

June 26, 2020

Hon. Doug Ford Premier Premier's Office Room 281 Legislative Building, Queen's Park

Dear the Honorable Doug Ford:

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on June 25, 2020, the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2020-209 Moved: Councillor Cammaert Seconded: Councillor Rowe

Whereas West Elgin Council wishes to support resolution number CW93-20 from Grey County; and

Whereas West Elgin recognizes that the need for reliable access to affordable broadband is required for education and business purposes to ensure continuity and success; and

Whereas reliable broadband will continue to play an essential role in economic and social recovery across Ontario post-pandemic; and

Whereas not all residents of West Elgin are within a connectivity coverage area and that rural areas often receive inadequate or disproportionately low levels of service; and

Where as while it is important for the Provincial Government to look at both the number of people and the number of businesses that can be serviced by broadband expansion, it is essential, as well, that the Province provide broadband service to areas that have a small number of people, yet cover a vast geographical area; and

Whereas the need for broadband infrastructure improvement is now;

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of West Elgin representing our residents and business owners alike, call to action Premier Ford, Minister of

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Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honorable Jeff Yurek to champion the implementation of broadband in the under-serviced areas of West Elgin;

For (3): Councillor Tellier, Councillor Cammaert, and Councillor Rowe Abstain (1): Mayor McPhail

Carried (3 to 0)

If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Truly,

Jana Nethercott

Clerk

Municipality of West Elgin

cc. Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation & Parks All Ontario Municipalities