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Re: Values Influence Peer Program (VIP)

At its Regular Council Meeting held on May 16, 2022, Council discussed the importance of the Values, Influences and Peers Program (VIP), a program that was designed originally for students at the Grade 6 level that was first introduced back in 1985 by police and educators and which program reinforced responsible citizenship, positive social behaviour and community values. Council discussed the effectiveness of this program in teaching youth positive lifestyle choices, positive social behaviour and becoming part of the greater community. Council further discussed the possibility of having the Ontario Provincial Police



("OPP") return back to the schools to again provide and carry out this great program in conjunction with its education partners.

As a result of that review Council passed the following resolution:

R22-05-253

Moved by: Councillor Bondy

Seconded by: Councillor Verbeek

That Council send a letter to the school boards requesting the OPP to be invited and allowed to start running the Values, Influences and Peers Program (VIP) in our grade schools and that this letter be circulated to all the municipalities in Essex County.

Carried

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Auger", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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