
Meeting: Connectivity Committee
Date: January 14, 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
Justin Pennings, Community Member
Mike Andrews, Community Member
Joshua Kiirya, Community Member

Regrets: 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 14th day of January, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Committee approved the January 14th agenda.

3. Adoption of December 17, 2020 Minutes

Moved by: Justin Pennings
Seconded by: Councillor Giguère

Resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted as amended.

Recorded Vote

	Yes	No	Abstain
Councillor Giguère	Yes		
Councillor McPhail			Abstain
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. Delegations – Steve VanGroningen, Xplornet

Steve VanGroningen, Manager of Corporate Affairs – Xplornet Communications, provided information regarding Xplornet’s application to the Universal Broadband Fund and requested that Elgin County provide a letter of support for their application. The application is due on February 15, 2021.

The Committee agreed to refer the request to Council for their consideration at the January 26, 2021 meeting.

6. Planning Session #1: Made In Elgin Solution to Elgin's Connectivity Challenges, Chief Administrative Officer

The Chief Administrative Officer provided an overview of Rural Ontario Municipal Association’s Municipal Connectivity Roadmap, and the Committee discussed what role the County of Elgin should play in connectivity.

The Committee agreed that the County’s strategy should include a combination of options three (3) and four (4):

- Incentives for ISPs to create their own network, and
- Municipality-built and ISP operated networks.

The Chief Administrative Officer received feedback from the County Solicitor

regarding how the provision of incentives relates to the *Municipal Act's* prohibition of bonusing. The feedback will be circulated to Committee members.

The Committee directed the Chief Administrative Officer to draft a framework for developing a connectivity solution in Elgin County. The Committee will review the framework at the next meeting. The Committee will then present the framework to Council for their approval.

7. Correspondence – Kristi Rockley’s Answers to the Internet Connectivity Survey

The Committee reviewed the correspondence from Kristi Rockley and Sheryl Ellis-Potier.

Moved by: Councillor Giguère
 Seconded by: Justin Pennings

RESOLVED THAT the correspondence from Kristi Rockley and Sheryl Ellis-Potier be received.

	Yes	No	Abstain
Councillor Giguère	Yes		
Councillor McPhail	Yes		
Mike Andrews	Yes		
Justin Pennings	Yes		
Joshua Kiirya	Yes		
Warden Marks	Yes		
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8. Date of Next Meeting

The Committee will meet again on January 28, 2021 at 2:00 pm

9. Adjournment

Moved by: Mike Andrews
 Seconded by: Joshua Kiirya

RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:59 pm.

Recorded Vote

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