

## Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division

VIA E-MAIL

May 5, 2023

Premier Doug Ford Legislative Building Queen's Park Toronto ON M7 A 1 A4

Dear Premier Ford:

## **RE: Support for School Bus Stop Arm Cameras**

At the Regular Meeting of County Council held on April 20, 2023, Council passed the following resolution as noted in their motion:

THAT Council endorse the letter from the Municipality of South Huron; and THAT Council support the Municipality of North Perth call on the Province to support the implementation of Administrative Monetary Penalties.

Originating correspondence is attached for reference.

Your attention on this matter is appreciated and we look forward to the Province's support.

Sincerely,

Tyler Sager

Manager of Legislative Service/County Clerk

Cc'd:

Attorney General Doug Downey MPP Matthew Rae MPP Minister of Education Stephen Lece AMO

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April 12, 2023

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Premier Doug Ford Legislative Building Queen's Park Toronto ON M7A 1A4

Re: Support for the School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their March 20, 2023 Regular Council Meeting:

That South Huron Council support the resolution of the Council of the Municipality of North Perth to urge the Provincial Government to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities; and

That this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Mathew Rae and Lisa Thompson MPPs, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

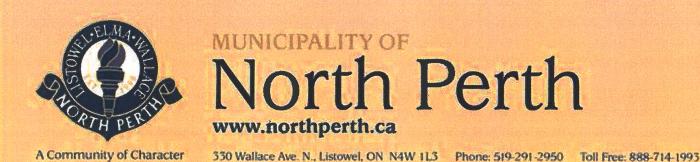
Respectfully,

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## Encl.

cc: Attorney General Doug Downey
Minister of Education Stephen Lece
Provincial opposition parties
Mathew Rae MPP
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March 14, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario Legislative Building, Queen's Park Toronto, ON M7A 1A1 Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

**RE: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras** 

Pleased be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held March 6, 2023:

Moved by Councillor Rothwell Seconded by Councillor Blazek

WHEREAS almost 824,000 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles every school day in Ontario and according to the Ministry of Transportation's statistics the rate of vehicles blowing by stopped school buses is over 30,000 times every day;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario passed the Safer School Zones Act in 2017 which authorized the use of Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Systems to detect incidents where vehicles failed to stop when the school bus was stopped and the stop-arm extended (O. Reg. 424/20);

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities (AMO) working on behalf of all Ontario Municipalities made its submission to the Standing Committee on General Government on May 21, 2019 in support of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) to be used to collect fine revenue for school bus stop arm infractions and other applications, including Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technologies deployed in school and community safety zones;

**AND WHEREAS** police resources can not be spread any thinner to enforce Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal Administrative Penalty program under the Highway Traffic Act, and its regulations, are substantial and maybe out of reach for small or rural municipalities that have insufficient amounts of traffic to generate the required funds to offset the annual operational costs of a municipal Administrative Penalty program;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of North Perth urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Mathew Rae MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

**CARRIED** 

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at <a href="mailto:lcline@northperth.ca">lcline@northperth.ca</a>.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Cline,

Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor

Municipality of North Perth

CC.

Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General

Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education

**Provincial Opposition Parties** 

MPP Matthew Rea

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

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