
CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE ORIENTATION SESSION

Meeting: Connectivity Committee Orientation Session
Date: September 9, 2020
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Webex

Attendees: Dave Mennill, Warden
Tom Marks, Councillor
Dominique Giguère, Councillor
Shawn Southern, Community Member
Justin Pennings, Community Member
Joshua Kiirya, Community Member
Mike Andrews, Community Member

Staff: Julie Gonyou, Chief Administrative Officer
Jim Bundschuh, Director of Financial Services
Alan Smith, General Manager of Economic Development
Al Reitsma, Manager of Information Technology
Cecil Coxen, IT Manager – Township of Malahide
Katherine Thompson, Supervisor of Legislative Services and
Community Relations
Carolyn Krahn, Legislative Services Coordinator

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Connectivity Committee Orientation Session met this 9th day of September, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m.

2. Introductions

The newly appointed members of the Committee introduced themselves to County Council members and staff supports.

3. Review of Terms and Conditions and Code of Conduct

The Supervisor of Legislative Services and Community Relations presented an overview of the Committee's Terms of Reference and Mandate and the Elgin County Code of Conduct.

4. Connectivity Challenges in Elgin County

The Manager of Information Technology presented an overview of the connectivity challenges in Elgin County followed by a presentation from the General Manager of Economic Development on the current state of connectivity in the County.

5. Internet Forum

The General Manager of Economic Development proposed that the Committee host a Rural Internet Forum to assist the Committee in its planning of next steps. The Committee reviewed the Forum's draft agenda.

6. Review of Preliminary Resources

Councillor Giguère expressed her hopes that the Committee will work together to come up with a number of solutions to the connectivity challenges in Elgin. Warden Mennill agreed that addressing the County's connectivity challenges is a necessity, and Councillor Marks added that the pandemic has heightened the sense of urgency to address connectivity in the community.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The Warden suggested the next meeting be facilitated by Jennifer Kirkham to help the Committee develop their plan of action. The Committee agreed to meet again on Wednesday, September 16th at 1:00 p.m. provided that Jennifer Kirkham was available to meet.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

