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

Meeting Date: August 12, 2020
Meeting Time: 11:00 a.m.
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Prepared by Sarah Merrifield, Executive Assistant Committees of Council

A. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Rob Potter called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. with Mayor Alar Soever present. Councillor Rob Sampson joined the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Town staff present was Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt.

- 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

B. Staff Reports and Deputations

B.1 Deputations, if any

None
C. Matters for Discussion

C.1 Rural Broadband Internet in The Blue Mountains

- Provided information regarding the ICON grant program to attendees
- Noted potential to install conduit for high speed internet in the same trench as water irrigation infrastructure for fruit growers
- Discussed the area potentially being considered for Phase 1 of ICON, should funding request be successful, being: area between County Road 13, 119, and 2 with 21st sideroad as the trunk – noted goal of entire RABIT project is servicing all of The Blue Mountains with high speed internet
- Fruit growers to submit letter of support regarding ICON application
- CAO Shawn Everitt and fruit growers to discuss mapping that could accompany ICON application
- RABIT activities to be presented to Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting

D. Correspondence

None

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Additions to the Agenda

E.2 Items Identified for Discussion at Next Meeting

F. Upcoming Meeting Dates

August 21, 2020
Town Hall, Committee Room

G. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.