

Meeting: Connectivity Committee
Date: February 11, 2021
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Webex

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

Staff: Julie Gonyou, Chief Administrative Officer
 Jim Bundschuh, Director of Financial Services
 Al Reitsma, Manager of IT
 Jeremy Sharkey, IT Coordinator
 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 11th day of February, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor McPhail
 Seconded by: Mike Andrews

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved.

Recorded Vote

	Yes	No
Councillor Giguère	Yes	

Councillor McPhail	Yes	
Mike Andrews	Yes	
Justin Pennings	Yes	
Warden Marks	Yes	
	5	0

- Motion Carried.

3. Adoption of January 28, 2021 Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Giguère

Seconded by: Councillor McPhail

Resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted.

Recorded Vote

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

Joshua Kiirya joined the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None.

5. Connectivity Committee Action Plan – Reviewing the Connectivity Strategy

The Chief Administrative Officer reviewed the Committee follow up items coming out of the Connectivity Strategy Discussion Guide.

The Committee directed staff to determine the internal capacity to support the Committee’s action plan and to provide a follow up report with recommendations

for action items that can be completed by staff and action items that would require additional support from a consultant or technical expert.

Following the completion and review of a technical and current state assessment, the Committee agreed to determine the desired state of connectivity service levels in Elgin County.

6. Canada Infrastructure Bank – Director of Financial Services

The Director of Financial Services provided an overview of financing for large scale broadband projects available from the Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB). According to the CIB, large scale broadband projects will have a minimum investment of \$50 million. The minimum investment amount would likely prevent local ISPs from qualifying for CIB funding.

7. Correspondence

- i. **AMO Policy Update – Expanded Library Broadband**
- ii. **Shawn Southern with a letter regarding his resignation from the Connectivity Committee**

Moved by: Justin Pennings
Seconded by: Mike Andrews

RESOLVED THAT correspondence items 1-2 be received; and

THAT Shawn Southern’s resignation be accepted with regret.

Recorded Vote

	Yes	No
Councillor Giguère	Yes	
Councillor McPhail	Yes	
Mike Andrews	Yes	
Justin Pennings	Yes	
Joshua Kiirya	Yes	
Warden Marks	Yes	
	6	0

- Motion Carried.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The Committee will meet again on February 25, 2021 at 2:00 pm.

9. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor McPhail

Seconded by: Councillor Giguère

RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 4:07 pm.

Recorded Vote

	Yes	No
Councillor Giguère	Yes	
Councillor McPhail	Yes	
Mike Andrews	Yes	
Justin Pennings	Yes	
Joshua Kiirya	Yes	
Warden Marks	Yes	
	6	0

- Motion Carried.