

Owen Sound Correctional Facility Closure Correspondence Package

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Grey Bruce Crystal Meth Task Force

May 13, 2011

The Honourable Jim Bradley
Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services
25 Grosvenor Street, 18th Floor
Toronto, ON
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Dear Sir,

RE: Closure of Owen Sound and Walkerton Jails

We are writing to you on behalf of the Grey Bruce Crystal Meth Task Force to express great concern regarding the plan to close the Owen Sound and Walkerton Jails.

Our Task Force was established in July, 2009 in response to concern about the increasing prevalence of crystal meth in Grey Bruce and its terrible impact on individuals, families and communities. There is a reason for concern: a snapshot survey of local human service organizations revealed that, at the time of the survey, 41% of the inmates in the Walkerton jail were meth users as were 40% of the individuals on probation. And a review of annual service delivery data collected by 2 local addiction programs revealed that as many as 19% of the clients served from 5 high-risk communities were meth users (compared to a provincial average of 1.3-1.4%).

Our Task Force includes senior representatives from the health, social services, education and criminal justice systems as well as municipal politicians. We are working together to develop a comprehensive drug strategy to address education/prevention, harm reduction, treatment and enforcement/community safety.

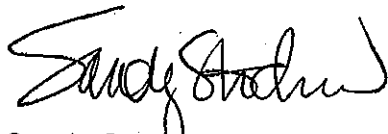
Our Task Force believes that the closure of the jails in Owen Sound and Walkerton will have a very negative, long-term impact on one of the most vulnerable segments of our population and on their families. We are referring to individuals with mental health and/or addiction problems who come into conflict with the law. These individuals comprise a significant percentage of the inmates in the Walkerton and Owen Sound jails. We believe that they require and can benefit from timely access to mental health and addiction services. We note that a local mental health program that provides outreach services to inmates has been very successful. Given this, our Task Force had hoped to pilot a similar program to offer outreach addiction services to the Walkerton jail and the Walkerton court. The closure of the local jails will compromise the operation of the mental health program and severely limit the impact of the addiction service pilot.

The closure of these facilities will deprive people of timely access to treatment and limit their access to the family support that is so critical to their recovery. Clinical staff will be hampered in making referrals to residential treatment programs, as those referrals require a level of communication with clients that will be severely constrained by distance.

We note that, because they will be incarcerated so far away from their home communities, inmates from Grey-Bruce will be unable to exercise the option they currently have to apply for intermittent sentencing. That option enables them to maintain employment and to support their families. The loss of this option is likely to cost them their jobs and this will create further hardship for them and for their families. It will also represent an economic burden for the local community and social services.

We urge you to reconsider the closure of these facilities. They are key partners in our human service system and they have worked hard to establish programs and partnerships that support offender rehabilitation and promote the recovery of those suffering from mental health and addiction problems.

Thank you for your consideration.



Sandy Stockman,
Executive Director
HopeGreyBruce Mental Health & Addictions Services
Co-Chair, Grey Bruce Crystal Meth Task Force



Terry Sanderson,
Director of Social Services, Bruce County
Co-Chair, Grey Bruce Crystal Meth Task Force

Cc: Arlene Wright, Grey County Warden
Mike Smith, Bruce County Warden
Deborah Haswell, Mayor of Owen Sound
Dave Inglis, Mayor of Brockton
Kathi Maskell, Mayor of Hanover
Bill Murdoch, MPP, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
Carol Mitchell, MPP, Huron Bruce



Larry J. McCabe, B.A., A.M.C.T.
Clerk-Administrator

May 12, 2011

City of Owen Sound
Attention: Deborah Haswell
808 2nd Avenue East
Owen Sound, Ontario
N4K 2H4

YOUR WOULD HELP
Dear Ms. Haswell,
JCB

RE: Request for Support of Resolution-Owen Sound Jail/Correctional Facility Closure

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the May 9, 2011 regular meeting of Council;

Moved by Councillor Yates

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Grace

That Council support the letter from the City of Owen Sound, dated April 12, 2011 regarding a request for support of resolution-Owen Sound Jail/Correctional Facility Closure.

CARRIED~

Yours truly,

Larry J. McCabe
Clerk-Administrator

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May 11, 2011

Legislative Assembly of Ontario
111 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Dear Sirs or Mesdames:

Re: Proposed Owen Sound Jail Closure

The Owen Sound and District Chamber of Commerce is aware that the Government of Ontario intends to close the Owen Sound and Walkerton jails without public input. This proposed closure would force staff working in these facilities to relocate resulting in a loss of job for staff and a negative economic impact on their families and broader communities in which they work.

The proposed closure will further have a negative impact on justice for the accused and offenders as they will be forced away from their communities and for aboriginal offenders they will also be removed from local native resources.

The Owen Sound and District Chamber of Commerce supports that the Owen Sound and Walkerton Jails remain open until such time as public input is received regarding these facilities or the opening of a new regional correctional facility.

Yours very truly,

W. Joanne Horton
President - Owen Sound and District Chamber of Commerce

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GEORGIAN BLUFFS

MOVED BY: DA Barfoot
SECONDED BY: A Barfoot

NO: 140-201
DATE: May 4th, 2011

Whereas the provincial government has slated the Walkerton and Owen Sound Jails for closure;

And whereas the closures will result in the loss of over 95 jobs and more than 6.5 million dollars from the local economy;

And whereas the closure will result in higher court security costs that will be a burden on Georgian Bluffs taxpayers;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs opposes the closure of the jails;

And further that the Municipality will work with various stakeholders, including the Ontario Public Service Employee Union (OPSEU) to fight the closures.

CARRIED DEFEATED

[Signature]
MAYOR

RECORDED VOTE			
Councillor Carol Barfoot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Councillor Judy Gay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Councillor Robert Lennox	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Councillor Ryan Thompson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Councillor Tom Wiley	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Deputy Mayor Dwight Burley	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mayor Alan Barfoot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Name

Name

Disclosed his/her/their interest, abstained from and did not vote on the question.

Clerk

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Township of Chatsworth

Date May 6, 2011

Moved by

[Signature]

Seconded by

[Signature]

Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Chatsworth support the OPSEU workers fight to prevent the closing of the Owen Sound and Walkerton jails

passed ✓

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May 11, 2011.

