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Re: Provincial Bail Notification Program

At its Regular Council Meeting held on April 20, 2026, Council supported the enclosed correspondence dated April 1, 2026 from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan regarding the Provincial Bail Notification Program.

Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

R26-04-164

Moved By Councillor Verbeek
Seconded By Deputy Mayor Shepley

That the correspondence from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan regarding Provincial Bail Notification Program, be received and supported; and

That a letter from the Town of Essex be sent to the Ministry of the Solicitor General and Essex OPP Detachment.



Carried

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "jmall", written in a cursive style.

Joseph Malandrucolo
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Enclosure

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RE: Provincial Ball Notification Program

Dear Leaders,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on April 1st, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the correspondence from the OPP Detachment Board – James Bay East.

Resolution No: 2026-04-01-04
Moved by: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

“Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the OPP Detachment Board – James Bay East regarding a Provincial Bail Notification Program as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the all OPP Detachment Boards, and all municipalities in Ontario.”

Carried.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

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February 20, 2026

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Dear Leaders,

On behalf of the OPP Detachment Board – James Bay East 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 OPP Detachment Board- James Bay East 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 OPP Detachment Board-James Bay East is committed to working collaboratively and constructively with our VCAO partners and with provincial ministries to support this important and urgently needed initiative.

Yours truly,

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