

Essex County Council Regular Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020
Time: Revised Agenda - Meeting Time: 7:00 PM Regular; Closed Meeting Immediately Following the Regular Meeting
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1. Closed Meeting

There will be a Closed Meeting following the Regular Meeting scheduled for June 17, 2020.

2. Moment of Reflection

3. Singing of 'O Canada'

4. Recording of Attendance

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

6. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes

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June 3, 2020 - Essex County Council - Regular Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:

Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

That the minutes of the June 3, 2020 Regular Meeting of Essex County Council be adopted as presented.

7. County Warden's Welcome and Remarks

8. Delegations and Presentations

Recommendation:

Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

That Mr. Field be permitted to speak to Essex County Council regarding SWIFT.

8.1 South Western Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT)

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Barry Field, Executive Director, SWIFT to provide County Council with an update on The SWIFT Project.

Also see items 9.1.19 and 11.3.

9. Communications

9.1 Correspondence

Recommendation:

Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

That the correspondence listed on the regular agenda for June 17, 2020, be received and any noted action approved.

9.1.1 Letters from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Office of the Minister, The Honourable Steve Clark and Western Ontario Wardens Caucus (WOWC)

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Call for Federal Action to Provide Immediate Funding for Reliable Broadband Access Across Ontario

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9.1.12	Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - Conference June 5, 2020 - <u>Request for AMO Conference Delegation Meetings Now Open!</u> Please be advised that the Municipal Delegation Request Form for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 2020 Annual Conference is available <u>online</u> . The deadline to submit requests is Friday June 26, 2020.	

- 9.1.13 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - Update**
June 8, 2020 - COVID-19 Update - Regional Approach to Stage 2, Emergency Orders Extended, and Short-Term Rentals
- 9.1.14 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - Conference**
June 10, 2020 - AMO 2020 Conference: Program Update
- 9.1.15 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - News**
June 11, 2020 - AMO Watchfile
- 9.1.16 Robert Peterson Family**
A note of thanks for the kindness shown during their time of loss. (Bob Peterson, former member of Essex County Council).
- 9.1.17 St. Clair College**
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June 17, 2020 - Correspondence from the Town of Essex seeking support for their resolution regarding the " Spread of COVID-19 in our Farm Worker Population".

Recommendation:

Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

That Essex County Council either [Support, Not Support or Note and File] the resolution from the Town of Essex.

10. Consent Agenda

There are no items for the Consent Agenda for June 17, 2020.

11. Reports and Questions

11.1 Planning Services Department Update

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Report Number 2020-0617-PS-R01-RB, dated June 17, 2020, from Rebecca Belanger, Manager of Planning Services.

Recommendation:

Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

That County Council receive Report #2020-0617-PS-R01-RB from the Manager of Planning Services, with regard to ongoing activities of the Planning Services Department.

11.2 Tender Summary - Construction of Roundabout Walker Rd. and South Talbot Road

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Report Number 2020-0617-ISD-R020-JM, dated June 17, 2020, from Jane Mustac, Director of Infrastructure Services/County Engineer.

Links to Previous Related Reports:

- [2019-1016-IS-R027-JM Roundabout at County Road 11 and South Talbot - Property - Drawing](#)
- [2019-1120-IS-R029-JM CR 11 \(Walker Rd\) and South Talbot Expropriation - Appendix 1 Appendix 2](#)

Recommendation:

Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

1. That the tender for Project #717-2020, being the Roundabout Construction – County Road 11 / South Talbot Road, be awarded to J&J Lepera Infrastructure, for a total tender amount of \$2,489,000.00 Plus H.S.T.
2. That the Contract Administration and onsite inspection for Project #717-2020, being the Roundabout Construction – County Road 11 / South Talbot Road, be awarded to CIMA Canada Inc. in the amount of \$149,025.00 plus H.S.T.

11.3 Funding Request for Broadband Infrastructure in Southwestern Ontario

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Report Number 2020-0617-ADM-R09-RM, dated June 17, 2020, from Robert Maisonville, Chief Administrative Officer.

Recommendation:

Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

That this report be received for information; and

THAT consideration be given for the County of Essex to sign the letters requesting funding from the CRTC and ISED Broadband Programs.

11.4 2020/2021 Insurance Renewal Report (Agenda Revision)

Verbal Report from CAO, Robert Maisonville.

The previously indicated report from Sandra Zwiers is currently unavailable pending additional information from AON.

Recommendation:

Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

That County Council delegate authority to the CAO to approve, prior to the June 30, 2020 expiration date, the County of Essex Comprehensive Insurance Program for the period June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2021;

And further that Administration provide County Council with a formal report regarding the approved Comprehensive Insurance Program at July 15, 2020 regular meeting of County Council.

12. Unfinished Business

13. New Business

14. Adoption of By-Laws

Recommendation:

Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

That By-law 2020-27, having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and enacted.

14.1 By-law Number 2020-27

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Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Essex. (June 17, 2020)

15. Notice of Motion

16. Adjournment



Essex County Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

7:00 PM

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Council:

Gary McNamara, Warden, Mayor, Town of Tecumseh
Joe Bachetti, Deputy Mayor, Town of Tecumseh
Tracey Bailey, Deputy Mayor, Town of Lakeshore
Tom Bain, Mayor, Town of Lakeshore
Marc Bondy, Mayor, Town of LaSalle
Aldo DiCarlo, Mayor, Town of Amherstburg
Hilda MacDonald, Mayor, Municipality of Leamington
Crystal Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of LaSalle
Leo Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of Amherstburg
Richard Meloche, Deputy Mayor, Town of Essex
Nelson Santos, Deputy Warden, Mayor, Town of Kingsville
Gord Queen, Deputy Mayor, Town of Kingsville
Larry Snively, Mayor, Town of Essex
Larry Verbeke, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Leamington

Administration:

Mary Birch, Director of Council & Community Services/Clerk
Jayne Brooks Keller, Administrator - Sun Parlor Home
Robin Greenall, CEO/Chief Librarian, Essex County Library
Rob Maisonville, Chief Administrative Officer
Jane Mustac, Director of Infrastructure Services/County Engineer
Greg Schlosser, Director Human Resources
Sandra Zwiers, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer
Renée Trombley, Manager Communications and Organizational Development
Katherine Hebert, Deputy Clerk
Danielle Dunlop, Council and Community Services Administrative Assistant

1. Closed Meeting

There was no Closed Meeting scheduled for the June 3, 2020 meeting.

