



Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc.

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Mayor Steve Hammell
The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie
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Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk, clerk@arran-elderslie.ca

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. is requesting A COMMITMENT OF A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500 EACH YEAR FOR THE NEXT TWO (2) YEARS from the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie.

Without the assistance of your municipality the program is at risk of having to close due to lack of funding. Covid has put a strain on our traditional fundraising. We are once again planning our events and have some new fundraising initiatives in the works, but your support will assure the program continues to aid in community safety.

As you are aware, Crime Stoppers assists the police in making many arrests by passing the anonymous tips received by the organization on to the various police agencies in our region.

Statistics for Grey and Bruce Counties

Over the past 36 years, tips provided to Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. have led to the solving of 2,735 cases, with more than 1,760 arrests and the seizure of over \$54.7 Million in stolen property and illegal drugs. Approved awards for these tips amounted to more than \$287,000.

What is Crime Stoppers?

Each Crime Stoppers organization is a separate entity, which focuses on assisting with the prevention of crime in their local communities. Crime Stoppers is **not part of the local police services**, and the only assistance our local organization receives from the OPP and Municipal Police Services is designated liaison officers who track the progress of the tips and report back with dispositions. Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce **does not receive direct funding from the provincial or federal government.**

Crime Stoppers is a **completely volunteer based** organization. Our Board of Directors is comprised wholly of volunteers from our local communities. These volunteers are unpaid, and they perform in this capacity **at their own expense**. Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce employs one full time Program Coordinator who performs all the administrative tasks, receives tips, and forwards them to the respective law enforcement agencies. Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce is unique in the fact our Coordinator's salary is not paid by a police service associated with the program.

Crime Stoppers offers telephone and encrypted internet based services that allow anyone to provide tips with **anonymity guaranteed**. In exchange for the tips, rewards of up to \$2,000, approved by the respective Board of Directors, are offered. These rewards are **completely funded by donations** by individuals and communities who believe Crime Stoppers offers an invaluable tool in the fight against crime. As there are many worthy causes and not-for-profit organizations in every community, there is a constant fight for the available donation dollars, especially during post-pandemic economic recovery. Crime Stoppers sometimes tends to be at the bottom of this list as many people believe this organization is funded by the police and/or government.

How are Donations Used?

Donations are used to pay out rewards, purchase office supplies and equipment, assist with attendance fees at local events to promote Crime Stoppers, and for core funding to keep the program running.

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce is open to any advice, suggestions, or partnerships that would help in light of the current situation.

We are requesting the opportunity to make a presentation to your municipal council to answer any questions you may have. Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce thanks you for your commitment to fighting crime and ensuring safer communities for the future generations of Grey and Bruce Counties.

Yours truly,

Peter Reid

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