

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MAY 20, 2003**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING  
INCARCERATION OF CRIMINALS CONVICTED OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER  
IN MINIMUM SECURITY FACILITIES**

**Recommendation**

Councillor Racco recommends that the following resolution be adopted by Council:

WHEREAS there are insufficient controls to prevent criminals convicted of first degree murder from being incarcerated in minimum security facilities;

WHEREAS some of these criminals have simply walked away from these institutions to become a serious risk to society as well as a tremendous drain on police resources in seeking out the return of these offenders;

WHEREAS the escape of these criminals from these insecure facilities cause serious public alarm; and

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council for the City of Vaughan support the Canadian Association of Police Boards in its efforts to express its concerns to the Solicitor General of Canada about criminals convicted of first degree murder being incarcerated in minimum security facilities, and request that immediate corrective action through changes to corrections policy be taken to prohibit the incarceration of criminals convicted of first degree murder in minimum security facilities.

**Purpose**

Council adoption of a resolution received from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent in support of a resolution passed by the Canadian Association of Police Boards requesting corrective action through changes to the corrections policy.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

Correspondence was received from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent advising that they had adopted a resolution in support of the resolution passed by the Canadian Association of Police Boards and requesting that Vaughan Council also adopt the resolution in support of the issue.

**Conclusion**

Adoption of the resolution by Council is requested.

**Attachments**

Correspondence and Resolution from Chatham-Kent  
Resolution - Canadian Association of Police Boards

Report prepared by:

Rose Magnifico, Assistant City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

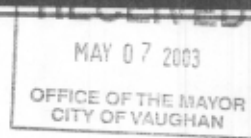
Councillor Mario G. Racco



## MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT

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May 5, 2003



**TO:** ALL REGIONAL MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTIES AND DISTRICTS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

**Re: Incarceration of Criminals Convicted of First Degree Murder in Minimum Security Facilities**

The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its meeting held on April 22, 2003 considered the above noted matter and the *attached* resolution was adopted in support of a resolution passed by the Canadian Association of Police Service Boards.

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent is seeking the support of your Council regarding the above issue. Please forward your response to the Solicitor General of Canada and provide a copy to the undersigned. We thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Yours very truly,

Brenda Percy,  
Information Coordinator,  
Administrative and Governance Services  
e-mail: [brendan@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:brendan@chatham-kent.ca)

**Attachment**

cc: Canadian Association of Police Boards  
Solicitor General of Canada  
Jerry Pickard, M.P. Chatham-Kent Essex  
Rose-Marie Ur, M.P. Lambton-Kent Middlesex  
Mayor and Members of Council  
Joe Pavelka, Chief Administrative Officer

Agenda/2003/letters and memos/All municipalities re Incarceration

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**COUNCIL OFFICE  
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### NOTICE OF COUNCIL DECISION

The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent adopted the following resolution at its meeting held on April 22, 2003:

**Re: Incarceration of Criminals Convicted of First Degree Murder in Minimum Security Facilities**

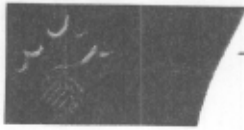
**"WHEREAS** there are insufficient controls to prevent criminals convicted of first degree murder from being incarcerated in minimum security facilities;

**WHEREAS** some of these criminals have simply walked away from these institutions to become a serious risk to society as well as a tremendous drain on police resources in seeking out the return of these offenders:

**WHEREAS** the escape of these criminals from these insecure facilities cause serious public alarm; and

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Council for the Municipality of Chatham-Kent support the Canadian Association of Police Boards in its efforts to express its concerns to the Solicitor General of Canada about criminals convicted of first degree murder being incarcerated in minimum security facilities, and request that immediate corrective action through changes to corrections policy be taken to prohibit the incarceration of criminals convicted of first degree murder in minimum security facilities."

Carried Unanimously.



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#### Resolution 01-1:

##### **Incarceration in Minimum Security Facilities**

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WHEREAS some of these criminals have simply walked away from these institutions become a serious risk to society as well as a tremendous drain on police resources seeking out the return of these offenders; and

WHEREAS the escape of these criminals from these insecure facilities causes serious alarm;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Association of Police Boards express its concern to the Solicitor General of Canada about criminals convicted of first degree murder being incarcerated in minimum security facilities, and request that corrective action through changes to corrections policy be taken to prohibit the incarceration of criminals convicted of first degree murder in minimum security facilities.

#### Resolution 01-2:

##### **Raves**

WHEREAS several young people in Canada have died as a result of drugs taken at raves, or as a result of traffic accidents involving fatigued youth leaving raves; and

WHEREAS research undertaken by police services in Canada and the United States revealed that dangerous psycho-active "designer" drugs such as Ecstasy, GHB and Ketamine are readily available at raves and are consumed by the majority of people attending raves; and

WHEREAS rave organizers fail to require identification as the events are advertised, and police are concerned that children under the age of 16 attending raves are in violation of the curfew in the Child and Family Services Act or other similar statutes;

WHEREAS raves are often held in unsafe and overcrowded venues, causing concern for police and fire marshals; and

WHEREAS there is a critical need for youth, parents, paramedics and emergency personnel to gain an understanding of raves, the health risks associated with them and the effects of using various "designer drugs" in combination;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Association of Police Boards request the federal government to:

- a) in collaboration with police organizations, develop and disseminate education regarding the dangers of raves and related drugs;
- b) examine possible legislative actions that could be taken in response to the dangers posed by raves; and
- c) develop a proactive harm reduction approach to providing support to those attending raves.