2. Moment of Reflection

3. Singing of 'O Canada'

4. Recording of Attendance

Warden McNamara attended the meeting at the Council Chambers. All other members of Council participated in the meeting via video conferencing, from remote locations.

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no conflicts of pecuniary interest declared.

6. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2020 Essex County Council Regular Meeting Minutes

105-2020

Moved By Tom Bain

Seconded By Larry Snively

That the minutes of the May 20th, 2020 Regular Meeting of Essex County Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

7. County Warden's Welcome and Remarks

The Warden brought the following greetings:

"I would like to begin by offering my condolences to the family and friends of those we've lost to COVID-19. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

More than 1,700 Windsor and Essex County residents were tested for COVID-19 in Windsor last week and hundreds more were tested at the Essex Arena yesterday. Hundreds more were tested in Kingsville earlier today and similar crowds are anticipated at a community-testing centre in Amherstburg tomorrow. This is very positive news.

I would like thank Essex-Windsor EMS for supporting this important outreach effort led by the Windsor and Essex County Health Unit. And I would like to thank the residents of Windsor and Essex County who took the time to get tested. Any resident who feels they may have COVID-19 or believes they may have come into contact with someone with COVID-19 should get tested.

It's a minor inconvenience that can yield positive results and potentially save lives. Increased testing will heighten local knowledge of the virus and its

patterns and can work to slow the spread, identifying asymptomatic carriers and limiting the exposure of others.

The Province has extended its State of Emergency until the end of June, but more and more businesses are continuing to open with physical distancing protocols in place. While these openings are a positive development, we must remain cautious and vigilant.

It is imperative we all continue to practice physical distancing and wear masks in public spaces where physical distancing is a challenge. It is imperative we all continue to wash our hands regularly and avoid touching our faces. We have done so much good work to slow the spread, but we can't let our guard down now.

Thank you to all of our frontline workers for everything you are doing to keep us safe and thank you to the Windsor and Essex County Health Unit for your unwavering commitment to public safety in these challenging times."

8. Delegations and Presentations

There were no delegations for June 3, 2020.

9. Communications

9.1 Correspondence

106-2020

Moved By Joe Bachetti

Seconded By Aldo DiCarlo

That the correspondence listed on the regular agenda for June 3, 2020, be received and any noted action approved.

Carried

9.1.1 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)

May 2020 Edition - Insider - The Voice of Rural Ontario

9.1.2 Windsor Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce

COVID-19 Member Resource Update Upcoming Webinars, Local Initiatives & Government Programs

9.1.3 Ministry of Transportation - Notice of Study Commencement

May 20, 2020 - Letter RE Commencement Highway 3 Rehabilitation from Essex Road 34 to Highway 77, County of

Essex Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study
(GWP 3061-14-00)

Gord Queen highlighted the need to continue with the push for the Highway 3 study.

Mr. Maisonville advised that the Director of Infrastructure Services/County Engineer was scheduled to meet with representatives from the MTO in the upcoming weeks to discuss the Highway 3 project.

9.1.4 Pathway to Potential

May 2020: Information Sharing Edition

- Canada Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB)
- Support for Isolation and Recovery Centres (IRC) during COVID-19
- Vulnerable Persons Registry
- United Way Emergency Community Support Fund
- Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre - COVID-19 Testing Available
- Prosper Canada - Financial Relief Navigator
- Affordable Prescriptions Ontario
- Multilingual CERB Resources
- Subscribe to Newsletter - P2P

9.1.5 Windsor Essex Compassion Care Community (WECCC) - Update

'This Won't Be Forever' - May Newsletter, The Compassion Care Classic

9.1.6 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - Communication

May 19, 2020 - AMO COVID-19 Update – Municipal Fiscal Request, Emergency Orders, Pandemic Pay, LTC Homes Commission, Extended School and Child Care Closures, and Summer Camps

9.1.7 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - Watchfile

May 21, 2020 - Read the AMO Watchfile Update Online

9.1.8 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - Communication

May 28, 2020 - Read the AMO Watchfile Update Online

9.1.9 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - Communication

May 28, 2020 - AMO COVID-19 Update - Looking Ahead

9.1.10 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - Communication

May 28, 2020 - AMO COVID-19 Update – Pandemic Pay Update

9.1.11 Resolution in Support of Local Newspapers

May 14, 2020 - Town of Tecumseh Letter to Postmedia Network Inc.

Warden McNamara provided an update on his recent discussion with Post Media CEO Andrew McLeod and advised that Post Media was considering the possibility of producing weekly electronic media publications for local communities (6-month pilot).

9.1.12 Support for High Speed Internet Connectivity in Rural Ontario

May 20, 2020 - Town of Fort Erie Letter and Resolution

Richard Meloche highlighted the need to continue to push for connectivity in rural communities.

Robert Maisonville advised that an update would be forthcoming regarding SWIFT and high-speed internet (SWIFT representatives to make a presentation at an upcoming Council meeting).

9.1.13 Provincial Funding for Rehabilitation Facilities

May 13, 2020 - Letter and Resolution from the City of Cambridge

9.2 Resolutions

There were no resolutions for June 3, 2020.

10. Consent Agenda

107-2020

Moved By Marc Bondy

Seconded By Gord Queen

That the recommendation in the Administrative Report listed as item 10.1, on the Consent Agenda for June 3, 2020 be approved.

Carried

10.1 Legal/Consulting Services - Approval of Invoices

Report Number 2020-0603-ADM-R08-RM, dated June 3, 2020, from Robert Maisonville, Chief Administrative Officer.

11. Reports and Questions

11.1 Essex County Library

April 22, 2020 - Essex County Library Board Meeting Minutes, Nelson Santos, Chair.

Nelson Santos provided an update to Council on the progress of restoring library services to communities, noting the potential for mail communications and curbside pickup services.

108-2020

Moved By Nelson Santos

Seconded By Larry Verbeke

That the minutes of the Essex County Library Board Meeting, dated April 22, 2020 be received.

Carried

11.2 Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority

February 4, 2020 - Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority Board Meeting Minutes and Waste Diversion Report for 2019, Aldo DiCarlo, Vice-Chair.

109-2020

Moved By Aldo DiCarlo

Seconded By Marc Bondy

That the Minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority Board meeting dated February 4, 2020 and the 2019 Waste Diversion Report be received and filed.