City of Owen Sound
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Attention: Lois O'Neill
Acting City Clerk

Dear Ms. O'Neill:

Re: Closure of Jails

Please be advised that at a regular Council Meeting of the Municipality of Meaford held May 9th, 2011, the following resolution was passed:

***Whereas** the provincial government has deemed it necessary to close jails in Owen Sound and Walkerton; and*

***Whereas** the estimates to renovate these 2 facilities is arguably overestimated; and*

***Whereas** the 2 jails are continuously at over 90% capacity; and*

***Whereas** the transfer of intermittent prisoners outside of the area, will become expensive, impractical and possibly illegal according to the Charter of Rights; and*

***Whereas** the closure of the jails will mean a loss of employment, income and spending power in areas of Ontario that are already financially stressed;*

***Now therefore** be it resolved that the Municipality of Meaford hereby request the provincial government to revisit their decision to close the Owen Sound and Walkerton jails, with intention of keeping them open to serve Grey-Bruce and surrounding areas, including First Nations reserves; and further*

That a copy of this resolution be sent to neighbouring municipalities, our local MPPs, Minister of Correctional Services Bradley, Attorney General Barrett, and leaders of the opposition in Ontario."

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela Fettes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Pamela Fettes
Clerk

/js

cc: County of Grey
MPP Grey County
Premier Dalton McGuinty
Minister of Correctional Services Bradley
Attorney General Barrett
Leaders of the Opposition in Ontario

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May 10, 2011

Premier Dalton McGuinty
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
TORONTO ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier McGuinty:

Re: Owen Sound Jail/Correctional Facility Closure

City Council, at its meeting held on May 9, 2011 considered the above noted matter and the following resolution was adopted:

"WHEREAS the closure of the Owen Sound jail will result in a three million dollar loss to the economy of this area; and

WHEREAS the closure of the Owen Sound Jail will result in the loss of jobs for those sentenced to part time service and cause considerable hardship to their families; and

WHEREAS the closure of the Owen Sound Jail will result in additional costs to the Owen Sound taxpayer for Court Security with prisoners spending more time at the Owen Sound Court House; and

WHEREAS the closure of the Owen Sound Jail will cause the uprooting of close to fifty families; and

WHEREAS the closure of the Owen Sound Jail will cause the removal of children from local schools and a further loss of jobs; and

WHEREAS the closure of the Owen Sound Jail will result in a loss of health funded community based mental health and substance abuse programs currently available to support inmates and their transition back into the community; and

WHEREAS the closure of the Owen Sound Jail will result in a loss of women's access to their children and local support services when they are transported hours from the community; and

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WHEREAS the closure of the Owen Sound Jail will result in a loss of culturally appropriate support services for First Nations and Aboriginal inmates to support their transition back into the community,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Owen Sound requests that the Owen Sound Jail be maintained as it is until such time that a new facility can be built in this area, and further

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Honourable Premier Dalton McGuinty, Honourable Jim Bradley, Minister of Community Safety & Correctional Services, Tim Hudak, Ontario Progressive Conservative Party, Andrea Horwath, Ontario New Democratic Party, Bill Murdoch, MPP, Bruce Grey Owen Sound and Wardens of Grey and Bruce Counties."

The City of Owen Sound looks forward to hearing a positive response from you respecting this matter.

Yours truly,



Mayor Deborah Haswell
City Of Owen Sound

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- c: Honourable Jim Bradley, Minister of Community Safety & Correctional Services
Tim Hudak, Ontario Progressive Conservative Party
Andrea Horwath, Ontario New Democratic Party
Bill Murdoch, MPP, Bruce Grey Owen Sound
Arlene Wright, Warden, County of Grey
Mike Smith, Warden, County of Bruce

The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

No. 11413-131 Session: May 9, 2011

Moved By: [Signature] Seconded By: [Signature]

WHEREAS on March 29, 2011, Finance Minister Dwight Duncan announced in the Provincial Budget that the Walkerton Jail is scheduled to be closed;

AND WHEREAS it has been stated that the Jail is being closed because it is under-utilized,

AND WHEREAS it has since been confirmed that because Walkerton Jail operates as a remand centre and houses intermittent offenders, a very significant component of the justice system, the per diem cost per inmate will always be much higher than that of "warehouse" style super jails that house sentenced inmates;

AND WHEREAS 95% of inmates are incarcerated at the Walkerton Jail as a result of drug abuse; of that 95%, 50% are directly related to use of crystal meth;

AND WHEREAS the Crystal Meth Task Force has already identified the lack of resources to this area and with the financial support from Bruce and Grey Councils, were moving forward with a plan in partnership with the Walkerton Jail which is now stalemated;

AND WHEREAS statistics have proven that Bruce County is at high risk for drug and alcohol abuse and the presence of a local jail and intermittent sentencing and the social programs that are offered is critical to our communities;

AND WHEREAS the Walkerton Jail is strategically and geographically located in an area that is central to the courts, policing services, lawyers, legal aid services, probation and parole services and the offenders in Bruce, Grey and Huron Counties;

AND WHEREAS the Walkerton location offers efficiencies to other stakeholders in the large picture to the overall operation of the justice system, not just the single sole element of corrections;

AND WHEREAS the structural and operational integrity of the Walkerton Jail meets the necessary standards and while it may be 150 years old, it is still very functional and worthy of continued operations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the of the Municipality of Brockton requests the Provincial Government to reconsider their decision to close the Walkerton Jail.

MEMBER OF COUNCIL	YEA	NAY
ANSTETT, Roland		
GIBBONS, Anne-Louise		
HUTCHEON, Kym		
INGLIS, David		
PEABODY, Christopher		
REIDL, Charles		
WHITE, Jeff		
TOTALS		

CARRIED [Signature]

DEFEATED _____

The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

No. 11-13-132

Session: May 9, 2011

Moved By: C. Peabody

Seconded By: K. Hutcheon

Whereas the closure of the Walkerton jail is strongly opposed by the citizens of Brockton.

Whereas 6,000 signatures to save our jail have been collected in Bruce County alone.

Be it resolved that the Municipality sponsor a 'Save Our Jail Bus' to deliver the petitions to our M.P.P. - Carol Mitchell, at the Ontario Legislature.

Be it further resolved that the Municipality fund this action against the jail closure.

