MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE RESOLUTION

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**WHEREAS** Council for the Municipality of Port Hope received correspondence from the Municipality of Brighton requesting changes to the Amber Alert System and create a new alert called the Draven Alert;

**AND 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 with the goal 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** 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** 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 an abduction but are at serious risk of injury or death;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Municipality of Port Hope request 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 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the MP and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South.

Mayor Bob Sanderson