Carried

11.3 2019 County of Essex Consolidated Financial Report

Report Number 2020-0603-FIN-R008-SZ, dated June 3, 2020, from Sandra Zwiers, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer.

Sandra Zwiers presented the auditors findings and highlighted for Council key points that were identified during the audit. She explained that the consolidated statements included all departments for the County of Essex, the Essex Library Board (ECL) and the County's 50% share in Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA).

Ms. Zwiers noted that the package included the financial statements for the Sun Parlor Home resident's trust fund as well, as they are presented separately and are not consolidated into the County's statements. The Auditor, KPMG, provided the County with a clean (unqualified) audit for 2019. It was noted that the audit had been completed virtually 100%, due to the pandemic, with no notable issues. Ms. Zwiers noted that, new this year in the notes of the statements was a note regarding the pandemic which was referenced to acknowledge that the Corporation was unable to determine if there would be any significant impact to operations, but would continue to monitor and report on the situation.

Leo Meloche questioned if some of the reserve funds, not in immediate use by the County, could be transferred to the local municipalities, as they may experience cash flow issues, due to the lack of revenue being collected during the pandemic.

Richard Meloche sought clarification and additional information on the purpose of the rate stabilization fund and household counts. He further supported the County placing the funds into reserves, accessible for future capital projects, if needed.

Ms. Zwiers advised that assessment concerns, pandemic impact and service delivery concessions are all to be considered.

Warden McNamara noted the uncertainties that the pandemic (both current and possible future waves) brings.

Tom Bain supported the report and the municipal benefit of the County being in good shape.

Robert Maisonville advised that there would be a need for a large portion of Reserve Funds to be used in operations and capital initiatives (broadband, hospital, flooding, COVID, etc.) that would be a benefit to the entire community.

Aldo DiCarlo requested clarification about allocating funds as floating surplus.

Ms. Zwiers responded that the recommendation was that funds remain in the rate stabilization fund at this time and Administration would assess reserve balances and make recommendations in the draft budget for 2021.

Leo Meloche questioned the unspent Library capital funds.

Ms. Zwiers advised that she would review and respond at a later date.

Warden McNamara recognized the efforts of County Finance Staff and Management, and extended appreciation for the hard work.

110-2020

Moved By Joe Bachetti

Seconded By Marc Bondy

That County Council receive the 2019 County of Essex Consolidated Financial Report and approve the 2019 County of Essex Consolidated Financial Statements.

Carried

11.4 Appointment of an Auditor for the Corporation of the County of Essex

Report Number 2020-0603-FIN-R007-SZ, dated June 3, 2020, from Sandra Zwiers, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer.

Richard Meloche questioned when the County had last issued an RFP for audit services. In response, it was noted that it had been since the early 2000's.

Ms. Zwiers advised that KPMG continued to provide the level of service to the satisfaction of the County and that significant education had to occur when switching auditing firms. She expressed that there was value in maintaining continuity with KPMG, as their investigative work and depth of understanding of the County's operations was significant. She noted that there were very few auditors in the region that specialize in municipal auditing and that, taking into consideration of the relationship that exists between County, the City of Windsor and

EWSWA, it was optimal to engage an auditing firm that understood the synergy of the parties. She expressed that KPMG was an auditing firm that understood the broader picture, was reasonable, responsive, and that Administration believed that their proposal supported continued service with the County of Essex.

111-2020

Moved By Leo Meloche

Seconded By Gord Queen

That County Council approve the re-appointment of KPMG LLP for a five-year period commencing with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020, subject to annual renewal and confirmation by By-law, in accordance with the fees presented in Appendix B of KPMG's Proposal.

Carried

12. Unfinished Business

13. New Business

13.1 Engine Breaking at CR 14 and CR 31 intersection.

Larry Verbeke shared concerns from both Kingsville and Leamington residents who were expressing concerns over engine breaking occurring in the early morning hours and causing a disturbance to residents in the vicinity of the new stop signs at the intersection of County Road 14 and 31.

Jane Mustac advised that the County was investigating installing signs prohibiting the engine braking at that intersection, as well as three others throughout the County, under the local municipal by-laws.

13.2 Safety Concern - Maidstone Avenue, Essex

Larry Snively questioned whether any solution had been proposed regarding a safety concern at an intersection on Maidstone Avenue in Essex where a bicycle accident had occurred.

Ms. Mustac advised that an interim solution had been proposed to the CAO for the Town of Essex.

14. Adoption of By-Laws

112-2020

Moved By Richard Meloche

Seconded By Aldo DiCarlo

That By-law(s) 2020-25 through 2020-26, having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and enacted.

Carried

14.1 By-law Number 2020-25

Being a By-law to Appoint Auditors of the Corporation of the County of Essex for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020

14.2 By-law Number 2020-26

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Essex. (June 3, 2020)

15. Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion for June 3, 2020.

16. Adjournment

113-2020

Moved By Marc Bondy

Seconded By Larry Verbeke

That the Essex County Council meeting for June 3, 2020 be adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Carried

