Regular Council Meeting Resolution Form

Date:        April 16, 2019  No:        RESOLUTION - 131-2019
 Moved by Councillor Scott Brum  Disposition: CARRIED
 Seconded by Councillor Heather Lang  Item No:  9.1

Description: Request for Support #1-4
2. Councillor Scott Brum - Government of Ontario E-Learning

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario is proposing education adjustments; AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario announced that secondary school students will be required to take four (4) out of the thirty (30) high school credits as online courses; AND WHEREAS thirty (30) credits are required for an Ontario high school diploma, the government is not providing rural Ontario with the same broadband access as the rest of the Province; AND WHEREAS throughout much of rural and northern Ontario, broadband service is lacking, making e-learning impossible, and may set our students up for a two-tier education system due to the lack of internet access; AND WHEREAS online e-learning will disproportionately affect students with special needs, who may need more attention from their teachers, and students in low-income families, who may not have access to a laptop and internet at home to do their online course work; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of McNab/Braeside respectfully requests the Premier of Ontario to reconsider these online courses until rural Ontario students can be given the same opportunity to access the internet as the urban students;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be circulated to Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Education Lisa M. Thompson, MPP of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke John Yakabuski, MP of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke Cheryl Gallant, all Municipalities in the Province of Ontario, AMO, and ROMA.

\(\text{Mayor}\)

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\text{Recorded Vote Requested by} & \text{Yeas} & \text{Nays} \\
T. Peckett & \_ & \_ \\
P. Amos & \_ & \_ \\
H. Lang & \_ & \_ \\
S. Brum & \_ & \_ \\
O. Jacob & \_ & \_ \\
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\text{Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:} \\
\text{Disclosed/Not disclosed/Not applicable, abstained from discussion and did not vote}