



Resolution No. 09 – 02

Secure Court-Ordered Treatment Centre

- WHEREAS Police services in the province regularly come into contact with offenders with substance abuse addictions and mental health related issues which primarily cause their criminality bringing them into conflict with the justice system and the community; and
- WHEREAS Arresting, prosecuting, convicting and sentencing offenders to correctional facilities who experience these conditions, removes them from the street, but does not provide adequate time and treatment to address the addiction or mental health issues that prompt them to engage in criminal activity; and
- WHEREAS it would be most beneficial to reduce the recidivism rate of these types of offenders by providing them with treatment in a secure facility where they can be assessed and begin to recover from their addiction or mental health issues; and
- WHEREAS cooperation among the following Alberta Provincial Government Ministries: Justice and Attorney General; Solicitor General and Public Security; Infrastructure and Health & Wellness is necessary in the development of a secure court-ordered treatment centre, given their respective expertise in the law, judicial court proceedings, policing, corrections, designing and constructing public infrastructure and providing client-centered addictions/mental health services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the AACP endorse the concept of a Secure Court-Ordered Treatment Centre by approaching the Alberta Government to support and commit to the implementation of a pilot project of this nature within the province.