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Re: Request for Update on Public Safety Matters

Premier David Eby,

We are writing to request an update from the Province on matters related to public safety as they affect local governments across British Columbia.

Local governments play a significant role in supporting safe, healthy, and resilient communities. Our communities continue to face complex challenges arising from criminal activity, prolific offenders, mental health and addictions, and the impact of these issues on residents, businesses, and frontline workers.

Recently, the Province has announced initiatives to address public safety concerns. On the Province's *Stronger BC* webpage, it states, "every person in every community wants to feel safe." Our residents would undoubtedly agree. However, the ongoing strain on local resources remains significant as municipalities are called upon to fill gaps that extend beyond our mandate and capacity.

Council respectfully requests an update on the measures and policy changes the Province is developing and implementing to improve community safety. Considering recent events in our community, including the alleged arson and destruction of a prominent downtown business, we have a particular interest in the measures being taken to strengthen enforcement and crime prevention, address prolific offenders, and close service gaps in addiction and mental health supports.

Prince George seeks assurance that community safety remains a provincial priority and that tangible, sustainable, and collaborative solutions are underway. Timely coordinated efforts are essential to restoring public confidence in government and to supporting municipalities as we respond to these pressing challenges. More specifically, we request a public update on *Secure Care* facilities intended for northern British Columbia and your governments work regarding bail reform for prolific property offenders.

We look forward to your response and to continuing to work in partnership with the Province to ensure safe, vibrant, and resilient communities for all British Columbians.

With respect,

City of Prince George Council