

Let's Remember Adam

STOP FOR THE SCHOOL BUS



Your Worship Mayor McDonald
North Bay City Hall,
200 McIntyre St E,
North Bay, ON, P1B 8V6

Dear Mayor McDonald,

As you are aware myself, my family and entire Let's Remember Adam campaign have been working diligently to make school buses safer in our area and across Ontario. As you are also aware Stop-Arm Camera Systems are a major part of creating safer school buses and safer roads. Road safety is a collective priority for our communities. Municipalities must do everything they can to help create safer roads for everyone, especially as they continue to see increased traffic. For over 30 years, Ontario school buses have been using their flashing lights and stop arms to warn motorists to stop within 20 meters of the school bus. The fines range from \$400 to \$2,000. However, due to a lack of enforcement resources, vehicles "blow by" school buses on a daily basis putting our children's lives at risk. This is caused by a lack of attention to the road or a total ignorance of the law. It is reason my brother, Adam Ranger, is not with us today.

As you also probably know Bill 174 (Cannabis, Smoke-Free Ontario and Road Safety Statute Law Amendment Act) included a section on stop-arm camera video evidence to be used as stand-alone evidence in court. It received royal assent in December 2017. Further, regulations on stop-arm cameras and their video evidence were released over a year ago.

As it stands, there is nothing preventing a municipality from moving forward with the installation and use of stop-arm cameras on school buses; the province actively encouraged municipalities to take the lead and implement programs. North Bay is basically the key to making this all come together though. Without North Bay these systems and programs will not work to their full safety potential.

Given the District courts are in North Bay, it is imperative that North Bay come on board with a stop-arm camera program so that the other municipalities within Nipissing District can also move forward to help keep our streets safer for our children. We are asking that you start the process of implementing a stop-arm camera program for North Bay with the goal of developing a regional program to ensure coverage of all school buses within our collective municipalities.

We are happy to assist with this process as North Bay's involvement is imperative to seeing other local municipalities programs move forward. Many local Nipissing Municipalities have shown a great deal of interest in have stop-arm camera systems used on their school buses and in their areas. East Ferris is the most recent one and they have even created a subcommittee to look further into the program. But we all need North Bay to join in and be a major part of the change for better.

We look forward to continuing this discussion with you and taking the right steps forward for child safety! Can't wait to see Stop-Arm Camera Safety System's on all school buses in North Bay and surrounding areas soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to the author of the letter.

**This Has to Stop.
We Need to Stop.**



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