Gary McNamara

Warden - County of Essex

Mary Birch

Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk

Date Signed



ESSEX COUNTY PRESENTATION

Video Conference

June 17, 2020

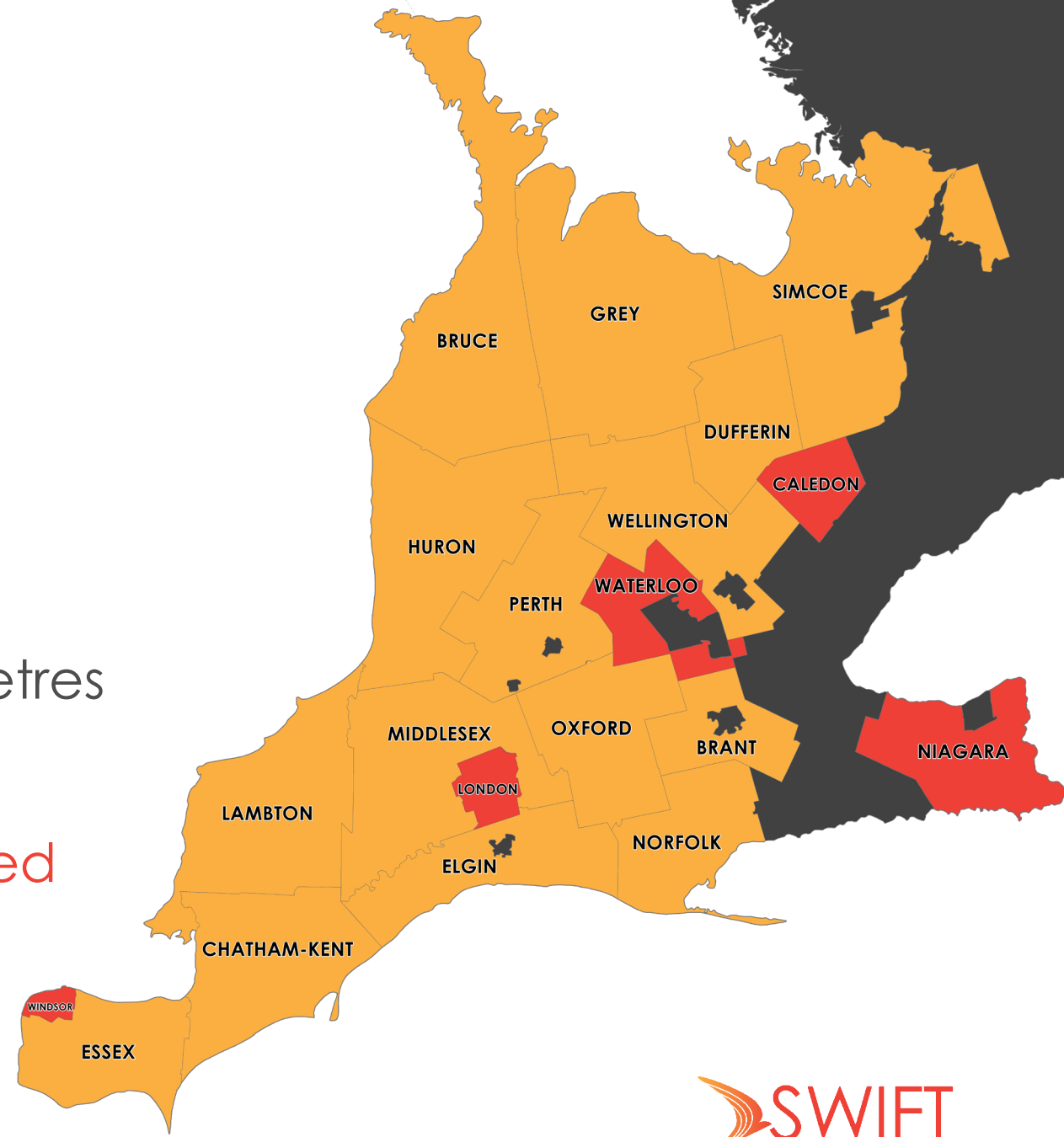


- SWIFT has signed a Contribution Agreement with the province
- Terms of the CA give the province the right to announce project milestones
- As such, communication of certain progress and activities may be delayed until the province make announcements
- This is the case for all projects in the SWIFT program

THE SWIFT PROJECT

THE SWIFT REGION

- 15 WOWC Members
- 5 Contributing Members
 - Caledon, Niagara, Waterloo, London, Windsor
- 221,000 underserved premises
- 41,000 underserved road kilometres
- 504,000 underserved residents
- **\$2.6B cost to fibre all underserved areas**

