
To: Warden Barfoot and Members of Grey County Council
From: Tara Warder, Committee Coordinator
Date: November 22, 2016
Subject: Bill 21 – Ministry of Correctional Services Amendment Act (Parole), 2016

At the November 1, 2016 County Council Session, a resolution was included on the Council Agenda from the Township of Madawaska Valley in support of Bill 21 and changes to the parole system. The changes were brought forward by MPP John Yakabuski through Bill 21, An Act to amend the Ministry of Correctional Services Act in respect of parole.

County Council requested that staff provide more information to Council on the Bill.

The effect of the changes, if enacted, would be as follows:

- An inmate given parole has to sign their certificate of parole or they will not be released.
- If an inmate who committed sexual or domestic violence is given parole, their location must be monitored electronically, unless they do not pose a safety risk to their victim (as determined by the Ontario Parole Board)

Under the current Act, the Ontario Parole Board can release an inmate if they haven't signed this certificate if the Board believes compelling reasons exist to do so. The certificate of parole lists the conditions that the inmate must follow.

Currently, the Ontario Parole Board decides whether electronic monitoring will be a condition of parole.