
Meeting: Connectivity Committee
Date: November 19, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Webex

Attendees: Tom Marks, Councillor and Committee Chair
Dominique Giguère, Councillor and Committee Vice Chair
Dave Mennill, Warden
Justin Pennings, Community Member

Regrets: Shawn Southern, 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
Carolyn Krahn, Legislative Services Coordinator

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Connectivity Committee met this 19th day of November 2020. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Warden Mennill
Seconded by: Councillor Giguère

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended to include a review of the Connectivity Survey results as the last item of business.

Recorded Vote

	Yes	No
Councillor Giguère	Yes	
Warden Mennill	Yes	
Justin Pennings	Yes	
Councillor Marks	Yes	
	4	0

- Motion Carried.

3. Adoption of November 5, 2020 Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Giguère

Seconded by: Warden Mennill

Resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted.

Recorded Vote

	Yes	No
Councillor Giguère	Yes	
Warden Mennill	Yes	
Justin Pennings	Yes	
Councillor Marks	Yes	
	4	0

- Motion Carried.

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None.

5. Action Plan Update

The Supervisor of Legislative Services presented an update on the Committee's Action Plan, noting completed actions, ongoing actions, and upcoming activities.

6. Summary of Meetings with MP and MPP – Councillor Marks

Councillor Marks met with the MP and MPP to discuss the need for broadband all across the County. The MP and MPP agreed to keep the County updated on funding available from the provincial and federal governments for broadband projects.

7. Internet Service Provider Survey Results – Supervisor of Legislative Services

The Supervisor of Legislative Services presented the results of a survey sent to local Internet Service Providers (ISPs). The survey sought feedback from local ISPs on a number of connectivity related issues, and it was sent to ten (10) ISPs with a personalized letter from the Chair. Six (6) responses were received.

8. Summary of Mountain Connect Virtual Conference, Legislative Services Coordinator

The Legislative Services Coordinator provided a summary of the Mountain Connect Conference held on October 26-27, 2020. The Mountain Connect Conference included more than forty (40) sessions focusing on three distinct tracks: Community Development, Emerging Technologies, and Wireless.

9. Chatham-Kent TekSavvy Partnership, Supervisor of Legislative Services, Director of Finance and Manager of IT

The Supervisor of Legislative Services, the Director of Financial Services, and the Manager of IT presented information gathered from their meeting with staff from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent to discuss their partnership with Internet Service Provider (ISP) TekSavvy.

10. Follow-up to Literature Review, Supervisor of Legislative Services

The Supervisor of Legislative Services presented further information on two (2) communities included in the Literature Review previously presented to the Committee regarding rural communities who have successfully implemented connectivity solutions.

11. Review of Connectivity Survey Results

The Supervisor of Legislative Services presented the results of the Internet Connectivity Survey, which was launched on October 16th to gather feedback from residents about their experiences with internet connectivity in Elgin.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The Committee will meet next on December 17, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