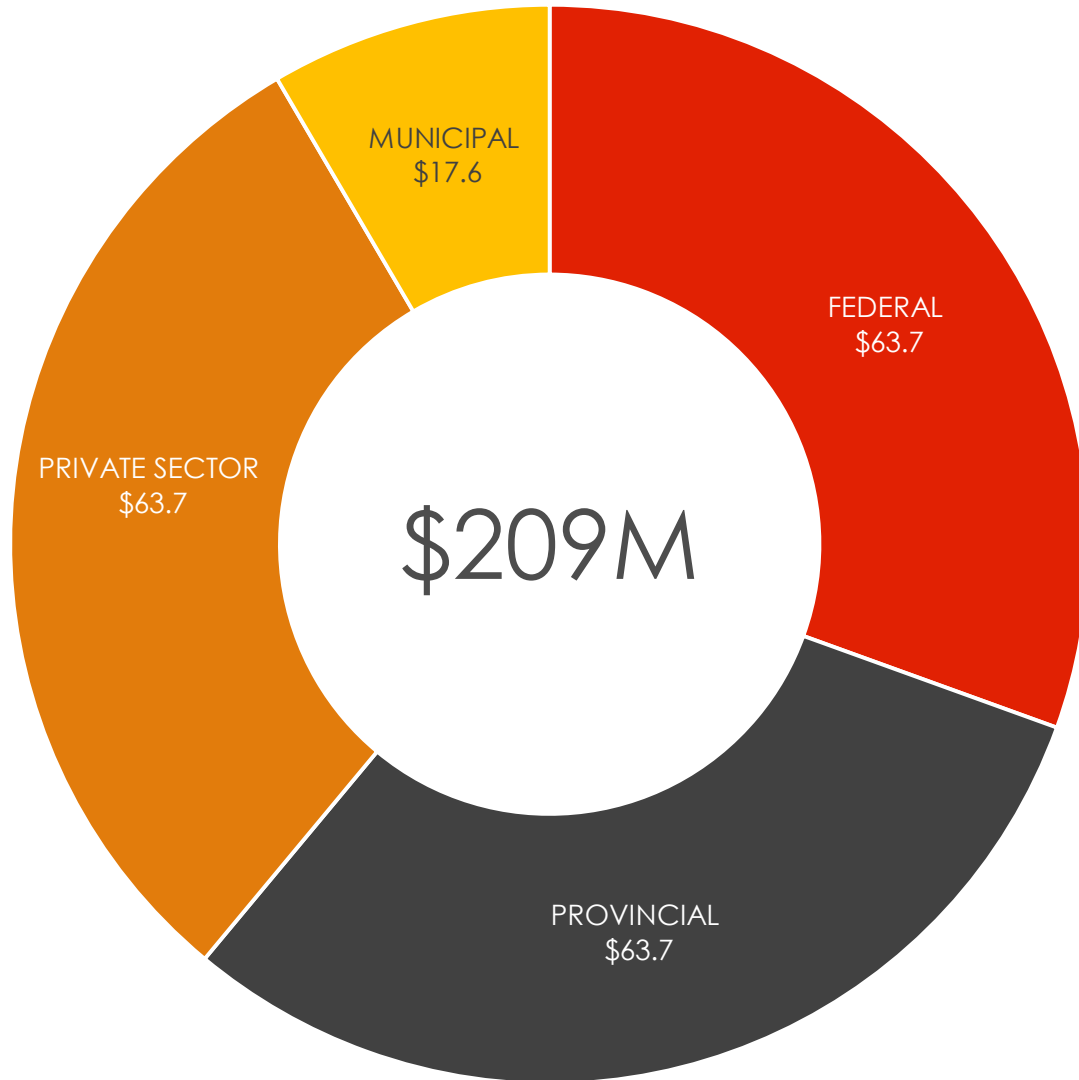


SCF PROJECT PHASES



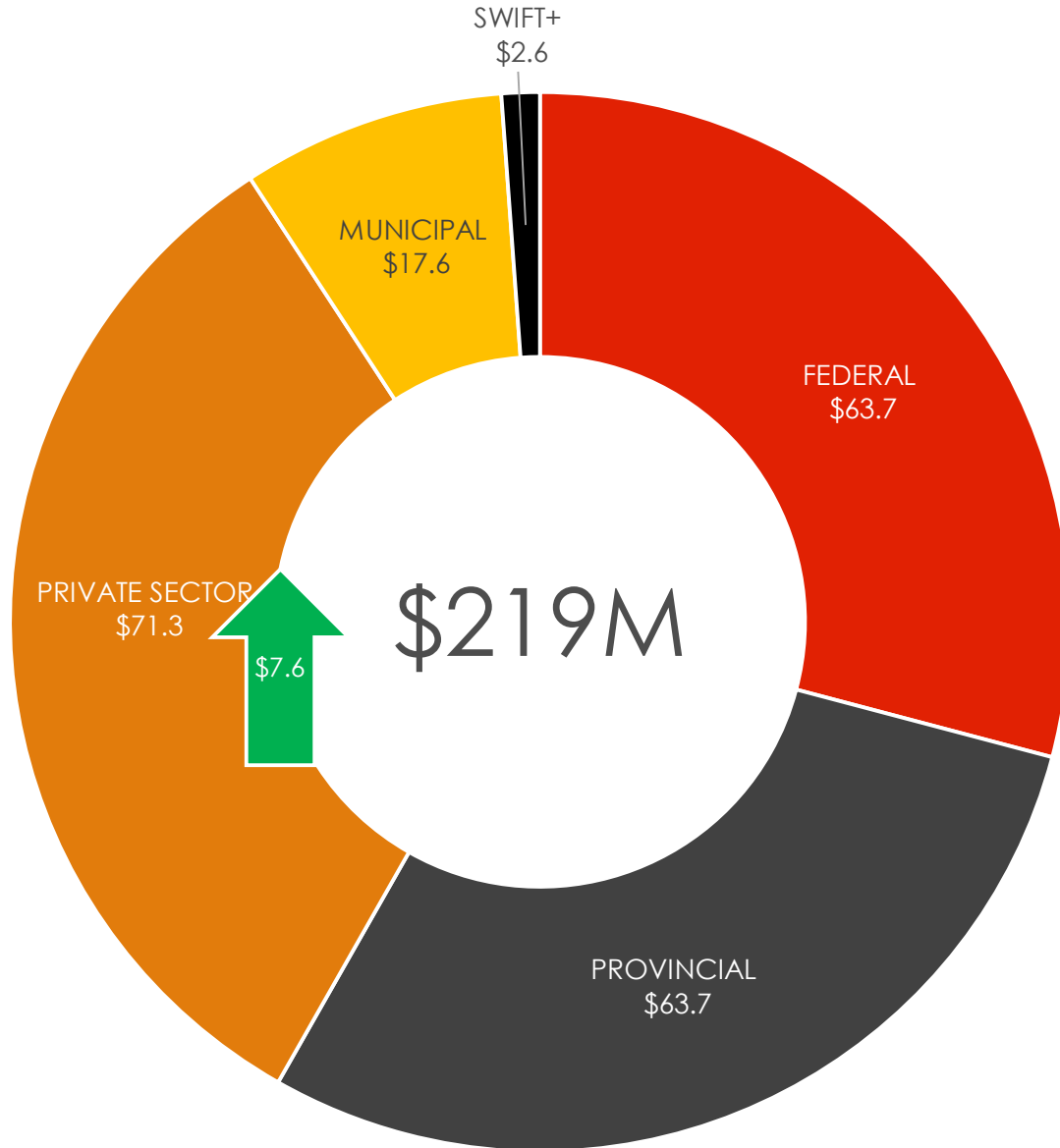
- SWIFT is funded under the Small Communities Fund (SCF)
- 3 Phases have been defined and relate to 3 Contribution Agreements with the province
- 3 Phases
 - Phase 1 (CA1) – Business Case Development (**Complete**)
 - Phase 2 (CA2) – Projects in Norfolk, Wellington and Lambton (**In Progress**)
 - Phase 3 (CA3) – Remaining SCF and non-SCF Projects (**In Progress**)
- Start-Up took longer than anticipated but all provincial and federal concerns have now been addressed and **funding is now secure, changes have been made** at SWIFT, and **projects are moving forward**

SOURCES OF FUNDING - BUDGETED



- 1/3 Federal
- 1/3 Provincial
- 1/3 Private Sector (Minimum)
- Municipal Capital Contributions
 - Administration
 - Overheads
 - Non-SCF Eligible Projects

SOURCES OF FUNDING – CURRENT VIEW



- 1/3 Federal
- 1/3 Provincial
- 1/3 Private Sector (Minimum) ↑
 - Phase 2 realized private sector investment \$7.6M above target (+72%)
- Municipal Capital Contributions
 - Administration
 - Overheads
 - Non-SCF Eligible Projects
- SWIFT+ ↑
 - Additional Ad Hoc municipal contributions targeting specific projects

VENDORS OF RECORD



41 VORs to-date

 Bell Canada	 Beyond Air Networks Limited	BH Telecom Corp.	 Bluewater Regional Networks	 Brant Municipal Enterprises	 Brooke Telecom Co-Op
 Bruce Telecom	 Cogeco Connexion Inc.	 Distributel Communications		 Eh!tel Networks Inc.	 Entegrus
 Envi Networks Ltd.	 Execulink Telecom Inc.	 Frontline 360 Inc.	 GB TEL Incorporated	 Gosfield North Telecom	 Hay Communications
 HCE Telecom	 HuronTel	 Hydro One Telecom Inc.	 Internet Access Solutions	 KWIC Internet	 Lakeland Energy Ltd.
 MPV WiFi	 Mornington Communications	 Multiboard (Start.ca)	 Nexicom Inc.	 NRBN	North Frontenac Telephone Company, Elgin Corp.
 Olds Fibre Ltd.(O-Net)	 Quadro Communications	 Rogers	 Silo Wireless Inc.	 TekSavvy Solutions Inc.	 TeraGo Networks Inc.
 NFTC	 Tuckersmith Communications	 Vianet Inc.	 Wightman Communications	 Xplornet Communications	 Zayo Group LLC

