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Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to you in support of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce.

You are likely aware that on September 9, 2024 Peter Reid, Chairperson, Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc., sent an email to Police Chiefs and Police Service Board officials in Grey Bruce stating that Crime Stoppers is in danger of closing.

Mr. Reid noted that at the Crime Stoppers Annual General Meeting, the Members adopted a motion to prepare for closing the charity on or before March 31st 2025. Included with the motion was the provision that if adequate funding could be secured before the required regulatory filings are made, this decision would be reversed.

The Hanover Police Service Board has been a regular supporter of Crime Stoppers since 2019, and in 2023, passed a motion to donate \$ 2,000.00 per year in 2024 and 2025. Chief Knoll believes that Crime Stoppers is a valuable service and that the tips it receives help police do their job. Crime Stoppers also provides a valuable public service in informing the public about crime related issues through its web site and its on-line *Tipsters* magazine.

I know that we all have our eye on the budget, but I think it would be a real shame if this organization were to close for lack of funding. So, I encourage you and your Police Services to make a contribution so it can continue to support our police with tips and inform the public on crime related issues.

Thank you for your consideration.

Selwyn J. Hicks, Chair Hanover Police Service Board

c.c. Jim Dietrich, Chair, OAPSB Zone 5