

June 4, 2020

Delivered by email
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RE: Correspondence from the Town of Fort Erie, re: Support for High Speed Internet Connectivity in Rural Ontario

Please be advised the above-noted matter was placed before Council at its meeting held on June 2, 2020, and the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS The Government of Ontario issued a Declaration of Emergency under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* on March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS The Legislative Assembly of Ontario passed the *COVID-19 Response and Reforms to Modernize Ontario Act, 2020*, to allow for more virtual or remote transactions during COVID-19 to help people conduct business while practising physical distancing; and

WHEREAS The Ministry of Education has closed all publicly funded schools for the remainder of the school year; and

WHEREAS Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 are expected to continue their studies with the resources provided online by the Ministry of Education; and

WHEREAS The Government of Ontario has set-up the Ontario Virtual Care Clinic to connect to an on-call doctor during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS High-speed internet is required to be able to access the virtual resources being provided by the Government of Ontario; and

WHEREAS The Township of Armour passed a resolution at its meeting on April 28, 2020, supporting the need to make substantial investments in high-speed internet connectivity in rural areas of Ontario; and

WHEREAS The Town of Fort Erie passed a resolution at its meeting on May 19, 2020, supporting the need to make substantial investments in high-speed internet connectivity in rural areas of Ontario; and



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WHEREAS The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has rural areas which require investments for high-speed connectivity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville support the need to make substantial investments in high-speed internet connectivity in rural areas of Ontario; and

THAT This resolution be forwarded to Helena Jaczek, MP for Markham-Stouffville, Paul Calandra, MPP for Markham-Stouffville, York Region, York Region Municipalities, the Township of Armour and the Town of Fort Erie.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K Soolepp', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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cc. MPP for Markham-Stouffville, Paul Calandra
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City of Markham
City of Richmond Hill
City of Vaughan
Town of Aurora
Town of East Gwillimbury
Town of Georgina
Town of Newmarket
Township of King
Township of Armour
Town of Fort Erie