



Date: June 20, 2022

Resolution No. 2022-^{COV}256

Moved By:

[Signature]

Seconded By:

[Signature]

Whereas the Ontario Amber Alert is a warning system that quickly alerts the public of a suspected abduction of children who are in imminent danger;

And Whereas the goal is to broadcast as much information about the child, the abductor and suspect vehicles as quickly as possible so that the public can respond with any relevant information that might lead to the child's safe return;

And Whereas people are encouraged to share the Amber Alert with as many people as possible. If a child or vulnerable person is abducted, spreading the information quickly is critical to their safe return;

And Whereas an Amber Alert makes the Public aware to keep an eye out for the child, vulnerable person, suspect and the vehicle described, in the alert. If they spot them, try to gather as many details as they can, including the specific location where they saw them, the time, the direction they were travelling in and any other identifying details that will help to locate them;

And Whereas an Amber Alert gives citizens instructions to call 9-1-1 or the phone number included in the alert immediately if they have a trip or a sighting related to an Amber Alert;

An Amber Alert will only be activated if:

- The police have confirmed that an abduction has taken place; and
- There is reason to believe the victim is in danger of serious physical injury, and there is information available that, if broadcast to the public, could assist in the safe recovery of the victim.

And Whereas it is essential to remember that an Amber Alert is not always appropriate in every circumstance and that their continued effectiveness depends on ensuring that they are only used in cases that meet the above criteria;

And Whereas the recent tragic death of 11 year old Draven Graham showed that the Amber Alert system is flawed when it comes to vulnerable children who can go missing but are not abducted;

And Whereas at the time this motion was written, there have been almost 75,000 citizens who had signed a petition on Change.Org requesting that a Draven Alert be created;

And Whereas it is clear that there needs to be an addition to the alert system to allow for law enforcement to send out an alert for vulnerable children who go missing under circumstances that do not involve an abduction but are at serious risk of injury or death;

Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Brighton and its Council endorse the following:

1. That the Minister of the Solicitor General and the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, as well as the Premier's Office, be requested to make the necessary changes to the Amber Alert system and create a new alert called the Draven Alert, which will protect vulnerable children who have not been abducted but are at high risk of danger, injury or death and alert the public that they are missing.
2. That this motion be sent to all municipalities across Ontario and the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for endorsement.

Carried

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OR Defeated

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Mayor

Recorded Vote		For Clerks Use Only			
Recorded vote called by: _____					
	For	Against	Abstain	Absent	COI
Mayor Brian Ostrander					
Councillor Ron Anderson					
Councillor Mark Bateman					
Councillor Doug LeBlanc					
Councillor Emily Rowley					
Councillor Mary Tadman					
Deputy Mayor Laura Knecht					
Total					
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July 4, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs
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VIA email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Hastings County Council – June 30, 2022 – Expanding Amber Alert System

Please be advised that the Council of the County of Hastings, at its regular meeting held June 30, 2022, passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Tom Deline
Seconded by: Councillor Loyde Blackburn

WHEREAS we have all become aware of the recent tragic death of Draven Graham, and 11 year old child on the autistic spectrum, after walking away from the family home;

WHEREAS the Amber Alert has been very effective in announcing to the public, children who have been abducted and;

WHEREAS a similar alert program for those who have special needs who leave family custody would seem to be warranted in the Province of Ontario;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Hastings request the Province of Ontario to develop and implement a community warning program similar to Amber Alert for those persons of special needs or circumstances who leave the caregivers or locations and potentially put themselves at risk;

AND THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Ford, the leaders of the Opposition Parties in Ontario, the District School Boards, all Hastings County Municipalities, and the local Ontario Provincial Police Service to ask them to support the resolution.

Carried

I trust you will find this in order; however should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613-966-1311, ext. 3205 or via email at bradleyc@hastingscounty.com.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C Monzon-Bradley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cathy Monzon-Bradley
County Clerk

Copy: The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education to all Ontario School Boards
Mr. Peter Tabuns, Interim Leader NDP - Leader of Official Opposition
Mr. Steven Del Duca, Leader of the Liberal Party
All Ontario Municipalities
Ontario Provincial Police Local Detachments - Centre Hastings and Bancroft
Hastings County Member Municipalities



MISSISSAUGA

RESOLUTION 0144-2022
adopted by the Council of
The Corporation of the City of Mississauga
at its meeting on July 6, 2022

0144-2022

Moved by: P. Mullin

Seconded by: C. Parrish

Whereas the Ontario AMBER Alert is a warning system that quickly alerts the public of a suspected abduction of children who are in imminent danger;

Whereas the goal is to broadcast as much information about the child, the abductor and suspect vehicles as quickly as possible so the public can respond with any relevant information that might lead to the child's safe return;

Whereas people are encouraged to share the AMBER Alert with as many people as possible. If a child or vulnerable person is abducted, spreading the information quickly is critical to their safe return;

Whereas an AMBER Alert makes the public aware to keep an eye out for the child, vulnerable person, suspect and the vehicle described in the alert. If they spot them, try to gather as many details as they can, including the specific location where they saw them, the time, the direction they were travelling in and any other identifying details that will help to locate them;

Whereas an AMBER Alert gives citizen's instructions to call 9-1-1 or the phone number included in the alert immediately if they have a tip or a sighting related to an AMBER Alert.

