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May 23, 2023

Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Assembly of Ontario  
111 Wellesley St. W  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A2

Dear Premier Ford,

**Re: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras – Support – North Perth**

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Evanturel, at the regular council meeting of May 10, 2023, resolved to support the Municipality of North Perth with its resolution regarding the installation of School Bus Stop Arm Cameras on all school buses for the start of the 2023-24 school year.

Safety for all who travel on school buses, every day, throughout the Province of Ontario is of the utmost importance; and anything that can be implemented to ensure their safety should be a top priority. The request to install these cameras has been echoed by many municipalities in the Province of Ontario; and the Council of the Township of Evanturel urges the Government of the Province of Ontario to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province of Ontario for the start of the 2023-24 school year; and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities.

Find enclosed a copy of the resolution from the Municipality of North Perth directed to your office.

Also, find enclosed a true copy of Township of Evanturel Resolution No. 5, passed in open council May 10, 2023, authorizing this support.

Yours truly,



Virginia Montminy  
Clerk  
THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF EVANTUREL  
Encl:

c.c. Honourable Doug Downey – Attorney General – *emailed*  
Honourable Stephen Lecce – Minister of Education – *emailed*  
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) – *emailed*  
John Vanthof – MPP – Timiskaming-Cochrane – *emailed*  
Municipalities – Ontario – *emailed*



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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](mailto: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 [lcline@northperth.ca](mailto:lcline@northperth.ca).

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)  
All Ontario Municipalities



**Resolution of Council**

Moved by: Councillor MacPherson

Date: May 10, 2023

Seconded by: Councillor Bentley

Resolution No: 5

**THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Evanturel hereby resolves to support the Municipality of North Perth with its resolution to Premier Doug Ford regarding School Bus Stop Arm Cameras, dated March 14, 2023;

**AND FURTHER** that Council urges the Government of the Province of Ontario to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province of Ontario for the start of the 2023-24 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 addressed to Premier Doug Ford and forwarded to Attorney General Doug Downey; Minister of Education Stephen Lecce; John Vanthof – MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane; and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried 

Derek Mundle - Reeve

**DIVISION VOTE**

YEAS	NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL	NAYS
	BARBARA BEACHEY, COUNCILLOR	
	GISELE BELANGER, COUNCILLOR	
	ROB MACPHERSON, COUNCILLOR	
	JOHN SIMMENS, COUNCILLOR	
	DEREK MUNDLE, REEVE	
	TOTALS	

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – Report to Council TWP2019-05 – Form A – Reeve Mundle \_\_\_\_; Councillor

Certified to be a true copy of Resolution No. 5 of the Corporation of the Township of Evanturel  
passed in open Council on the 10th day of May, 2023.

Virginia Montminy – Clerk  
Township of Evanturel