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Municipality of East Ferris

Dear Mayor Rochefort and Councillors,

Near North Crime Stoppers (NNCS), which serves the Districts of Nipissing and Parry Sound is a non-profit program designed to enhance community safety. Despite all the modern technology available to law enforcement agencies, one of the most cost effective and successful methods to prevent or solve crime is when someone anonymously reports a TIP to Crime Stoppers through the TIPLINE or website. We do not subscribe to any call tracing technology, so tips remain confidential and are passed on to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

The success of Crime Stoppers rests heavily with community engagement through awareness and support of many partners, with municipalities being a key stakeholder. Recently, municipalities across Ontario have gone through the process of establishing *Community Safety and Well Being Plans*. Recognizing and supporting Crime Stoppers helps municipalities to support their local plans.

To date, NNCS has received over 20,762 calls from tipsters, contributing to the arrest of 1,738 individuals. Over \$4.2 million in property has been recovered, and over \$52 million in drugs destined for our communities have been seized because of Crime Stoppers valuable information.

We rely on volunteer fundraising activities as well as charitable donations from a wide range of stakeholders. These funds support our reward payments, education, and promotion of our program. NNCS does not receive any government funding. Several municipalities already contribute to Crime Stoppers, and for those that do, we are most appreciative. If your municipality does not yet support Crime Stoppers, we are hoping you will consider doing so with an annual donation.

In order to enhance the relationship with your municipality, we would be pleased to have one of our Board Members attend a council meeting to deliver a brief presentation on Crime Stoppers, and to answer any questions you may have.

January is Crime Stoppers Month. We are asking your council to pass a resolution recognizing Crime Stoppers Month 2022, and post messaging on your social media sites and electronic boards in your community.

Please contact NNCS by email or phone if your council agrees to proclaim January as Crime Stoppers month, if you would like a presentation, and/or you're able to provide financial support. A representative will contact you directly. Thank $y \phi u$

Sincerely,

Chad Evans Chairperson

"Fingerprinting, DNA and Crime Stoppers are the top three innovations in modern-day policing."