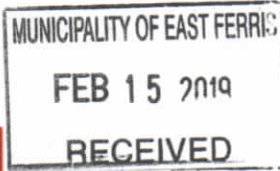


NEAR NORTH CRIME STOPPERS



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February 11, 2019

Mayor Pauline Rochefort
P.O. Box 85
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Corbeil, ON P0H 1K0

Dear Mayor Rochefort,

It's that time again!!

Near North Crime Stoppers will be hosting its biennial **Celebrity Jailathon** at Northgate Shopping Centre. On Thursday, May 2nd, 2019, accused persons will gather in the Centre Court area to have their fate determined. Court will be presided over by 'judges' who will convict participants for certain 'crimes'. We would like **you** to be one of our celebrities! 'Bail' is raised through pledges at your workplace, through friends or family – maybe someone will pay to keep you in! The amount, which averages \$300, is only a guideline. Our goal for this year's event is set at \$20,000.

Should you honour us by agreeing to participate in this worthwhile and fun event, we would need approximately one hour of your time on Thursday, May 2nd. We would ask you to 'attend court' at which time you would be put on trial for a light-hearted crime (i.e. 'Murdering the English language'). Court will be in session from 11am – 4pm.

Please confirm your participation by calling the Crime Stoppers office at 497-5555 ext. 507. Additional information and pledge sheets will be provided to you prior to the event to facilitate raising your bail in advance. If you're not able to participate but would like to make a donation, please make your cheque payable to Near North Crime Stoppers and mail to Box 382, North Bay, P1B 8H5. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations of \$25 or greater.

We thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Tracy Johnston
Executive Director
Near North Crime Stoppers
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Perhaps a friendly challenge between neighbouring community leaders would add to the excitement? All proceeds go towards TIP rewards and promotion of our local Crime Stoppers program.

Mary Houghton
Jailathon Chairperson
Near North Crime Stoppers

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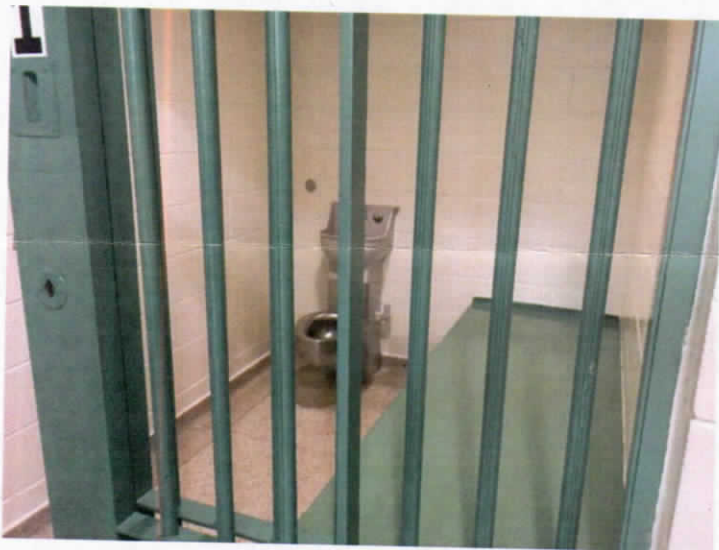
"Fingerprinting, DNA and Crime Stoppers are the top three innovations in modern-day policing."

Thomas B. O'Grady, Retired Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police

Record year for Crime Stoppers

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Tips are pouring in to [Near North Crime Stoppers](#) it appears.

So many that the group has set a new record...849, with over two-thirds submitted anonymously online to [Webtips](#).

Board Chair, Chad Evans, says the number one issue year-after-year is still drug related criminal activity.

"Board statistics show that, since inception in 1988, over \$51.6 million in illegal drugs have been recovered by police, thanks to anonymous tips received through Near North Crime Stoppers."

Police Coordinator, Jean Lemieux, points out that tips received have led police to recover a substantial amount of illegal drugs and stolen property this past year. Anonymous information also led to the arrest of 23 people in 2018, bringing the total number to 1,671 since 1988.

Executive Director, Tracy Johnston, says the non-profit organization is one of 1,200 programs in nearly two dozen countries around the world that have received information leading to the seizure of more than \$5.8 billion worth of drugs.

"Crime Stoppers makes the world a safer place by helping to solve a crime somewhere in the world, every 14 minutes, of every day."

January is Crime Stoppers month around the globe and this year's theme is 'Say it Here.'

Anyone with information about any criminal activity can 'Say it Here' by calling 476-TIPS (8477) or 1-800-222- TIPS (8477). The secure, encrypted [online tip form](#) is also available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.