MEMBER OF COUNCIL	YEA	NAY
ANSTETT, Roland		
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REIDL, Charles		
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CARRIED David Inglis

DEFEATED _____

HopeGreyBruce

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April 12, 2011

The Honourable Jim Bradley
Minister of Community Safety & Correctional Services
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Dear Sir,

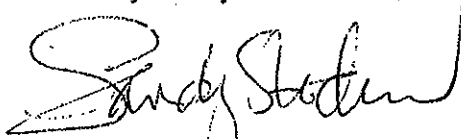
RE: Closure of Owen Sound and Walkerton Jails

I am writing this letter in support of the Owen Sound and Walkerton Jails. HopeGreyBruce Mental Health and Addiction Services has worked collaboratively with both facilities for years, offering outreach services to inmates, many of whom are challenged by mental health and addiction problems.

The closure of either of these facilities would deprive people of timely access to treatment, as well as limiting their ability to access family support as they embark on a treatment path. Such support is often pivotal for client success. Clinical staff will be seriously hampered in their attempts to make referrals to residential treatment programs, as those referrals require a level of communication with clients that will be severely limited by distance. Inmates will also be prevented from exercising the option of applying for temporary absence programs.

I would urge you to reconsider any decision that would terminate the operation of these two facilities. Both have demonstrated a record of working hard to establish programs and partnerships designed to assist in offender rehabilitation and to address the core issues of those suffering from mental health and addiction concerns. We look forward to the opportunity to further develop our relationship, with a view to offering our clients effective and efficient clinical services.

Thank you for your consideration.



Sandy Stockman, Executive Director
HopeGreyBruce Mental Health & Addictions Services

Cc: Arlene Wright, Grey County Warden
Mike Smith, Bruce County Warden
Deborah Haswell, Owen Sound Mayor
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April 12, 2011

The Honourable Jim Bradley MPP
Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services
George Drew Building
18th Floor
25 Grosvenor Street
TORONTO ON M7A 1Y6

Dear Minister Bradley:

Re: Owen Sound Jail/Correctional Facility Closure

The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound and the Corporation of the County of Grey are working together in collaboration with the Corporation of the County of Bruce to keep a correctional facility in this area.

City Council at their Special Meeting of City Council on Monday, April 11, 2011, adopted the following resolution:

"WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has announced the closure of the correctional facility located in the City of Owen Sound, and

WHEREAS a Provincial Correction Facility has been located in the City of Owen Sound since the 1800s and is an important part of the correctional services system in Grey County; and

WHEREAS closure of the Owen Sound correctional facility and relocation of correctional services to facilities located several hours from the City of Owen Sound will have a negative impact on the families and citizens of Grey County; and

WHEREAS closure of the Owen Sound correctional facility and relocation of correctional services outside Grey County will have a negative impact on the employees and their families who work in the Owen Sound correctional facility; and

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WHEREAS closure of the Owen Sound correctional facility and relocation of correctional services outside Grey County will have a negative impact on the ability of those charged or convicted of an offence to meet in person with legal counsel; and

WHEREAS the Province recently invested over \$200,000 in upgrades to the Owen Sound Correctional Facility; and

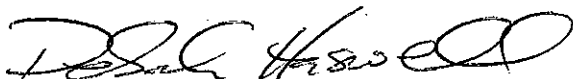
WHEREAS the removal of the jail will have a direct impact on the economy of this area and cause further hardship to the local ratepayers and service providers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Owen Sound requests that the Provincial Government of Ontario postpone the closure of the Owen Sound Correctional Facility until a new correctional facility can be built in a fully serviced community in Grey County in order to fairly accommodate the needs of those citizens convicted of minor offences and their families, the employees of the facility and their families, and further

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Honourable Premier Dalton McGuinty, Honourable Jim Bradley, Minister of Community Safety & Correctional Services, Bill Murdoch, MPP, Bruce Grey Owen Sound, Wardens of Grey and Bruce Counties, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Ontario Association of Police Chiefs."

The City of Owen Sound would be pleased to work with you and your Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services staff to move this project forward.

Yours truly,



Mayor Deborah Haswell

/lko

c: Honourable Premier Dalton McGuinty
Bill Murdoch, MPP, Bruce Grey Owen Sound
Arlene Wright, Warden, County of Grey
Mike Smith, Warden, County of Bruce
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April 12, 2011

Honourable Jim Bradley
Minister for Community Safety and
Correctional Services
25 Grosvenor Street, 18th Flr.
Toronto, Ont. M7A 1Y6

Dear Mr. Bradley,

I am writing to you as the Co-Chair of the Human Services Justice Co-ordinating Committee for Grey-Bruce, which focuses on issues relating to the intersection of mental health and the criminal justice system and has 42 community stake-holders as members. I am the Legal Manager for Legal Aid Ontario for Grey and Bruce Counties and act as duty counsel in both Walkerton and Owen Sound courts.

I wish to convey to you the following concerns regarding the Ministry decision to close the Owen Sound and Walkerton jails as expressed to me by a number of committee members:

- The long-distance between Walkerton and Owen Sound and the Penetang jail would mean that the individuals in custody will be isolated from their community, their family, their support groups, and their lawyers. While on paper it is "only" a 2 hour drive (one-way) in good weather, there is no public transportation available and often an inability to arrange rides when there is no reliable car available or money for gasoline. This isolation can result in increased mental health issues both for the individuals in custody and for their family members. The net result may be increased involvement in the criminal justice system in the future and more demand for mental health services, both which carry a substantial cost. This isolation is particularly difficult for some of our most vulnerable clients who are already in a particularly fragile mental health state which brought them into the criminal justice system. Telephone access when in custody is very limited
- We live in an area where winter driving is particularly hazardous due not only to snow and icy roads but also to blowing snow, often resulting in dangerous road conditions or closed roads. This heightens the isolation and further limits the possibility of family visits. The result is a significant safety risk for 35% of the year not only for the visiting family members but also for the police officers and the accused when driving the accused to court appearances.

- The isolation is heightened for our First Nations individuals in custody. We have two reserves in our two counties - The Chippewas of Nawash and the Saugeen First Nation. Statistics across Canada show that aboriginal individuals are in custody disproportionate to their population in relation to the non-native population. Many members of our First Nations communities have extremely limited access to transportation.
- The distance to the Penetang jail would effectively mean an end to our clients' ability to maintain their employment by serving intermittent sentences. This will result in a large ripple effect of social costs, including increased reliance on social assistance by family members.
- Legal Aid Ontario does not have the funds to pay travel costs or travel time to out of area lawyers other than on an exceptional basis. Individuals in custody would be reliant on having private consultations with their lawyers only when they appear in the Walkerton and Owen Sound courts, aside from a brief discussion when in video bail court (if his or her lawyer was available) . The limited ability to have private consultations with lawyers will increase the length of time accused are in custody prior to setting a trial date or resolution, which is contrary to the JOT initiative that is currently a priority of the Ministry of the Attorney-General.

