

MOTION: Supporting Peel Police's call to convene a National Public Safety Summit

Moved by Councillor Santos; Seconded by Mayor Brown

Whereas:

- The City of Brampton, situated next to Canada's busiest international airport, is home to one of the country's largest intermodal freight corridors, with a rapidly growing diverse population, now the third largest in Ontario, making Brampton one of the most important urban centres in the GTHA; and
- The City of Brampton was on the frontlines of an evolving public safety crisis—one marked by violent auto thefts, high-risk home invasions, human trafficking, and the trafficking of illicit firearms, drugs, and fentanyl; and
- Organized crime networks continue to take advantage of gaps in our justice system and border infrastructure, with devastating consequences for residents, first responders, and communities; and
- The City of Brampton together with Peel Police, have been at the forefront of public safety modernization including innovative partnerships between governance and policing—such as raising the alarm on organized auto theft long before it became a national issue; and
- Since October 2021 the City of Brampton together with Peel Police, has advocated for stronger bail reform, more targeted federal penalties, and greater integration between local, provincial, and federal enforcement agencies; and
- Peel Regional Police—under the leadership of Chief Nishan Duraippah—has led major cross-border investigations, including a recent international partnership with the FBI that resulted in the dismantling of a transnational drug and firearms trafficking network; and
- Despite these efforts, the legal and policy frameworks that govern bail, border enforcement, and organized crime have not kept pace with the scale and sophistication of modern criminal operations; and
- The experience and leadership of Brampton and Peel Region have increasingly shaped the national conversation on public safety, with Chief Duraippah presenting at FCM's conference in May 2025: ***"Police Perspectives on Bail Reform: Breaking the Cycle of Repeat Offenders"***; and
- Councillors and Mayors across the country expressed support for the panelists and FCM's advocacy related to Public Safety and Bail Reform including the following recommendations from the panelists as summarized by the Mayor of Steinbach (Manitoba), who attended, and consistent with the City of Brampton's position:
 - The federal government needs to tighten bail laws so that judges are empowered to keep repeat violent offenders in prison.
 - Provinces need to streamline the provincial court system so that judges aren't faced with a massive backlog of cases.
 - Municipalities can assist with advocacy. Municipal politicians do not control the justice system, but we can advocate for change. The police chief on the FCM panel emphasized that when police chiefs speak, they get only limited attention from the media, but when municipal politicians speak, it attracts a lot more attention.
- The City of Brampton and more broadly the Region of Peel is uniquely positioned to contribute to a more coordinated national strategy.

- Peel Police plans to host a “**Victims/Survivors Symposium**” in the fall of 2025, to provide a platform for victims and their families, many of whom have courageously spoken out in media and legal forums, to share the real-life impacts of repeat violent offenders being released on bail, highlight the frontline public safety concerns from police leadership across Ontario and build a unified voice among police leaders, victims, and communities that the justice system must prioritize safety and accountability; and
- In follow-up to the aforementioned symposium, focusing on victims, Peel Police will be uniquely positioned to convene a National Public Safety Summit hosted in Brampton, in partnership with FCM and key national policing and governance bodies, to unify and amplify Canada’s advocacy efforts and influence national policy reform on pressing public safety priorities, especially regarding bail reform; and
- FCM’s First Vice-President, Councillor Tim Tierney of Ottawa, has been briefed on the idea for FCM to partner in convening a National Public Safety Summit in Brampton, and has expressed support.

Therefore be it resolved that:

- The City of Brampton, on behalf of Peel Police and consistent with Brampton’s ongoing advocacy since 2021 and FCM’s advocacy on Public Safety, request FCM’s partnership to convene a National Public Safety Summit in early 2026 with a clear mandate to generate a national action plan on public safety and justice reform;
- And that this National Public Safety Summit include representatives from all orders of government, Police Chiefs from across the country, and Provincial/Federal Ministers
- And that this motion be forwarded to the FCM Executive Board and Board immediately for upcoming meetings, the next Region of Peel Council, and AMO, BCM, OBCM, and federal and provincial Ministers of Justice and Public Safety, as soon as possible.