
CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, August 26, 2021
2:00 p.m.
Meeting to be held electronically.

Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda
 2. Adoption of July 22, 2021 Minutes
 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof
 4. IBI Engagement – Report Delivery – Director of ITS
 5. Presentation – IBI (to be circulated)
 6. Report #2 – Options Analysis and Recommendation – IBI (to be circulated)
 7. Report Discussion – Director of ITS
 8. Correspondence
 9. New Business
 10. Date of Next Meeting
 11. Adjournment
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Meeting: Connectivity Committee
Date: July 22, 2021
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers/Webex

Attendees: Tom Marks, Warden and Committee Chair (in-person)
Dominique Giguère, Councillor and Committee Vice Chair (in-person)
Duncan McPhail, Councillor (in-person)
Mike Andrews, Community Member (electronic)
Justin Pennings, Community Member (electronic)
Joshua Kiirya, Community Member (electronic, joined the meeting in progress)

Staff: Julie Gonyou, Chief Administrative Officer (in-person)
Brian Lima, General Manager of Engineering, Planning & Enterprise (in-person)
Jeff Brock, Director of Information Technology Services (in-person)
Jeremy Sharkey, IT Coordinator (electronic)
Cecil Coxen, IT Manager – Township of Malahide (electronic)
Katherine Thompson, Supervisor of Legislative Services (in-person)
Carolyn Krahn, Legislative Services Coordinator (in-person)

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Connectivity Committee met this 22nd day of July, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Mike Andrews
Seconded by: Councillor Giguère

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved.

Recorded Vote

	Yes	No
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Councillor Giguère	Yes	
Councillor McPhail	Yes	
Mike Andrews	Yes	
Justin Pennings	Yes	
Warden Marks	Yes	
	5	0

- Motion Carried.

3. Adoption of June 17, 2021 Minutes

Moved by: Councillor McPhail

Seconded by: Justin Pennings

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	
	5	0

- Motion Carried.

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None.

5. Community Connectivity Engagement Strategy – Director of ITS

The Director of ITS presented the engagement strategy for the Connected Elgin Community Connectivity project. The strategy will ensure that public engagement is transparent, focused and accessible and will serve as a guiding document detailing the County's approach to external public engagement.

6. Current State Assessment – IBI Group

IBI Group presented the current state assessment for connectivity in Elgin. The assessment looked at the number of served versus underserved areas at the municipal level and assessed the served versus underserved areas based on premises and road network length. The assessment found that while just over half of County premises are served with minimum broadband speeds, the gap to meet minimum speeds for underserved areas is roughly 1,500 km of underserved road segments, or roughly 71% of County road segments.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. New Business

None.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The Committee will meet again on August 19th at 2 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Moved by: Justin Pennings

Seconded by: Mike Andrews

RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

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.



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IBI Engagement Report Delivery

Jeff Brock, Director ITS

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Expected Deliverables

- Report # 1 – Data Gathering and Analysis of Local Resources
- Report # 2 - Options Analysis and Recommendation (including community specific solutions)
- Report # 3 - Final Report – To be Developed based on Information from Report # 2, Survey Data, and Recommendations from Committee

What to Expect from Report

- Detailed Analysis of Data
- Technical Options
- Governance and Funding Options

What not to Expect from Report

- A Detailed Plan to Reach our Goal



Questions



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Report Discussion

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Technical Options

- County Wide Fibre Deployment
- Fibre Backbone to Fixed Wireless Locations
- Hybrid?

Financing Options

- Ontario Connects: Ontario's High Speed Internet Plan
- County Owned
- P3 Approach
- Direct Subsidy Approach
- Facilitate Private Sector Investment



Questions