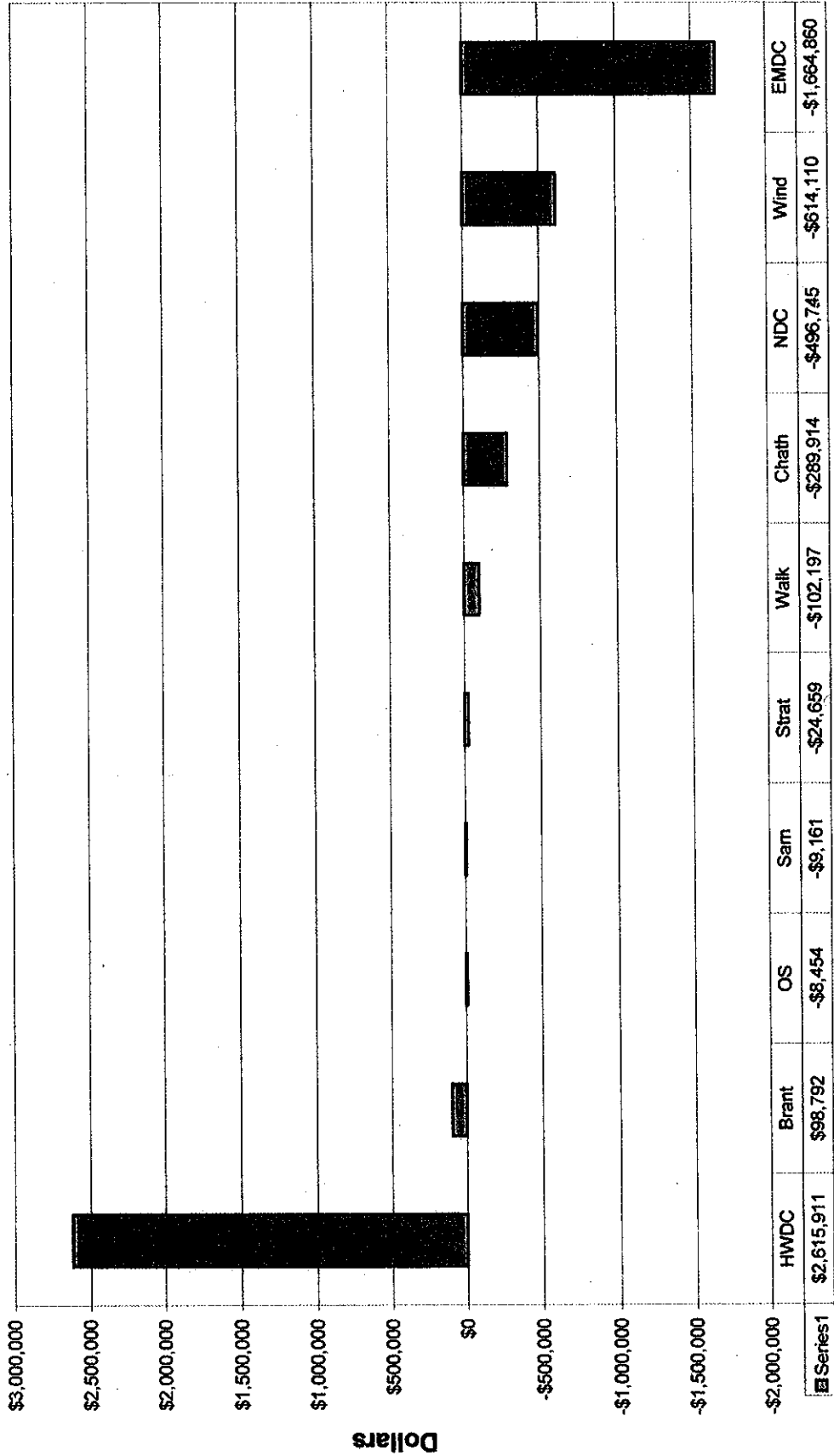
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Yours very truly