TECHNOLOGY CHOICES



- Small Communities Fund is focused on 50/10 service, not technology choices
- Technologies
 - FTTH
 - HFC
 - DSL
 - Wireless Broadband
- Preference given to 'scalable' technologies

SWIFT is **technology agnostic** and will allow bids that include any 'standards-based' technologies so long as they meet the 50/10 target

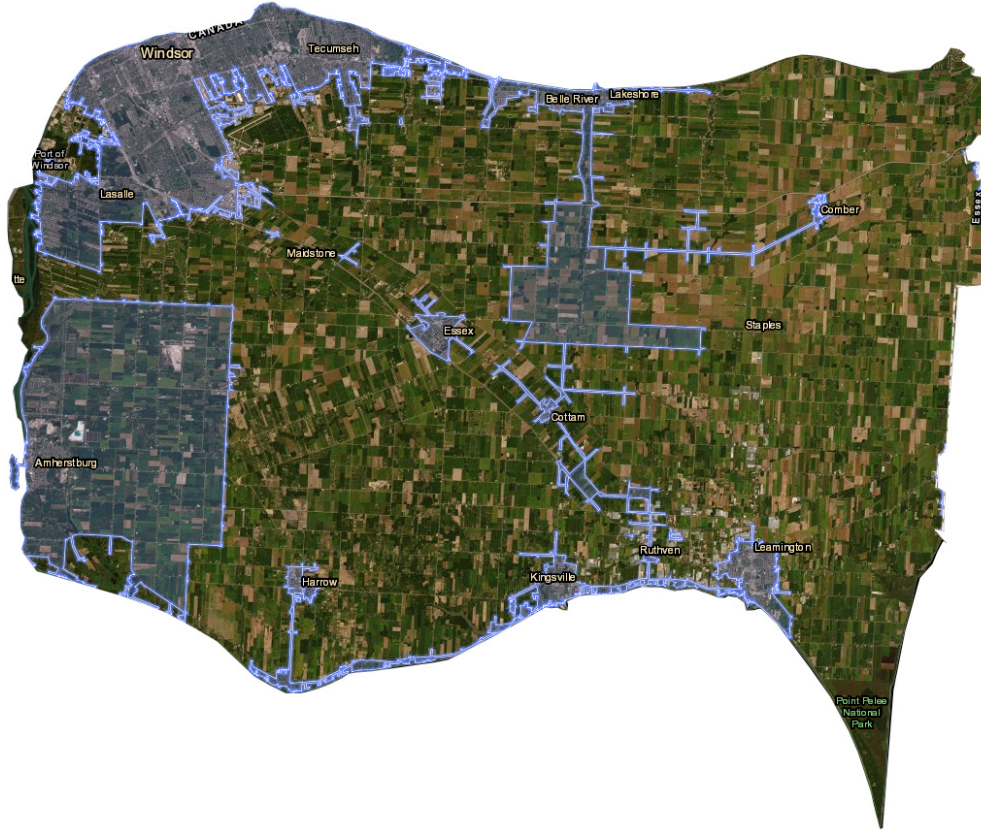
- To date, only minor interruptions due to COVID-19
- Phase 2
 - 2 projects experienced minor construction delays but overall Phase 2 timeline not impacted
- Phase 3
 - Procurement schedule extended by 2-weeks



PROCUREMENT

PROCUREMENT APPROACH

Windsor not included



- Anonymized 50/10 service coverage provided by SWIFT
- Areas with current 50/10 service are ineligible for funding
- ISPs will decide which areas and technologies to propose
- SWIFT Evaluation Committee will evaluate proposals focusing on outcomes
- Board Procurement Advisory Committee (PAC) validates / approves
- SWIFT is funding access to end users and is no longer pursuing a redundant core backbone network in Southwestern Ontario

 Ineligible for SCF Funding / Not a SWIFT member

 Served Area – Not eligible for SCF

STAFF EVALUATION TEAM



- Evaluation based on pre-determined criteria
- Team Members (equal weight)
 - SWIFT Technical Manager
 - SWIFT Operations Manager
 - SWIFT Finance
 - Municipality Member (Essex IT)

Proposal evaluation and contract awards to be approved by SWIFT board of directors Procurement Approval Committee (PAC)

ESSEX COUNTY

CURRENT SITUATION

	Total	Underserved	%
Road KMs	2,943 KM	1,857 KM	63%
Parcels	71,211	18,337	26%

- ~9.9 premises/km in underserved areas
- ISPs are typically not going to serve these areas without subsidy
- WISPs may target some areas, but service is typically spotty and unreliable

CK BUDGET AND KPIs



- Capital Contribution

Gross Contribution \$1.1M

- Project Budget

Fed/Prov Contribution \$8.5M

ISP Contribution \$4.3M

Budget Project Total \$12.8M

11.6x

- KPI Targets (from CA3)

Premises Passed 2,997

Fibre KMs 185

KEY MESSAGES



- Initial SWIFT start-up delays are unfortunate but direction has been corrected
- SWIFT focussed on providing access to end users and not a redundant core backbone throughout Southwestern Ontario
- SCF funding does not allow us to dictate fibre-only projects (must be technology agnostic)
- SWIFT is targeting 22% of premises in Southwestern Ontario but will not solve the whole problem
- Municipalities should push for their share of CRTC Fund and Universal Broadband Fund and should support all ISP proposals in their area
- Essex receiving 11.6x multiplier on net contribution

- Contribution Agreement
 - CA3 expected to be negotiated by mid-June
- Procurement
 - All Phase 3 procurements (17 municipalities) to be completed by end of 2020
 - Essex contracts to be executed by Q4
- Project Implementation
 - SCF funding window closes end of 2023
 - All projects to be implemented by mid-2023 per CA3 requirement
 - Majority of construction expected in 2021/22

QUESTIONS?



