



December 19, 2018

The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
1st Floor
Newmarket, Ontario
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Attention: Clerks Department

Re: January is Crime Stoppers Awareness Month

Dear Chairman Emmerson,

I am writing to you on behalf of Crime Stoppers of York Region. We are a civilian, not for profit organization. Our volunteer board of directors coordinate a very successful program that provides York Regional Police with information (TIPS) to help solve crimes. The Crime Stoppers program relies on fundraising initiatives, donations from corporate sponsors and is not government funded. The foundation of our program is rooted in the partnership between the public, police, and the media to promote public awareness of the Crime Stoppers program as an invaluable tool for keeping communities safe by reporting crime or suspected criminal behavior.

Crime Stoppers of York Region operates on a few basic principles, which fosters public trust and facilitates the gathering of anonymous information to help police solve crimes;

We protect the identity of those who contact us and they remain anonymous.

Those who provides information will not testify in a court of law.

Successful tips leading to an arrest are eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

As well as being a leader among North American programs, Crime Stoppers of York Region has been incredibly successful. Since its inception in 1986, the anonymous information (TIPS) collected have resulted in the following:

3,106 arrests made,

\$111,845,883 in seized drugs,

\$29,289,766 in stolen property recovered,

285 weapons seized,

3,315 cases cleared.

January is Crime Stoppers month and on January 22 at 10:00 am, we will be holding a press conference with York Regional Police to discuss the successes of our ongoing partnership. As the head of Municipal government in Vaughan, we would like to ask you to proclaim January 22, 2019 as Crime Stoppers day in the City of Vaughan.

We will be contacting the Mayors of all nine municipalities to ask them to make the same proclamation within each municipality.

We would like to extend our invitation to you to attend our January press conference at the Flight Exec office (Buttonville Airport) located at 330 Allstate Parkway, Markham, Ontario. We will forward the details to your office.

Should you have any questions about our program I would be pleased to assist you.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Plant', with a long, thin line extending upwards and to the right from the end of the signature.

David Plant
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