

### **BUDGET COMMITTEE REQUEST:**

With respect to the reported Corporate Services Commission key program outcome of “93% successful enforcement of by-law compliance through prosecutions”:

1. What accounts for the other 7%?
2. Have there been any unsuccessful prosecutions that are attributable to the inadequate courthouse facilities in Milton?

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- That the information be received.

### **KEY FACTS:**

- The 7% unsuccessful statistic was largely derived from the withdrawal of charges initiated in 2023, including:
  - withdrawal of charges against secondary co-defendants in exchange for guilty pleas issued by the principal defendants
  - insufficient evidence (no reasonable prospect of conviction)
- The lack of a new courthouse facility to replace the outdated Milton courthouse has not affected this metric

### **COMMENTS/OPTIONS:**

The use of the Milton courthouse did not include Oakville Provincial Offences cases. Oakville provincial offences proceedings are undertaken at the Provincial Offences Court in Burlington, which opened in February 2019. Oakville’s allotted court time in that courthouse has remained consistent since it reopened after the COVID-19 closures.