



## Council Information Package

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**Date:** January 23, 2026

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## Memorandum

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**SUBJECT:** Community Watch Rollout – Ward 6

**TO:** Council Information Package

**From:** Councillor Angelo Bentivegna

Date to Committee: N/A

Date to Council: N/A

CIP Date: 1/23/2026

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In 2026, Crime Stoppers of Halton will be rolling out a Community Watch program in Ward 6, aimed at strengthening neighbourhood connections and supporting community safety through awareness, information-sharing, and prevention.

As part of the rollout, Crime Stoppers will:

- Coordinate a community information event for Ward 6 residents
- Conduct a door-to-door outreach campaign to notify residents about the program and how to get involved
- Share practical resources and updates to help residents stay informed and engaged

This program is designed to empower neighbours to look out for one another and to strengthen communication between residents and Crime Stoppers - without replacing emergency services.

### **Stay Informed & Get Involved**

Residents are encouraged to sign up for the Community Watch newsletter, which will include program updates, safety tips, and information about upcoming events.

### **Community Watch Program:**

[https://www.haltoncrimestoppers.ca/news-and-events/community-watch-Newsletter-Sign-Up:](https://www.haltoncrimestoppers.ca/news-and-events/community-watch-Newsletter-Sign-Up)

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/s1/guJGNOk>

Participation is voluntary, and all information shared through the newsletter focuses on awareness, prevention, and community connection.

More details will be shared with residents as the 2026 rollout approaches. In the meantime, we encourage Ward 6 to stay informed and consider signing up to receive updates directly from Crime Stoppers of Halton.

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**Reason:**

For information only.

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**Implications:**

There are no financial implications associated with this initiative, as it is supported through existing partnerships with Crime Stoppers of Halton and the Halton Regional Police Service.

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**Strategic Alignment**

- Designing and delivering complete communities
- Providing the best services and experiences
- Protecting and improving the natural environment and taking action on climate change
- Driving organizational performance

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MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE, MERRICKVILLE-  
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January 2, 2025

**The Honourable Doug Ford**  
Premier of Ontario

**The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria**  
Minister of Transportation  
Province of Ontario

**RE: Support for Enhanced School Bus Safety and the Implementation of Stop-Arm Camera Systems**

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board, we are writing to express our strong support for enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child-safety technologies.

Illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a persistent and dangerous problem in Ontario, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at serious risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require additional tools to address this issue effectively and consistently.

The Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board supports provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the Highway Traffic Act. These systems have proven effective in deterring dangerous driving behaviour, improving compliance, and enhancing accountability. Provincial funding and support would enable municipalities to implement these technologies equitably and at scale.

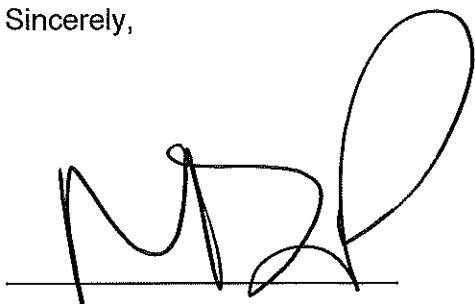
Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board also proudly supports the Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm. Adam's story underscores the urgent need for stronger enforcement, public education, and modern safety solutions to protect children travelling to and from school.

We respectfully call on the Province of Ontario to continue advancing this life-saving work by providing municipalities with the funding mechanisms, legislative support, and implementation guidance necessary to deploy stop-arm cameras and complementary safety technologies province-wide.

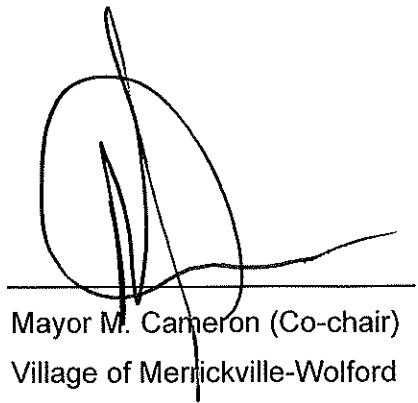
Protecting children is a shared responsibility. With provincial leadership and municipal partnership, we can take meaningful action to prevent further tragedies and ensure Ontario's roads are safer for students and families.

Thank you for your consideration and continued commitment to road safety.