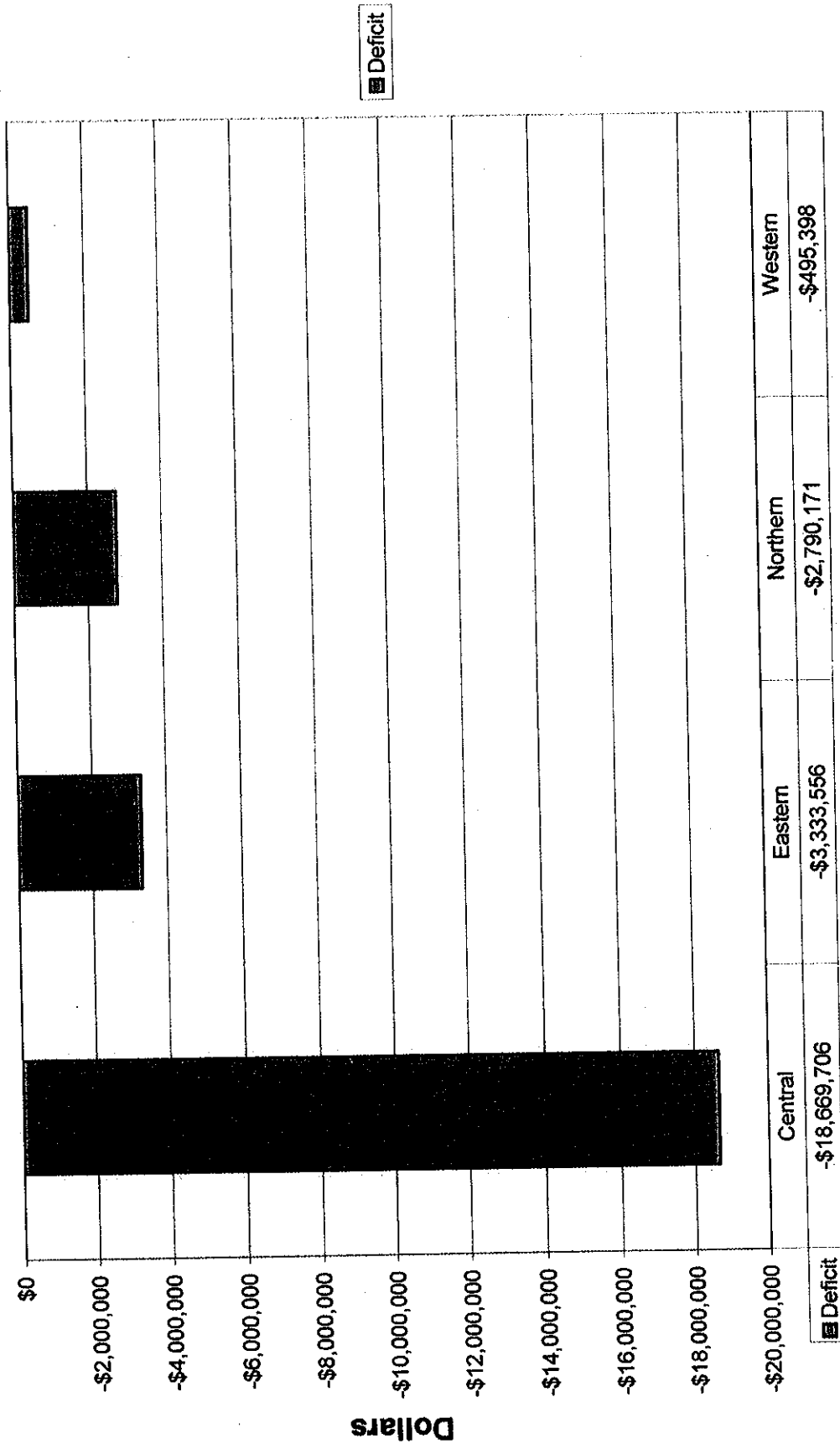
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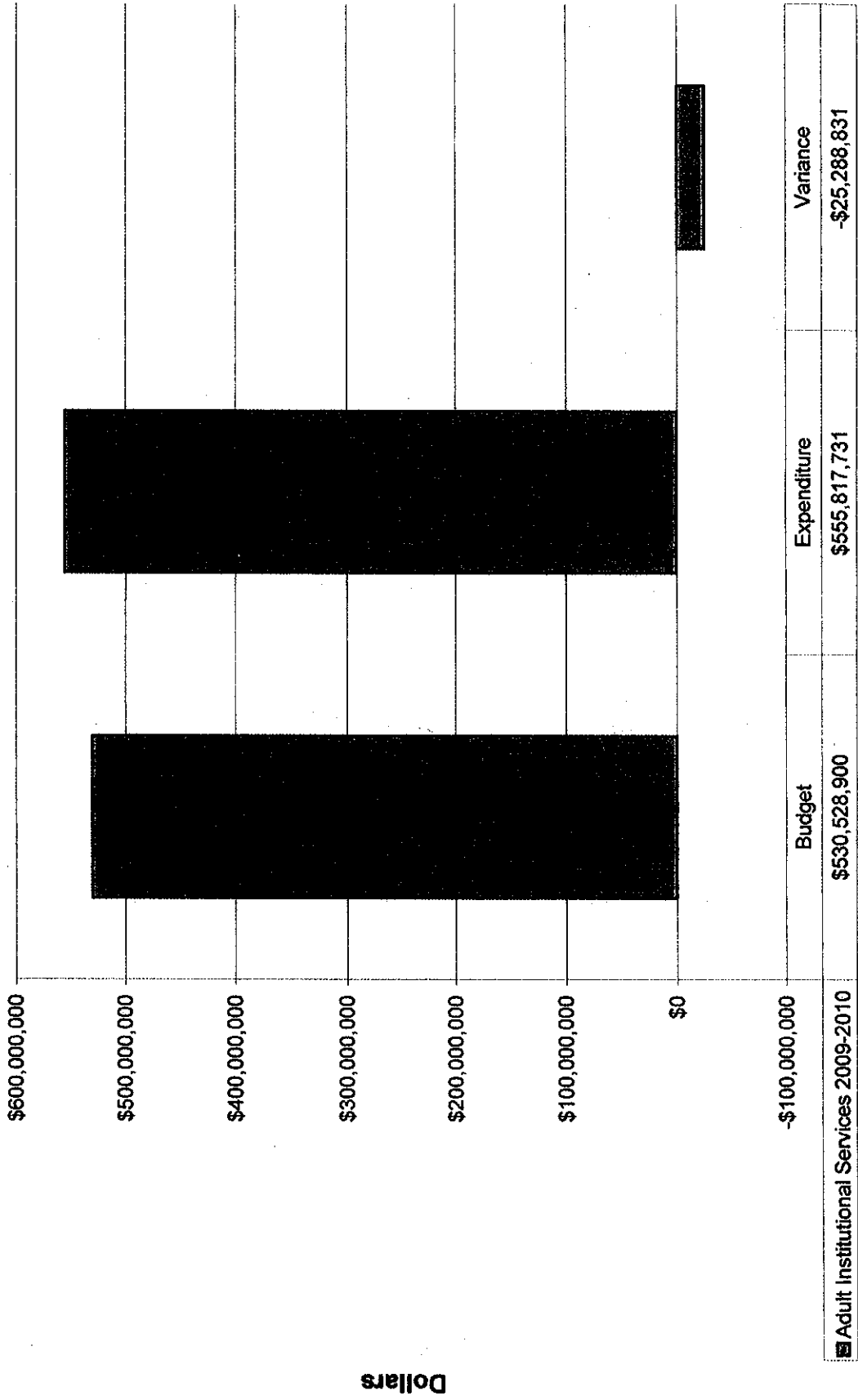


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PETITION FOR SAVING OUR JAILS

To The Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS The Ontario Provincial Government has unilaterally ordered the closing of the Owen Sound and Walkerton Provincial Jails with no public input.

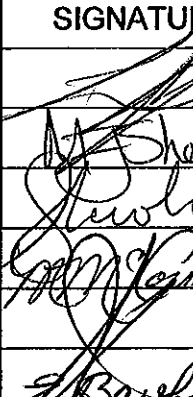
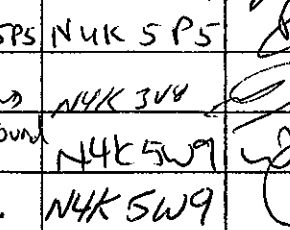


WHEREAS Staff of both facilities will be forced to relocate from their home communities and the two rural municipalities will lose up to 3 million dollars in wages spent there.

WHEREAS the local aboriginal offenders will be forced away from their communities and local native resources. All offenders will be moved out of their localities, rehabilitative resources and family visitation. Intermittent sentenced offenders will have jobs placed in jeopardy .as the travel to Penetanguishine will be to great.

