



Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Author and title: Cindy Peterson, Finance Manager

Title: **Authorize the Settlement and Payment Release of Damage Claim**

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Jen Callaway, Town Manager

**Recommended Action:** That Council authorize the Town Manager to offer a settlement to George Hills Company A/S/O the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District for \$33,469.55 for a damage claim filed against the Town.

**Discussion:** On March 17, 2025, the claimant's school bus sustained damages at Donner Pass Road & Bridge Street. The Town's snowplow allegedly hit the rear of the school bus.

Police were called to the scene and after an investigation and statements received from both parties, the police report determined that the Town snowplow caused the accident. The Town Manager has reviewed the claim and recommends authorizing this settlement.

The claim was filed on behalf of the claimant through George Hills Company. Town Municipal Code Section 3.16.010.1 (d) requires that the Town Council recommend settlement or denial for claims of \$10,000 or more.

Documentation related to this claim is in the risk management file and is available for your review.

**Priority:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Enhanced Communication	<input type="checkbox"/> Climate and Greenhouse Gas Reduction	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Investment	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency and Wildfire Preparedness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core Service

**Fiscal Impact:** The Town will offer \$33,469.55 in exchange for full and final settlement of the claim. This will come from the road maintenance budget for fiscal year 2024/2025. Staff anticipate that there is sufficient budget to cover this expense.

**Public Communication:** N/A

**Attachments:** Claim for Damages