

Meeting: Connectivity Committee
Date: December 17, 2020
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Webex

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

Regrets: Joshua Kiirya, Community Member
Shawn Southern, Community Member

Staff: Julie Gonyou, Chief Administrative Officer
Jim Bundschuh, Director of Financial Services
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 17th day of December, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Justin Pennings
Seconded by: Mike Andrews

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Recorded Vote

	Yes	No
Councillor Giguère	Yes	
Mike Andrews	Yes	

Justin Pennings	Yes	
Warden Marks	Yes	
	4	0

- Motion Carried.

3. Adoption of November 19, 2020 Minutes

Moved by: Mike Andrews

Seconded by: Councillor Giguère

Resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted.

Recorded Vote

	Yes	No
Councillor Giguère	Yes	
Mike Andrews	Yes	
Justin Pennings	Yes	
Warden Marks	Yes	
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- Motion Carried.

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None.

5. Summary and Highlights: Canada’s Rural and Remote Broadband Conference Fall 2020 – Councillor Giguère, Vice Chair

Councillor Giguère presented a summary of Canada’s Rural and Remote Broadband Conference Fall 2020. The Conference was divided into two (2) streams, policy and technical, and Councillor Giguère and the Manager of IT attended the following sessions:

- The New COVID Reality Technical and Policy Impacts on Rural Canada
- Connectivity doesn’t have to be a contest: Alternative Funding Models
- The Good, The Bad and The Ugly Part 2 Becoming a Community ISP
- International Community Models, Lessons for Canada

- Fibre to the Home 101 – Network Overview
- Broadband Gap Analysis Identifying the Size of the Problem
- Innovative Micro-Projects for Sustainable Broadband
- Beyond Connectivity Bridging the Digital Divide

6. Summary #2 of Mountain Connect Virtual Conference, Legislative Services Coordinator

The Legislative Services Coordinator provided a summary of the Mountain Connect Conference, which included sessions focusing on three distinct tracks: Community Development, Emerging Technologies, and Wireless. The second report on the Conference provided a summary of the following two (2) sessions: Digital Government Strategy in the Age of COVID and San Mateo County's Approach to Digital Equity and E-Learning.

7. Discussion Question Feedback – Internet Forum – Supervisor of Legislative Services

The Supervisor of Legislative Services presented the feedback gathered from participants during the breakout sessions of the Elgin County Internet Forum, hosted by the Connectivity Committee on December 3, 2020.

8. Correspondence – A Path to Better Connectivity – ROMA Launches Municipal Broadband Resources

The Committee received the correspondence from the Rural Ontario Municipal Association.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The Committee will meet again on January 14, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. for a working session to develop an inventory of what has been done and compare it to the roadmap in the ROMA Broadband Resource Package.

10. Adjournment

Moved by: Justin Pennings
Seconded by: Mike Andrews

RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Recorded Vote

	Yes	No
Councillor Giguère	Yes	
Mike Andrews	Yes	
Justin Pennings	Yes	
Warden Marks	Yes	
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- Motion Carried.