

**Corporation of the County of Elgin**

**CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**For Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.**

The Elgin County Connectivity Committee met this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022. The meeting was held in a hybrid in-person/electronic format with Committee Members and staff participating as indicated below.

**Attendees:** Deputy Warden Tom Marks, Chair (electronic)  
Councillor Dominique Giguère (electronic)  
Councillor Duncan McPhail (in-person)  
Justin Pennings, Community Member (electronic)  
Mike Andrews, Community Member (electronic)

**Staff:** Julie Gonyou, Chief Administrative Officer (in-person)  
Jenna Fentie, Manager of Administrative Services/Deputy Clerk (in-person)  
Jeremy Sharkey, IT Coordinator (electronic)  
Stefanie Heide, Legislative Services Coordinator (in-person)

**Regrets:** Brian Lima, General Manager of Engineering, Planning, and Enterprise/Deputy CAO  
Joshua Kiirya, Community Member

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting convened at 2:00 p.m. with Deputy Warden Marks in the Chair.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by: Justin Pennings  
Seconded by: Councillor Giguère

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the September 29, 2022 meeting be approved as presented.

**Recorded Vote**

	Yes	No	Abstain
Councillor Dominique Giguère	X		
Councillor Duncan McPhail	X		
Justin Pennings	X		
Mike Andrews	X		

Deputy Warden Tom Marks, Chair	X		
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	0	0

- Motion Carried.

### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Councillor Giguère noted the typo in her name in the minutes. Staff will correct this moving forward.

Moved by: Mike Andrews  
Seconded by: Councillor Giguère

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held July 20, 2022 be adopted.

#### Recorded Vote

	Yes	No	Abstain
Councillor Dominique Giguère	X		
Councillor Duncan McPhail	X		
Justin Pennings	X		
Mike Andrews	X		
Deputy Warden Tom Marks, Chair	X		
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	0	0

- Motion Carried.

### 4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None.

### 5. DELEGATIONS

None.

### 6. BRIEFINGS

#### 6.1 Connectivity Advocacy Plan – Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting in July 2022, the Connectivity Committee approved a Connectivity Committee Advocacy Plan (Advocacy Plan). The Chief Administrative Officer presented the report containing an update on the Committee's progress to date since the Advocacy Plan was approved. The CAO noted the pillars and the corresponding actions that have been taken by the Committee.

Councillor Giguère directed staff to use the list of all participants from the

forum we had to announce to them that we have this website and encourage people to sign up for updates to start raising awareness. Also to collect some testimonials from ISPs to put on website to encourage ISPs to consider Elgin County.

Moved by: Justin Pennings  
Seconded by: Mike Andrews

RESOLVED THAT the report titled "Connectivity Advocacy Plan" dated September 26, 2022 from the Chief Administrative Officer be received for information.

**Recorded Vote**

	Yes	No	Abstain
Councillor Dominique Giguère	X		
Councillor Duncan McPhail	X		
Justin Pennings	X		
Mike Andrews	X		
Deputy Warden Tom Marks, Chair	X		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- Motion Carried.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 The Chief Administrative Officer noted that the Director of IT and Manager of IT have moved on to new opportunities under 9. "Date of Next Meeting".

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

8.1 Minister of Infrastructure – Ontario Bringing High-Speed Internet Access to More Communities

8.2 Ministry of Infrastructure News Release – Ontario Bringing High-Speed Internet Access to More Communities

8.3 Building Broadband Faster in Ontario Guideline 2.0

Councillor Giguère asked at a future meeting to have an update on what the government is trying to do with these two platforms and what we are doing.

Moved By: Councillor McPhail  
Seconded By: Justin Pennings

RESOLVED THAT correspondence items 8.1 - 8.3 be received and filed.

**Recorded Vote**

	Yes	No	Abstain
Councillor Dominique Giguère	X		
Councillor Duncan McPhail	X		
Justin Pennings	X		
Mike Andrews	X		
Deputy Warden Tom Marks, Chair	X		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Motion Carried

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Connectivity Committee will meet again at the call of the Chair.

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that under New Business, she should have noted that the Director of IT and the Manager of IT have gone on to new opportunities. In their absence, members are welcome to reach out to the Chief Administrative Officer if they have any IT related questions.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Mike Andrews  
Seconded by: Justin Pennings

RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn at 2:53 p.m.

**Recorded Vote**

	Yes	No	Abstain
Councillor Dominique Giguère	X		
Councillor Duncan McPhail	X		
Justin Pennings	X		
Mike Andrews	X		
Deputy Warden Tom Marks, Chair	X		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- Motion Carried.

  
Julie Gonyou,  
Chief Administrative Officer.

  
Tom Marks,  
Chair.