



# Township of Perry

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March 5, 2026

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 Township of Perry, 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.

The Town of Parry Sound 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.

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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,



Norm Hofstetter  
Mayor

cc: The Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and all Ontario municipalities



**The Corporation of the  
Township of Perry**

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Date: March 4, 2026

Resolution No.: 2026- 104

**Moved By:** Paul Sowrey **Seconded By:** Margaret Ann MacPhail

**Whereas** the Township of Perry has received a letter from the Town of Parry Sound, along with other municipalities requesting support for improved school bus safety initiatives and the expansion of stop-arm camera programs;

**Now therefore be it resolved that** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby supports the resolution passed by the Town of Parry Sound advocating for enhanced provincial support for school bus safety and stop-arm camera systems;

**And further that** Council directs staff to forward a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, the Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and all Ontario municipalities for support.

**Carried:** ✓ **Defeated:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Norm Hofstetter, Mayor**

RECORDED VOTE		
Council	For	Against
<b>Councillors</b> Jim Cushman		
Joe Lumley		
Margaret Ann MacPhail		
Paul Sowrey		
<b>Mayor</b> Norm Hofstetter		