Whereas an AMBER Alert will only be activated if the police have confirmed that an abduction has taken place; and the victim is a child or a person of proven physical or mental disability; and, there is reason to believe the victim is in danger of serious physical injury, and there is information available that, if broadcast to the public, could assist in the safe recovery of the victim.

Whereas it is essential to remember that an AMBER Alert is not always appropriate in every circumstance and that their continued effectiveness depends on ensuring that they are only used in cases that meet the above criteria;

Whereas the recent tragic death of 11-year-old Draven Graham showed that the AMBER Alert system is flawed when it comes to vulnerable children who can go missing but are not abducted;

And whereas it is clear that there needs to be an addition to the alert system to allow for law enforcement to send out an alert for vulnerable children who go missing under circumstances that do not involve an abduction but are at serious risk of injury or death;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the City of Mississauga endorse the following;

1. That the Minister of the Solicitor General and the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, as well as the Premier's Office, be requested to make the necessary changes to the AMBER alert system and create a new alert called the Draven Alert, which will protect vulnerable children who have not been abducted but are at high risk of danger, injury or death and alert the public that they are missing.
2. That this motion be sent to all municipalities across Ontario and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) for endorsement.

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor B. Crombie	X			
Councillor S. Dasko	X			
Councillor P. Mullin	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor C. Parrish	X			
Councillor R. Starr			X	
Councillor D. Damerla	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney			X	
Councillor P. Saito	X			
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor G. Carlson	x			

Carried (10-0-2-Absent)



Moved By

Last Name Printed

Suzanne Séguin
Séguin

Resolution No.:
227-22

Seconded By

Last Name Printed

Nicole Beatty
Beatty

Council Date:
June 27, 2022

THAT Council receive the correspondence for information purposes;
and

FURTHER THAT Council recognize the recent tragic death of 11-year-old Draven Graham with deepest sympathies to their family; and

FURTHER THAT Cobourg Council acknowledge that at the time this motion was written, there have been over 80,000 citizens who had signed a petition on Change.Org requesting that a Draven Alert be created; and

FURTHER THAT Cobourg Council endorse a recent resolution as passed by the Municipality of Brighton and its council as follows:

That the Minister of the Solicitor General and the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, as well as the Premier's Office, be requested to make the necessary changes to the AMBER alert system and create a new alert called the Draven Alert, which will protect vulnerable children who have not been abducted but are at high risk of danger, injury or death and alert the public that they are missing.

That this motion be sent to all municipalities across Ontario and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) for endorsement.



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

Date: July 12, 2022

Resolution Number: R- 124 -22

Moved by: Councillor Patterson

Seconded by: Councillor Brandt

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the resolutions received from the Municipality of Brighton and Hastings County requesting the Province of Ontario to develop and implement a community warning program similar to Amber Alert for those persons of special needs or circumstances who leave the caregivers or locations and potentially put themselves at risk.

Carried ☒ **Defeated** ☐

(Chair Signature)

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: _____

Recorded Vote due to electronic meeting.

RECORDED VOTE					
Vote called by Clerk in random order, Chair to vote last					
Members of Council		Yes	No	Abstention	Absent
Councillors	Penny Brandt	✓			
	Celia Finley	✓			
	Delynn Patterson	✓			
	Joe Vella	✓			
Mayor	George Sterling	✓			

July 13th, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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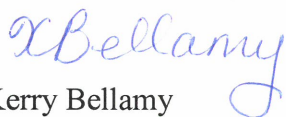
Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Letter of Support – The County of Hastings and The Municipality of Brighton – Expanding the Amber Alert System

Please be advised that, at its meeting on June 12th, 2022, the Council of the Municipality of Shuniah resolved to support the resolution adopted June 30th, 2022 by the County of Hastings, and the resolution adopted June 20th, 2022 by the Municipality of Brighton.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference and consideration.

Yours truly,



Kerry Bellamy
Clerk
KB/jk

Cc:

Hon. Michael Kernzer, Solicitor General of Ontario
Mr. Thomas Carrique, Commissioner of the OPP
Hon. Patty Hajdu, MP Thunder Bay Superior North
Hon. Marcus Powlowski, MP Thunder Bay Rainy River
Hon. Lise Vaugeois, MPP Thunder Bay Superior North
Hon. Kevin Holland, MPP Thunder Bay-Atikokan
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 247-22

Date: Jul 12, 2022

Moved By: *D. Burt*

Seconded By: *D. Burt*

THAT Council hereby supports the resolution from the County of Hastings and Municipality of Brighton regarding the request to make the necessary changes to the Amber Alert System and create a new alert called the Draven Alert, which will protect those persons of special needs or circumstances who leave the caregivers or locations and potentially put themselves at risk;

AND THAT the Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Premier Doug Ford; Solicitor General of Ontario Michael Kernzer; Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police Thomas Carrique; local MP's Patty Hajdu and Marcus Polowski and local MPP's Lise Vaugois and Kevin Holland; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and to all municipalities in Ontario.

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Amended

☐ Deferred

Wendy Larche
Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8