

Mid-Sized Cities Letter to Ministers**Report Purpose**

To seek Council approval on letters to the provincial and federal Ministers to advocate for more stringent penalties for drug trafficking and boarder enforcement options to address drug issues affecting community safety.

Recommendation

THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, sign the letters, as set out in enclosure 1 and enclosure 2 of the November 6, 2018 Council report.

Prioritized Goals

Goal 8 - Foster an environment for safe communities

Report

The Mid-sized Cities Mayors group is interested in advocating for more stringent penalties for drug trafficking and boarder enforcement options to address drug issues affecting community safety. As part of this advocacy effort, municipalities represented in the Mid-sized Cities group are being asked to send letters to the appropriate Minister. The draft letter to the Federal Minister of Justice regarding boarder enforcement options is included in enclosure 1 while the draft letter to the provincial Minister of Justice and Solicitor General is provided in enclosure 2.

Enclosures:

1. Letter to the Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould, Minister of Justice
2. Letter to the Honourable Kathleen Ganley Minister of Justice and Solicitor General