Sincerely,



Mayor N. Peckford (Co-chair)  
Municipality of North Grenville



Mayor M. Cameron (Co-chair)  
Village of Merrickville-Wolford

**cc:**

The Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Ontario Municipalities

**Enclosed: Co-signing Template**

[Municipality Name]  
[Municipal Address]

[Date]

**The Honourable Doug Ford**  
Premier of Ontario

**The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria**  
Minister of Transportation  
Province of Ontario

**Re: Municipal Support for School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems**

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the **[Council / Municipality / Township / City] of [Municipality Name]**, I am writing to express our strong support for enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child-safety technologies.

Illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a serious and widespread issue throughout the province, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at unacceptable risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require effective, modern enforcement tools to address this dangerous behaviour.

**[Municipality Name]** supports provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the *Highway Traffic Act*. These systems have demonstrated success in deterring illegal passing, improving driver compliance, and strengthening accountability. Provincial funding and implementation support would help ensure municipalities of all sizes can deploy this technology equitably.

We also support the Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm. This tragedy highlights the urgent need for continued public education, enforcement, and the use of technology to better protect children travelling to and from school.

We respectfully call on the Province of Ontario to provide municipalities with the necessary funding tools, legislative support, and implementation guidance to advance school bus stop-arm camera systems and complementary child-safety initiatives across Ontario.

Protecting children on our roads is a shared responsibility. Through strong provincial leadership and municipal partnership, meaningful progress can be made to prevent further tragedies and enhance road safety for families across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

**[Name]**  
**[Title – Mayor / Reeve / Warden]**  
**[Municipality Name]**

**cc:**

The Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader  
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## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

January 20, 2026

Honourable Mark Carney  
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### **BY EMAIL ONLY**

Dear Honourable Mark Carney,

### **RE: Letter of Support from the Town of Wasaga Beach – City of Brantford Correspondence Re: Support for Reform to Sentencing, Parole, and Public Access to the Ontario Sex Offender Registry**

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their January 15, 2026, Council meeting, and at the request of the City of Brantford, passed the following resolution regarding Support for Reform to Sentencing, Parole, and Public Access to the Ontario Sex Offender Registry.

Whereas recent violent crimes have highlighted gaps in Canada's sentencing, parole, and offender-management systems for violent sexual offenders; and

Whereas the City of Brantford and several Niagara municipalities have called for reforms to strengthen sentencing, parole, accountability measures, and requested amendments to Christopher's Law (Sexual Offender Registry), 2000 to allow public access to the Ontario Sex Offender Registry;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the calls for reform to sentencing and parole provisions for violent sexual offenders and supports amendments to Christopher's Law to permit public access to the Ontario Sex Offender Registry, subject to appropriate privacy and public safety safeguards; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, relevant federal and provincial ministers, local Members of Parliament and Provincial Parliament, AMO, and FCM.

Your favorable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at [mayor@wasagabeach.com](mailto:mayor@wasagabeach.com) or (705) 429-3844 ext. 2225.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Smith".

Brian Smith  
Mayor, Town of Wasaga Beach



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The Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) [amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) [FCMInfo@fcm.ca](mailto:FCMInfo@fcm.ca)

All Ontario Municipalities for their information and support



January 21, 2026

**Re: Township of Southgate - Notice of Motion – OMERS Bill 68 Municipal Resolution**

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Please be advised that at the January 21, 2026, regular Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate, approved the following:

No. 2026-027

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Dobreen  
**Seconded By** Councillor Shipston

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Pension Fund serves over 1,000 employers and over half a million employees and retirees from diverse groups including: municipal governments, school boards, libraries, police and fire departments, children's aid societies, and electricity distribution companies; and

**WHEREAS** the long-standing jointly-sponsored governance model with two corporate boards has provided stability, accountability, and fairness for both plan members and employers for more than two decades; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario has passed legislative changes to OMERS' governance structure through Bill 68; and

**WHEREAS** these changes would replace the current OMERS Sponsors Corporation with a new Sponsors Council that would lose its corporate status and independent resources; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed model could allow pension decisions affecting municipal employers and employees to be made without meaningful municipal oversight, increasing financial risk for municipalities and local taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities are already under significant financial strain and cannot absorb additional pension costs without consequences for property taxes or local services;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Township of Southgate does not support the legislative changes to the *OMERS Act* contained in Bill 68 and requests that the Government of Ontario reconsider the advisability of proceeding with these changes;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Southgate supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain the current OMERS governance model, with two corporate Boards, as the structure that would best deliver on the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, MPP Paul Vickers, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110.

Sincerely,

*Lindsey Green*

Lindsey Green, Clerk  
Township of Southgate

CC: Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs  
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
MPP Paul Vickers  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
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