# COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen’s Park  
Toronto ON  
M7A 1A1

Re: Joint and Several Liability

Dear Sir:

Attached please find a resolution from the City of Timmins with respect to Joint and Several Liability.

Sincerely,

Kristin Murray  
Deputy Mayor

CC: Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health  
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General  
Associations of Municipalities of Ontario
The Corporation of the City of Timmins

RESOLUTION

Moved by _____ Councillor Marks _____

Seconded by _____ Councillor Whissell _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the attached resolution from the City of Cambridge regarding the request to the Province of Ontario for a Plan of Action to Address Joint and Several Liability.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY
OF RESOLUTION 22-197

Steph Palmateer, City Clerk

Date: July 12, 2022
June 1, 2022

Re: Motion from Councillor Liggett – Request to the Province of Ontario for a Plan of Action to Address Joint and Several Liability

At the Special Council Meeting of May 31, 2022, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS the cost of municipal insurance in the Province of Ontario has continued to increase with especially large increases going into 2022; and

WHEREAS Joint and Several Liability continues to ask property tax payers to carry the lion’s share of a damage award when a municipality is found at minimum fault; and

WHEREAS these increases are unsustainable and unfair and eat at critical municipal services; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario outlined seven recommendations to address insurance issues including:

1. That the Provincial Government adopt a model of full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability.

2. Implement enhancements to the existing limitations period including the continued applicability of the existing 10-day rule on slip and fall cases given recent judicial interpretations and whether a 1-year limitation period may be beneficial.

3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards.

4. Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to $2 million and increase the third-party liability coverage to $2 million in government regulated automobile insurance plans.
5. Assess and implement additional measures which would support lower premiums or alternatives to the provision of insurance services by other entities such as non-profit insurance reciprocals.

6. Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence including premiums, claims and deductible limit changes which support its own and municipal arguments as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability.

7. Establish a provincial and municipal working group to consider the above and put forward recommendations to the Attorney General.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Corporation of the City of Cambridge call on the Province of Ontario to immediately review these recommendations despite COVID-19 delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Attorney General, the Council of the Region of Waterloo, all Ontario municipalities.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,

Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Hon. Premier Ford
Ontario Minister of Health, Christine Elliot
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
City of Cambridge Council
RESOLUTION NO. 2022 – JULY 27, 2022

Moved by: Brad Kneller

Seconded by: 

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan endorses and supports items:

5.1 Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) Paramedic Services Modernization
5.2 Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) Paramedic Services in the North
5.3 Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) Community Paramedicine Funding
5.4 Hastings County Expanding Amber Alert Systems
5.5 Municipality of Tweed Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program

Carried_____ Defeated______ Deferred______

Sam Dunnett, Mayor

Recorded Vote Called by: ___________________________

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July 27, 2022

Honourable Michael Kerzner  
Solicitor General  
25 Grosvenor Street, 18th Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y6  

Dear Hon. Kerzner:  

Council of the Town of Mattawa, at their regular meeting of July 25, 2022 approved Page No. 148 of Resolution Number 22-60, which stated:

"WHEREAS the Ontario Amber Alert is a warning system that quickly alerts the public of a suspected abduction of children who are in imminent danger;

AND WHEREAS the goal is to broadcast as much information about the child, the abductor and suspect vehicles as quickly as possible so that the public can respond with any relevant information that might lead to the child’s safe return;

AND WHEREAS people are encouraged to share the Amber Alert with as many people as possible. If a child or vulnerable person is abducted, spreading the information quickly is critical to their safe return;

AND WHEREAS an Amber Alert makes the Public aware to keep an eye out for the child, vulnerable person, suspect and the vehicle described, in the alert. If they spot them, try to gather as many details as they can, including the specific location where they saw them, the time, the direction they were travelling in and any other identifying details that will help to locate them;

AND WHEREAS an Amber Alert gives citizens instructions to call 9-1-1 or the phone number included in the alert immediately if they have a trip or sighting related to an Amber Alert;

An Amber Alert will only be activated if:

• The police have confirmed that an abduction has taken place; and
• There is reason to believe the victim is in danger of serious physical injury, and there is information available that, if broadcast to the public, could assist in the safe recovery of the victim.

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AND WHEREAS it is essential to remember that an Amber Alert is not always appropriate in every circumstance and that their continued effectiveness depends on ensuring that they are only used in cases that meet the above criteria;

AND WHEREAS the recent tragic death of 11 year old Draven Graham showed that the Amber Alert System is flawed when it comes to vulnerable children who can go missing but are not abducted;

AND WHEREAS at the time this motion was written, there have been almost 75,000 citizens who had signed a petition on Change.Org requesting that a Draven Alert be created;

AND WHEREAS it is clear that there needs to be an addition to the alert system to allow for law enforcement to send out an alert for vulnerable children who go missing under circumstances that do not involve abduction but are at serious risk of injury or death.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa endorse the following:

1. THAT the Minister of the Solicitor General and the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, as well as the Premier’s Office, be requested to make the necessary changes to the Amber Alert system and create a new alert called the Draven Alert, which will protect vulnerable children who have not been abducted but are at high risk of danger, injury or death and alert the public that they are missing; and

2. THAT this motion be sent to all municipalities across Ontario and the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for endorsement.”

Trusting this is acceptable.

Yours truly,

Amy Leclerc
Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk

AL/bb

c.c. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Commissioner Thomas Carrique, Ontario Provincial Police
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities