

Office of the Mayor

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Honourable Niki Sharma
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Dear Attorney General:


Re: Prolific Criminal Activity and the Justice System

I am writing to you today to share the concerns of not only Hope residents, but of other communities who have watched prolific criminals mock the justice system and escalate their aggressive activities. If we do not start doing something to change the justice system, these criminal elements will become mentors to the next generation. We are in a recession where the economy is tightening around us, which means inflation, less disposable income, and fewer jobs resulting in more crime. We know you cannot address all the criminal elements in each community, but the businesses and residents need to know we are working on a solution.

Our Council would like to propose looking at several prolific offenders in each community to evaluate the cause of the criminal activity including drugs, mental issues and way of life. As of now, if we are to take action in our community, we have five persons of major interest on our radar. If these individuals were dealt with and removed from our community, crime would drop by an estimated 70%. Additionally, this would take away the criminal anti-social mentors for the younger generation. This would be a game-changer for our RCMP in showing the difference they can make if given the reinforcement in their mandate and the increased public respect that comes with it. We must get this done!

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter, and I look forward to your response regarding the concerns I share with my fellow colleagues across BC municipalities.

Sincerely,



Victor Smith
Mayor