Support Flood Recovery in the Township of Calvin

December 13, 2025

Province protecting communities by helping to repair local infrastructure

CALVIN– Vic Fedeli, MPP for Nipissing, announced that the Ontario government is providing the Township of Calvin with up to \$405,000 in provincial disaster recovery funding to help cover emergency response costs and critical infrastructure repairs due to flooding that occurred in June 2025. This financial support is being provided through the [Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance \(MDRA\) program](#) and is part of the province’s plan to protect Ontario with record investments in infrastructure that will help keep workers on the job and keep communities safe.

“We heard the call from the Township of Calvin that financial assistance was needed to support the repair of damages caused by the devastating storm this past summer. A state of emergency was declared, leaving roads washed out with a significant number of trees and powerlines down,” said MPP Vic Fedeli. “Today, the Ontario government is responding to that call by delivering up to \$405,000 in disaster relief funding for the town’s essential infrastructure repairs.”

He also like to thank the Calvin Volunteer Firefighters, who saved many lives the night of the storm,” added Fedeli.

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Calvin Township – just after the June 2025 storm

“It is with immense gratitude that the Municipality of Calvin receives notification of the flood recovery funding from the Province of Ontario. I personally want to thank Vic Fedeli for his constant support and work.”– Mayor Gould, Calvin Township.

“We know how devastating natural disasters can be to a community, and we are committed to supporting our municipal partners as they recover and rebuild,” said Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “When we were re-elected in 2025, it was with a promise to Protect Ontario, and that is something we are upholding through this funding for the Township of Calvin.”

On June 21, 2025, the Township of Calvin experienced heavy rainfall, causing flooding across the municipality. The funding will help the Township to cover the costs of repairing roads, culverts, and other essential infrastructure damaged by the flooding.



Calvin Township – road reconstruction

Ontario’s MDRA program assists municipalities in covering extraordinary emergency response costs and damages to essential property or infrastructure, such as bridges, roads, and public buildings, caused by a natural disaster.

Quick facts

- Environment Canada estimated that up to 87 mm of rain fell in the Township of Calvin over a two-hour period. This rainfall, along with damage, such as washed-out asphalt roads, indicates that this was a 1-in-100-year event.
- Eligible expenses under the program may include operating and capital costs that are over and above regular municipal budgets and are directly linked to the disaster.
- A municipality may be eligible for the program if its disaster-related costs reach a threshold of three per cent of its own-purpose taxation levy.

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