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Municipal Affairs
and Housing**
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June 4, 2020

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The Honourable Catherine McKenna
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The Honourable Maryam Monsef
Minister of Rural Economic Development
Minister for Women and Gender Equality
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Dear Ministers:

I am writing today to add my voice, and those of Ontario's municipalities, to the call for urgent federal action to provide immediate funding for reliable broadband access across Ontario.

I have the privilege of meeting regularly with Mayors and council members from across Ontario. From the first day I took office, I have heard that lack of access to reliable high-speed internet service is holding communities, people, and businesses back.

We have worked together to partner with our local governments through our Broadband and Cellular Action Plan to support major investments in under-serviced areas in Eastern and Southwestern Ontario. To support this commitment, we have targeted \$315 million over five years to expand broadband and cellular infrastructure.

Now, as Ontario and our towns and cities are working together to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak, there is even more urgency to address gaps in service and high costs. However, we cannot do this alone - urgent investment from the federal government is required.

While in more northern and rural parts of Ontario internet availability can be limited at best, gaps in coverage persist in southern and urban parts of our province. For many in Ontario, the costs to access service are also prohibitively high.

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The lack of broadband access in rural Ontario puts everyone in unserved or under-served areas at a disadvantage – students seeking help on homework while learning remotely, seniors and other vulnerable individuals looking to access critical services, and business owners working hard to keep afloat and compete during challenging times.

Broadband limitations also restrict the services that rural and northern municipalities can provide to their residents. Ontario's municipal leaders and the citizens they serve must be able to embrace digital service delivery now to respond to the pandemic and to deliver public services efficiently and equitably over the long term.

I know that Ontario, our local governments and Canada all share the same goal: that we can bring our full potential to the task at hand to recover from the COVID-19 outbreak and the resulting impacts on our economy. Our Mayors, councils, community groups and citizens are already developing recovery plans and strategies. Broadband infrastructure is an essential building block, and we will need your commitment to invest, without delay, in the future of Ontario's towns and cities.

I have taken the liberty of copying the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development as I know Minister Hussen also has a strong interest in supporting and strengthening communities. As well, I have copied my colleague, the Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure, under whose purview broadband falls.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ontario

c. The Honourable Ahmed Hussen
Minister of Families, Children and Social Development
Ahmed.Hussen@parl.gc.ca

The Honourable Laurie Scott
Minister of Infrastructure, Ontario

Heads of Municipal Council (Ontario)



Monday, June 8, 2020

The Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
minister.mah@ontario.ca

Appreciation for Support of Rural Access to Broadband

Dear Minister Clark,

On behalf of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus and our 15 upper and single-tier municipalities that represent over 300 communities and approximately three million residents, thank you for your letter dated June 4, 2020.

Your commitment to enhance broadband access in Ontario through the Broadband and Cellular Action Plan is appreciated. The \$315 million over five years to expand broadband and cellular infrastructure, will serve to support many of our rural and underserved residents in Southwestern Ontario.

Additional funding for rural broadband in the wake of COVID-19 is essential. As a critical component of the economic relief and stimulus measures, important investments must be made to boost the pace and scale of broadband deployment efforts.

Increased funding from both the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada is urgently needed to address our region's large connectivity gaps, so that we can close the digital divide and restart our economies. The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus supports the funding of existing shovel ready, municipally led models that will connect our rural economies at an accelerated pace. We support SWIFT as Southwestern Ontario's funding mechanism to advance the expansion of critical broadband infrastructure across the region. The model works, it delivers results and can be immediately leveraged to upgrade networks and coverage in our region's underserved areas.

Families and business in our rural areas have been shut out of the economy and society as a result of the pandemic. COVID -19 has underscored the need in urgency to address gaps in broadband services across our region.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jim Ginn
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

cc. The Honourable Navdeep Bains
Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry
Navdeep.Bains@parl.gc.ca

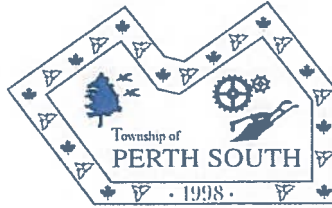
The Honourable Catherine McKenna
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Members of Parliament, Western Ontario
Members of Provincial Parliament, Western Ontario
Member Counties of Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus
Heads of Municipal Council (Western Ontario)



Corporation of the Township of Perth South

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April 16, 2020

Sent by Email

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7Z 1A1

Honourable Premier Ford;

Re: Provincially Significant Wetlands Designation

At the regular meeting of Perth South Council held on March 17, 2020 correspondence was received from the Municipality of West Nipissing, the Village of Merrickville-Wolford and Norfolk County (attached hereto) regarding the above noted issue. As a rural municipality, we share the same concerns raised and thoroughly support the resolutions passed and information provided by these municipalities.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and please contact our office if you require any further information.

Regards,

Lizet Scott
Clerk

Attachments



West Nipissing Ovest

Joie de vivre

The Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing
La Corporation de la Municipalité de Nipissing Ovest
101-225, rue Holditch Street, Sturgeon Falls, ON P2B 1T1

P/T (705) 753-2250 (1-800-263-5359)

F/TC (705) 753-3950

March 3, 2020

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Honourable Premier Ford:

SUBJECT: PROVINCIALY SIGNIFICANT WETLANDS DESIGNATION

At its regular meeting held on February 25, 2020, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing passed resolution **2020/080**, attached hereto. The resolution supports a request circulated by the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, asking the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to respectfully review its practices and procedures to include a requirement to provide supporting evidence, to impacted municipalities, when designating Provincially Significant Wetlands within their boundaries.

We trust the enclosed is self-explanatory.

Respectfully,

Deputy Clerk / Assistant to the
Chief Administrative Officer

\Encl.

cc: Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing /
La Corporation de la Municipalité de Nipissing Ovest

Resolution No.

2020 / 0 8 0

FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Moved by / Proposé par :

Seconded by / Appuyé par :

WHEREAS the Municipality of West Nipissing received resolution no. R-029-20 from the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, attached hereto; pertaining to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's practices and procedures when designating of Provincially Significant Wetlands;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing supports the Village of Merrickville-Wolford requesting that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to respectfully provide supporting evidence with respect to the expansion of wetlands designations within their boundaries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing calls upon the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to respectfully review its practices and procedures to include a requirement to provide supporting evidence, to impacted municipalities, when designating Provincially Significant Wetlands within their boundaries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Ontario municipalities.

