



August 29, 2025

MPP Will Bouma, MP Larry Brock, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario municipalities

Sent via email: will.bouma@pc.ola.org

Dear MPP Will Bouma,

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held August 26, 2025 adopted the following:

12.3.1. Advocacy for Provincial Scrap Metal Legislation and Bail System Reform, 2025-421 - Councillor Hunt

WHEREAS a Town Hall meeting, hosted by Councillors of Ward 4 was held on Monday June 23, 2025, to discuss recommendations and actions taken to address ongoing concerns from local businesses regarding break-ins, theft and vandalism; and

WHEREAS Ward 4 businesses owners were invited to share their experiences and contribute to identifying actionable steps to theft concerns and help identify steps to foster a safer and more secure environment for businesses in Brantford; and

WHEREAS staff from the City of Brantford Bylaw & Security Department and representatives from Brantford Police Services provided presentations outlining current measures and actionable recommendations; and

WHEREAS business owners in attendance requested that a formal letter be drafted advocating for the transition of the municipal scrap metal bylaw into a provincial statute, to be addressed to MPP Will Bouma, Attorney General of

Ontario Doug Downey, MP Larry Brock and Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada Sean Fraser; and

WHEREAS business owners further requested that the letter include a call to strengthen the bail system to better protect communities by ensuring repeat offenders are not prematurely released.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT City Council DIRECT Staff to prepare a formal advocacy letter to MPP Will Bouma, Attorney General of Ontario Doug Downey, MP Larry Brock and Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada Sean Fraser, recommending the transition of the municipal scrap metal bylaw to a provincial statute. The letter to be completed by August 31, 2025, should also include:

- i. A request to strengthen the bail system to enhance community safety; and
 - ii. Testimonials from local business owners detailing the financial and operational impacts of break-ins, theft and vandalism, including threats to personal safety, and the financial burden of increased insurance cost; and
- B. THAT a copy of this resolution BE FORWARDED to MPP Will Bouma, MP Larry Brock, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario municipalities.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



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