WHEREAS rural communities hard hit by recession and manufacturing job loss need these well paying jobs in their community

WE the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

That Premier McGuinty support the Owen Sound and Walkerton Jails remain open until such time as a new regional Corrections Facility can be opened

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C. CONLAN	P.O. Box 730 O.S.	N4K 5W9	

Please fill out this petition in the space provided only. Do not use the backside of this form.
Please return to your local president or steward.

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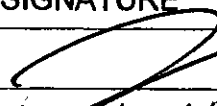

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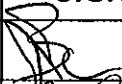


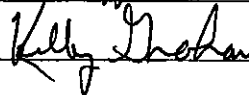
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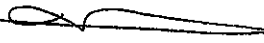
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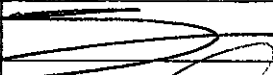
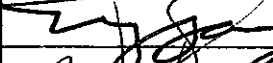

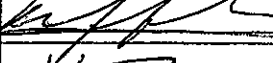



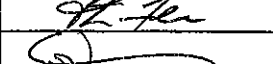


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April 11, 2011

Hon. Jim Bradley
Minister for Community Safety
& Correctional Services
25 Grosvenor Street, 18th Flr.
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y6

Dear Mr. Bradley:

I am writing to you as Executive Director of the Grey-Bruce Community Legal Clinic, a provider of free legal information and services to low-income residents of Grey and Bruce Counties.

It is our position that the Ministry's decision to close the local jails in Walkerton and Owen Sound will have a negative impact on our communities as a whole, but will cause greatest hardship for those of limited means.

Most of our clients can ill afford the extra time and expense involved in visiting and supporting family members who are in custody many hours from their home communities. Taking those in short term custody out of our communities and away from their families will also increase the emotional strain on families who are already under stress.

Further, closing these jails will deprive those in short term custody of the ability to sustain local employment by serving sentences on weekends, thereby increasing the likelihood of families having to resort to social assistance.

For these reasons and many others, including the loss of local jobs, I strongly urge you to reconsider the decision to close our local jails.

Yours very truly,



David Haldenston, BA, JD
Executive Director



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April 11, 2011

Attention: Mayor D. Haswell

I am a social work clinician with the Canadian Mental Health Association Grey Bruce and am the Program Manager for Mental Health Court Support Services. I am writing to express my concerns regarding the announced closure of the Owen Sound and Walkerton jails.

Our program is funded through the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and has been in place for six years. In that time we have increased our staffing team from four full time workers to six to include Release Planners for both jails to assist incarcerated people with mental health problems to reintegrate back into the community with supports and services. Statistics bear out the benefit of these services for persons with mental health problems in reduced recidivism, fewer hospital admissions and greater community safety. The closure of the jails will greatly impede our ability to deliver these important services. Our workers go into the jails regularly to conduct assessments, obtain signed consents to allow us to obtain hospital records and other supporting documents and provide support for these vulnerable clients. We provide letters and reports for the Courts based on these assessments regarding the person's mental health status to enable the Judge, Crown and Counsels to make informed decisions regarding these offenders. It would be extremely difficult to accurately assess someone through a video link and highly unlikely that we could engage someone with a mental health problem successfully without a face to face interview.

The greatest frustration in this matter is the lack of any type of consultation with the stakeholders in our community. The separate ministries appear to operate in silos with no knowledge of what the other ministries are doing. The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care has invested heavily in Court Support Services throughout the province due the increase in numbers of mental health clients represented in the justice system. Approximately 30 percent of persons incarcerated have mental health problems. If Concurrent Disorders were included that statistic would be greatly increased. Our agency collaborates with a large number of other stakeholders in the community through the Human Services Justice Coordinating Committee (HSJCC) to improve access to and effectiveness of our community resources for the hard to serve who often come into contact with the law. There are forty two members representing a broad cross-section of organizations. In terms of cost savings there is only one tax payer. It would be of much greater benefit to seek solutions to fiscal issues with the same type of collaborative approach between ministries so that one hand does not simply take from the other. It is difficult to understand how our government could invest millions in a new court house in Owen Sound and then remove the jail. We have a very active Task Force in Grey and Bruce that was formed to deal with the Crystal Meth problem identified in this area. The Task Force has been strongly supported and funded by both Grey and Bruce counties to place an addictions worker in the court, something that could be negatively affected by the jail closure.

The repercussions in terms of costs for transporting offenders, additional remands to allow contacts with lawyers as well as our services, lack of support from informal and formal services for these vulnerable offenders due to distance, the list is endless. The rural nature of our area already presents a great number of challenges in trying to meet service needs. There is a vast



area to cover in the two counties, no public or other form of transportation for a population that are often poor, on disability pensions and unable to access services because of these barriers. It is my hope that this decision will be reconsidered and time taken to carefully understand the implications for our community. Thank you for your attention to this very serious matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Lerant, M.S.W., R.S.W.
Program Manager, Court Support Services
Canadian Mental Health Association Grey Bruce



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April 6, 2011

The Honourable Jim Bradley
Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services
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Dear Honourable Bradley:

Subject: Ontario Walkerton Jail, 209 Cayley Street, Walkerton

As the Mayor of Brockton, this letter is to address the unanticipated announcement of the impending closure of the Walkerton jail. The significant and negative implications of closing the Walkerton jail would be considerable and affect not only the Brockton community, but the County of Bruce. The full damaging impact of the jail closure cannot be appropriately estimated at this time.

Initial and immediate significant concerns/issues to appeal to this decision are as follows:

Loss of Jobs and Economic Impact

Forty (40) jobs will be gone from our community which represents close to \$3,000,000 in lost economic income within the Municipality. This would be similar to dissolving a small industry from within our rural community. Support is required in small communities, NOT the removal of jobs. The work of service providers of the jail will also disappear, directly negatively impacting additional employment within the community.

Increased Cost to the Municipality

The transportation of inmates from court to the Penetanguishe prison, which is located a significant distance away from Walkerton, generates a significant increase in travelling hours. In Brockton's case, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are responsible for the transportation of inmates. The transportation time required will incur increased cost to our Municipality which will be reflected in our service contract with the OPP.

Presuming the Province remunerated the Municipality for those inmates that are remanded back and forth to the courts, it is believed the OPP would still be fiscally responsible for the first initial trip from court to the Penetanguishene prison. This cost which would be billed back to the Municipalities with an estimated increase in thousands of Municipal dollars to the annual police contract budget.

