



# Minutes

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## Rural Access to Broadband Internet Technology (RABIT) Task Force

**Meeting Date:** August 5, 2020  
**Meeting Time:** 12:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting  
**Prepared by:** Sarah Merrifield, Executive Assistant Committees of Council

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### A. Call to Order

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Deputy Mayor Rob Potter called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. with Councillor Rob Sampson and Mayor Alar Soever present.

Town staff present were Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt and Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince. Director of Operations Shawn Carey joined the meeting following the call to order.

- **Task Force Member Attendance**
- **Additions to the Agenda**

None

#### **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof**

NOTE: In accordance with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and the Town Procedural By-law 2019-56, Rural Access to Broadband Internet Technology (RABIT) Task Force members must file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk for inclusion on the Registry.

None

- **Review of Previous Minutes (July 29, 2020)**

Minutes were reviewed and deemed sufficient.

### B. Staff Reports and Deputations

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#### **B.1 Deputations, if any**

None

## **C. Matters for Discussion**

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### **C.1 Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) Webinar Follow-up and Opportunities – Mayor Soever, Councillor Sampson, and CAO Shawn Everitt**

- Meeting scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 7, 2020 to discuss ICON with Blair Almond of Bruce Street Technologies

### **C.2 Potential Grant Application – CAO Shawn Everitt**

- CAO Shawn Everitt to circulate report from 2017 to RABIT Task Force members – similar in flavour to report regarding ICON Grant Application Report
- Special Meeting of Council to be scheduled week of August 17 to consider potential ICON application
- Meeting scheduled for August 12, 2020 with several apple farmers, following which time, information will be provided to the Agricultural Advisory Committee

## **D. Correspondence**

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None

## **E. New and Unfinished Business**

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### **D.1 Additions to the Agenda**

### **D.2 Items Identified for Discussion at Next Meeting**

## **F. Upcoming Meeting Dates**

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August 7, 2020

Town Hall, Committee Room

August 12, 2020

Town Hall, Committee Room

August 21, 2020

Town Hall, Committee Room

## **G. Adjournment**

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.