

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE**
OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

Notice of Motion

INTRODUCTION DATE: February 24, 2026

SUBJECT: Motion RE: Request to Amend Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry)

REQUESTED BY: Councillor Mavridis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Vizzari

WHEREAS Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry), 2000 currently restricts access to the Ontario Sex Offender Registry to law enforcement agencies, thereby limiting public awareness of individuals convicted of sexual offences residing within Ontario communities; and

WHEREAS enhanced public access to relevant information regarding registered sex offenders may support informed decision-making by residents and contribute to improved community safety, particularly for vulnerable populations including children; and

WHEREAS transparency and access to information are important components of public confidence in community safety measures, and a public-facing registry could be structured to balance public safety objectives with privacy considerations; and

WHEREAS municipalities, including the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, continue to receive resident concerns related to repeat and high-risk offenders and the impacts of a revolving-door justice system on local safety and quality of life;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake formally request that the Government of Ontario amend Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry), 2000 to permit appropriate and regulated public access to the Ontario Sex Offender Registry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council request the Government of Ontario to:

- a) Strengthen bail provisions and address the revolving-door justice system to ensure repeat and high-risk offenders are not released in a manner that compromises community safety;

- b) Implement stronger sentencing measures for serious criminal offences, particularly those involving children and other vulnerable persons; and
- c) Enhance and expand the Sex Offender Registry to include stronger monitoring, supervision, and restrictions for repeat and high-risk offenders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario, all Niagara-region Members of Provincial Parliament, and Niagara Region area municipalities.