Prison Programs and Counselling

Concerns regarding convictions that involve the weekender program pose logistical challenges. Those inmates who would typically serve time on week-ends, for lesser offences, to permit continuance at school and employment during the work week, would no longer be able to take part in this program because of the significant distance to the Penetanguishene facility.

As a member of the **Grey Bruce Crystal Meth Task Force**, the committee concurs that family support is especially important for addictions. Counselling done close to home is always much more productive and ideal for those young people who are caught in the grips of this terrible drug addiction.

Condition of the Jail

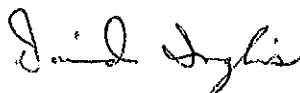
The statement indicating, "The Walkerton jail is prohibitive to repair.", is a statement which needs to be challenged as it is actually not correct. The Walkerton jail has been maintained both by the County and the tenant, and while there are several projects that could be implemented, the facility is fully functional. An estimate on those projects has been said to be in the \$100,000 range.

Recommended Solutions

1. Implement the necessary facility up-grades to the Walkerton jail for the reasons listed above.
2. Build a new modern 120 bed jail next to the new OPP station in Walkerton. It would be new and designed to be less expensive to operate. It would be central to the needs of Goderich, Walkerton and Owen Sound courts. Goderich is an hour away, Owen Sound just 45 minutes to their new courthouse.

Honourable Bradley, thank you for the opportunity to discuss our Municipality today and the Walkerton jail issue. We look forward to working with the Ministry of Safety and Correctional Services and Minister Carol Mitchell, MPP for Huron-Bruce, to obtain an appropriate resolution.

Regards,



David Inglis
Mayor, Municipality of Brockton

cc: Honourable Carol Mitchell
MPP Huron-Bruce

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April 4, 2011

Ms. Deborah Haswell
Mayor
City of Owen Sound
808 2nd Avenue East
Owen Sound, ON N4K 2H4

Dear Mayor Haswell:

With the announcement of the closing of the Owen Sound Jail, I have identified concerns that will impact on this Service and other Municipal Police Services in the area.

I have met with the Chiefs of West Grey and Hanover Police Services. They are very concerned that even with the Ontario Provincial Police contracted to transport prisoners there will be an increase to their budgets for guarding prisoners due to waiting times for the O.P.P.

The joint concern of the three Services is that our needs will not be met by the O.P.P. transportation unit primarily because they will be providing this service with the same amount of resources that they have now without the expanded jurisdiction.

I am concerned about the well being of the court security staff that will have to deal with an inmate that has travelled three hours in a prisoner van and now fed up and unruly. I know that our cell control staff in the court house will be held late guarding prisoners waiting for them to be removed to the jails. I am concerned with the slowdown in our courts due to weather related travel delays and the increased expenses of paying officers for court to sit and wait for prisoners to arrive for trial. I further believe that this will impact our courts adversely and make the efficient system that is running today become completely paralyzed by this impending move.

Our main focus is to have a local facility built but in the meantime, provide that transportation funding to us so that we can provide an adequate service to our community and to the other three Municipal Police Services.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William B. Somberger', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

William B. Somberger
Acting Chief of Police

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Her Worship Mayor Debra Haswell
and Council of the City of Owen Sound
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RE: Closing of Jails in Owen Sound and Walkerton

1. The idea of closing the jails in Owen Sound and Walkerton is a direct assault on the rights of citizens who unfortunately become involved in our legal system through offences of various severity.
2. It is a direct assault on the families of persons charged with any offence. Inability to visit inmates is a huge detriment to families who are already suffering social and economic disadvantages in most cases. Travel to distant jail facilities is most often not an option.
3. It is a direct assault on members of our First Nations of which we have two in our area. Statistically, First Nations citizens tend to be over represented in our prison populations and they and their families are likely to suffer even more serious affects of incarceration at a distance of family members.
4. Sentences involving intermittent incarceration will not be possible. Many accused do not have transportation and breach of conditions will be inevitable, leading to further jail time at the huge cost of that to the taxpayer and to families. Jobs will be lost by the most needy whose families will suffer.
5. The idea that transportation to distant facilities will save dollars is seriously questionable. Even transportation within the community is costly in police time and service.

6. The idea that technology will enable lawyers, social workers, mental health advocates and families to visit with incarcerated individuals is absurd. It may work for court remands but personal contact is essential to provide the support and legal protection an accused individual has a right to if his or her rights are to be protected.
7. Many persons who have committed offences have related personal issues such as mental health issues, addiction issues, family conflict issues and poverty issues which will only be exacerbated by removing them from the community even temporarily.
8. Our courts are already hugely overburdened. I have heard but can not confirm that the time from arrest to disposition of even relatively simple matters is on average one hundred and sixty days. If true, this is in itself a disgrace in a Province that purports to ensure the rights of individuals. Transporting the accused to distant accommodation will only increase court delays and the costs of running our court system.
9. In an area where winter roads are frequently either closed or dangerous to navigate, placing our police service personnel and the accused at the risks of transportation over substantial distances is both a work place and public safety issue. I can foresee lawsuits against the Province where injury to police personnel and the accused arises from transportation demands.
10. The economic impact on our community is only one of many social impacts which do not seem to be addressed by this hasty decision to close local jails.
11. What is needed here and in Walkerton is a modern jail to provide the essential services to both the accused and their relatives within our community. The assurances from the Government that the cost of transportation as proposed will not come out of the City's budget is cold comfort since as taxpayers, we will foot the bill one way or another.
12. The Provincial Government's objective of Justice on Target has in this proposal to close local jails missed its mark by a wide margin.

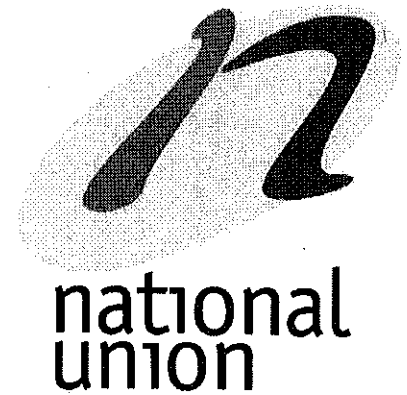
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Dear Premier McGuinty,

I am writing you to raise our concerns about your government's decision to close the Owen Sound, Sarnia and Walkerton Jails. This decision has been made without public input and apparently without regard for the impact that it will make on these communities.

Closing these facilities will negatively impact not only the women and men who work in these facilities but also on the communities where these institutions reside as well as impair efforts to rehabilitate offenders.

