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**MEETING DATE** 12/06/2021 (mm/dd/yyyy)

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**SUBJECT** School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

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***SUMMARY***

Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, dated October 25, 2021, containing a motion directing Administration to explore the implementation of a school bus stop arm camera program.

***RECOMMENDATION***

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver dated October 25, 2021, we recommend that Administration be directed to explore the implementation of a school bus stop arm camera program in the City and provide a report to Council inclusive of a review of existing stop arm camera programs in the province, potential partnerships with private sector service providers, and operational impacts;

AND THAT the report include benefits and costs associated with a stop arm camera program;

AND THAT Administration report back on or before September 12, 2022;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to Council for ratification.

***ATTACHMENTS***

1 K Oliver Memo dated October 25 2021

# Memorandum

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**TO:** Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk  
**FROM:** Councillor Kristen Oliver  
**DATE:** October 25, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** School Bus Stop Arm Cameras  
Committee of the Whole – December 6, 2021

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Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, work had begun to review the feasibility of introducing stop arm cameras on school buses in the City of Thunder Bay. Inter-governmental Affairs Committee (IGAC) had presentations from the Student Transportation Services of Thunder Bay, local school bus operators and stop arm camera providers. At the time, the legislation from the Province to determine the process and responsibilities for stop arm camera programs had yet to be finalized.

Ontario Regulation 424/20: School Bus Cameras came into effect on September 1, 2020. Through IGAC, a request was made to Administration to review the City's responsibility and role relative to the introduction of any programs. That report was received on December 7, 2020.

I understand, from the information provided by the Ministry of Transportation, that the municipality is responsible for all aspects of the administration of a school bus arm camera program; however, as the municipality does not own or operate school buses in the City, there would need to be a partnership between the City and private sector service providers. As this continues to be a safety issue for our community, I believe that it is imperative that Administration continue to work towards the possibility of implementing a stop arm camera program in the City and provide information to Council for consideration.

I present the following for Council's consideration,

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