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July 30, 2025 **VIA EMAIL**

Barrie City Council
City of Barrie
70 Collier Street
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Re: Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka Funding Request

Please be advised that at its meeting held June 24, 2025, Council of the County of Simcoe adopted the following resolution:

> "That Item CCW 2025-193, dated June 24, 2025, regarding the Funding Request from Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka, be received; and
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> That an operational fund of $20K for 2025 be provided to Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka, subject to an acceptable business plan being received by the County of Simcoe outlining how the organization will spend these funds to support their operations and ensure continued contribution to community safety; and
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> That this one-time operational fund come from the 2025 operating surplus or the General Contingency Reserve; and
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> That the Warden send a letter to the Cities of Barrie (including Barrie Police Service Board) and Orillia, District Municipality of Muskoka, County of Dufferin and the Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka Board outlining the County contribution and encouraging all partners to engage Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka to consider a representative contribution."

Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka (CSSDM) is a civilian based crime fighting program that relies solely on donations and volunteers. The program has been operating in Simcoe County since 1987 and has been very successful in assisting the police by gathering anonymous tips to prevent and solve crimes. On December 4, 2024, and December 6, 2024, Simcoe County Council received correspondence from The District of Muskoka and Crime Stoppers Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka respectively informing the County that CSSDM is in jeopardy of closing due to lack of funding and loss of office space, and requested the County consider a municipal contribution for 2025.

The County of Simcoe recognizes the important work of CSSDM and its meaningful contributions to crime prevention and community safety. Further to the funding commitments by the District of Muskoka and the County of Dufferin, the County of Simcoe is pleased to provide one-time funding of $20,000 to Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka to help continue its operations through 2025. The County is also committed to identifying opportunities within County facilities to support CSSDM's space requirements, subject to future assessments and alignment with operational and community priorities.

Given the success and history of the program in Simcoe County, County Council encourages all Simcoe County partners of CSSDM to consider a financial contribution to this important program. This contribution will allow the program to continue to operate through 2025, ensuring the safety of communities and schools in Simcoe County. For your reference, please note that a copy of this letter has also been provided to the Barrie Police Services Board.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, I can be reached by email at Warden@Simcoe.ca or by phone at 705-726-9300 Ext 1260.

Sincerely,

Basil Clarke, Warden
County of Simcoe

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CC Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka Board of Directors