The women and men who have worked in these facilities have served the province with distinction. On a daily basis they have struggled to protect the public under often dangerous conditions. They deserve better after their years of service than to be the victims of cost-cutting arising from an economic crisis not of their doing.

While many of Ontario's corporations will be enjoying a further tax cut – which will likely be used to enhance the already exorbitant bonuses paid to their executives – these women and men will be faced with either layoffs or job relocation. Some of the architects of the economic crisis will enjoy the sacrifice these workers are making.

The impact that this decision will have on so many small communities in this province is also worrisome. I do not need to tell you that there is a crisis occurring in many small towns in Ontario. The recent recession has hit them hard.

Manufacturing job losses have made thousands of Ontario citizen's financial circumstances precarious. To then further harm these communities by removing what are major providers of good, steady and reasonably compensated employment borders on reckless.



With the loss of good, steady work in these institutions many young people in these communities will be left with the only option of relocating to find work. This will only serve to further undermine the vitality of these communities and must be prevented.

As workers and young people leave a community they take their business elsewhere. Those small retail and service businesses that provide the local character to so many towns will feel the pinch.

The migration out of these communities as well as the loss of the health and welfare benefits enjoyed by the workers and their families will hurt many of the health care providers of these communities. It can be difficult to recruit physicians and other health care professionals to smaller communities. This can make it impossible for many.

All of this indicates a downward trend that we have seen far too often in this province's history.

And, of course, this is going to have a large detrimental impact on the inmates in these facilities. In many instances they will be removed from their home communities to be placed in one of these new Superjails. For some this will mean reduced contact with their families. It will also hamper efforts to rehabilitate these offenders.

We appreciate the pressures that federal legislative changes have had on provincial justice budgets. Our union has highlighted the problem with a federal government enacting legislation that is "tough on crime" without providing the necessary resources to implement it.

However, the way to deal with this crisis is not to impose further hardship on the workers of the system and the communities they live in. It is also counter-productive to implement changes that will do nothing to reduce crime in our communities.

In conclusion, I urge your government to revisit this decision. I would also recommend that you conduct full public hearings into the proposals and engage the women and men who are most familiar with the system – our members!

Sincerely yours,



James Clancy
National President

cc: Warren (Smokey) Thomas, President OPSEU, Vice-President NUPGE



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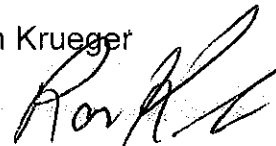
We were very disappointed to here about the announcement regarding the closure of the Owen Sound Jail. The loss to our community is the significant number of good paying jobs, as well the secondary support work that is provided in the area - This includes a recently completed \$ 200,000.00 weldment project that was recently completed by an out town contractor.

We are hopeful that council will respond with the same energy and success that it did after the announced closure of the A&P Store.

Regards


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March 31, 2011

The Sun Times
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Dear Sirs:

The proposal to close the Owen Sound and Walkerton jails is both heartless and fiscally irresponsible.

As someone who has been kicking around the Courts for close to 35 years, as both a prosecutor and defence lawyer, I can attest to a few truths.

First, seriously bad criminals don't spend much time in local jails: they get shipped off to Provincial reformatories or Federal penitentiaries.

Second, the vast majority of people who do spend time in local jails are petty criminals convicted of, or awaiting trial on, petty crimes.

Third, the vast majority of petty criminals serving short sentences in local jails are the poor and the unfortunate.

Governments of both levels (Provincial and Federal) have, to their credit, enacted laws to alleviate the crushing effect of jail on both the convicted and their families.

Provincially, the Ministry of Correction Services has the temporary absence program whereby offenders can be released to work during the day to support themselves and their families.

Federally, the Criminal Code provides for intermittent sentences (for sentences equal to or less than 90 days). Such sentences allow the offender to work during the week and do his/her sentence on weekends, thereby enabling offenders to support themselves and their families.

Closing the local jails effectively eliminates both programs (to say nothing of the difficulties in arranging for family visits in far away jails).

With respect to fiscal responsibility, the closing of local jails makes no sense at all.

First, we'll wind up spending a fortune on transportation costs, shuffling prisoners from here to Timbuktu and back.

Second, we'll wind up wasting court time during the winter when prison transfers to Court are delayed by snowstorms (this is a snow belt!).

Third, we'll wind up spending money assisting families whose breadwinners no longer qualify for temporary absences or intermittent sentences.

To the "law and order" crowd who think that criminals get what they deserve, let me say this. The Russell Williams' and Paul Bernardo's of the world will not be affected by the closing of local jails.

Those who will be affected are our neighbours, our relatives, and our friends who have erred or misstepped on the road of life. Do we want them to be able to support their families? Do we want them to be able to have visits with their families? Do we want them to keep their ties with their community and maintain their support networks? Yes, yes and yes.

I remain.

Yours very truly,

DAG:lmd



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March 28, 2011

The Honourable Jim Bradley
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Honourable Sir:

RE: New Correctional Facility

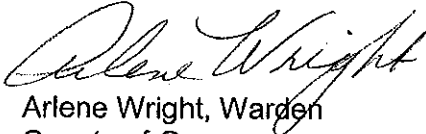
It has come to our attention that the Province of Ontario is considering the replacement of a number of small, inefficient and outdated correctional facilities with larger modern and more functional consolidated facilities as part of its efforts to find efficiencies in the delivery of public services. On behalf of the County of Grey I would like to express our interest in being considered by the province as the location for a new regional correctional facility.

The County of Grey is home to a provincial corrections facility located in the City of Owen Sound. The Owen Sound Jail, which has been an important part of the correctional services system in Grey and Bruce counties since the 1800's, is owned by the County of Grey, leased to the province through the Ontario Realty Corporation and operated by the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services. The jail facility is old, small and has many physical and functional shortcomings that make it inefficient and costly to operate. Yet the need for correctional facilities in this region of the province has resulted in the facility remaining active despite its operational shortcomings.

The residents of the County of Grey and the City of Owen Sound appreciate the importance of a corrections facility in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the community. We also appreciate the significant economic advantage that such a facility provides to the community through the creation of well paying, stable employment opportunities, and the purchase of local goods and services. It is for these reasons that I write asking you to give serious consideration to locating any new consolidated regional facility in the County of Grey.

Members of County Council and county staff would be pleased to work with you and your Ministry staff in bringing a new facility to Grey County.

Yours truly,



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County of Grey

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