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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Every January, **Crime Stoppers Month** is recognized around the world for the organization's impact on its communities. This year's theme is *Stand Up, Stand Together!*

Near North Crime Stoppers (NNCS), which serves the Districts of Nipissing and Parry Sound is a non-profit program that enhances community safety across the region. 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 the website. We do not subscribe to any call tracing technology, so tips remain confidential and are passed on to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

To date, NNCS has received over 20,800 calls from tipsters, contributing to the arrest of 1,772 individuals. Over \$4.3 million in property and cash has been recovered, and over \$57 million in drugs destined for our communities have been seized because of Crime Stoppers valuable information.

The success of Crime Stoppers rests heavily on community engagement through awareness and support of many partners, with municipalities being key stakeholders. Recognizing and supporting Crime Stoppers helps municipalities to support their local **Community Safety and Well Being Plans** plan.

We are asking your council to **pass a resolution recognizing January as Crime Stoppers Month in 2023**, and post/share messaging on your social media sites and electronic boards in your community. You can keep an eye on <https://www.facebook.com/NearNorthCrimeStoppers>, our website <https://nearnorthcrimestoppers.com>, CTV channels, and The Moose radio for new TV and Radio commercials promoting our program.

If your council agrees to "*Stand Up, Stand Together*" and proclaim January as Crime Stoppers month, please contact us so that we can recognize your municipality on our social media platforms. If you would like to learn more about our program, we would be happy to provide or present information upon request. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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