	YEAS	NAYS
DUHAIME, Yvon		
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LARABIE, Roland		
MALETTE, Léo		
ROVEDA, Dan		
SÉGUIN, Jeremy		
SÉNÉCAL, Denis		
SÉNÉCAL, Lise		
SAVAGE, Joanne (MAYOR)		

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Established 1793
Incorporated
Wolford 1850
Merrickville 1860
Amalgamated 1998



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VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

February 5, 2020

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON, M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Provincially Significant Wetlands Designation

Please find attached the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford's Resolution No. R-029-20, with respect to the Village's concerns surrounding the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's practices and procedures while implementing designations of Provincially Significant Wetlands.

While the attached resolution is tailored to a Village-specific issue, it is Council's position that the concerns expressed therein are being experienced by municipalities Province-wide.

Thank you in advance for the consideration that you give this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Robertson".

Doug Robertson
CAO/Clerk/Director, Economic Development

c. Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Andy Brown, CAO of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipal Association
All Ontario municipalities



VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

For Clerk's use only, if
required:
**Recorded Vote Requested
By:**

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Halpenny	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

Resolution Number: R - 029 - 20

Date: January 27, 2020

Moved by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

WHEREAS the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is endeavouring to adopt a new Official Plan as required per Section 17 of the *Planning Act* and the Village is required to incorporate the Provincial Policy Statements of the Act;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statements require the Village to provide in its Official Plan the updated provisions of new and expanded Provincially Significant Wetlands designations;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned that the expansion of these wetlands is detrimentally affecting certain landowners and the Village's assessment base;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned that designations of Provincially Significant Wetlands have occurred throughout the Province of Ontario without the provision of supporting evidence;



VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned about the expansion of the Provincially Significant Wetlands in the Northeast quadrant of the Village;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned that these wetlands designations have been expanded without the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry having provided to the Village supporting evidence to justify said expansion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby respectfully request that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry provide the Village with supporting evidence with respect to the expansion of these wetlands designations;

AND THAT the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re-evaluate the subject properties without delay;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried / Defeated

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Douglas Struthers".

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor



Norfolk County Office of the Mayor

March 1, 2020

Ontario Municipalities

Dear Heads of Council and Councillors:

Re: Issues regarding the mapping of Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSWs)

Norfolk County Council is working to address significant issues that have come to our attention regarding the mapping of Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSWs).

Following the Ministry's updated mapping related to PSWs, the County updated its Official Plan to bring its policies in line with the new mapping. Following that, the County planning staff introduced a Zoning By-Law amendment to update the zoning to reflect the new mapping and to provide consistency between the Zoning By-Law and the Official Plan. Though the mapping is wholly outside the County's process and control, the zoning by-law amendment was not approved by Council, flowing from significant public concern about the updated mapping affecting people's properties. In some cases, some of these changes were very significant.

The County submitted comments to the province as part of the review of the Provincial Policy statement requesting that the process for PSW mapping be significantly improved to allow for transparency and better land owner engagement, including, for example, a right of appeal or formal dispute resolution process. This will allow for land owners to be properly informed and engaged where land use designations that affect their property may result. The current process appears to be severely underfunded and without any meaningful way for affected residents to engage.

The County is seeking support from other rural municipalities who may be affected by this to address this issue with the province.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristal Chopp".

Mayor Kristal Chopp
Norfolk County

cc. The Honourable Steve Clark,
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing



June 3, 2020

RE:

- B1. Centre Hastings motion for support for the role of Conservation Authorities (resolution attached)
- B2. City of Sault Ste. Marie motion for Support for Conservation Authorities (resolution attached)
- B3. Town of Ajax motion for supporting Conservation Authorities (resolution attached)

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on April 22, 2020 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2020-104: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bulmer

That the Intergovernmental Affairs correspondence Motions for Support items B1, B2, and B3 be received; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Puslinch is committed to planning for a sustainable future for its resources and environment;

AND WHEREAS Township of Puslinch is a member of the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) , Conservation Halton (CH), and the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA)and has representatives on each Board of Directors;

AND WHEREAS the GRCA, CH, and HCA provide the Township of Puslinch with expert advice on the environmental impact of land use planning proposals and that the Township of Puslinch does not have staff with comparable expertise or experience;

AND WHEREAS the GRCA, CH, and HCA

- (a) provide programs to the residents of Township of Puslinch that include recreation, education, water quality monitoring, reduction of vegetation loss and soil erosion, preservation of species at risk,**



(b) complete restoration projections as well as protect life and property through a variety of measures, all of which the Township of Puslinch does not have staff with comparable expertise or experience;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Township of Puslinch supports continuation of the programs of the GRCA, CH, and HCA both mandatory and non-mandatory;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Ted Arnott, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, GRCA, CH, HCA, Conservation Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,
Courtenay Hoytfox
Deputy Clerk



March 18th, 2020

The Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
College Park 5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Re: Resolution to Support the Role of Conservation Authorities

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Centre Hastings at its regular meeting held on March 18th, 2020 passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Lower Trent Conservation Authority and the Quinte Conservation Authority along with other Conservation Authorities have been protecting people and conserving and restoring watersheds with local communities for over 50 years, and

WHEREAS municipalities must work together to ensure resilient and healthy watersheds for residents, and

WHEREAS Conservation Authorities will be important partners in concrete and cost-effective initiatives to address the climate change,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Municipality of Centre Hastings supports the important role Conservation Authorities provide to local communities in delivering watershed management programs.

AND THAT the Municipality of Centre Hastings circulate that support to municipalities, conservation authorities and the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks in Ontario.

Jennifer Nielsen
Deputy Clerk

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE

March 13, 2020

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
The Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Yurek and Minister Yakabuski:

RE: Support for Conservation Authorities

You will find attached hereto a resolution passed by the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie City Council on March 9, 2020 regarding support for conservation authorities in Ontario.

We trust that this matter will receive the appropriate time and attention from your respective offices.

Yours truly,

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Christian C. Provenzano, B.A., LL.B., LL.M

CC City Council
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Conservation Ontario



CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Agenda Number: 8.1
Title: Conservation Authorities
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020

Moved by: Councillor M. Bruni
Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie has been well served by the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority; and

Whereas Sault Ste. Marie values the efforts of the Conservation Authority to monitor floods, to manage source water protection and to ensure the integrity of the watersheds within our municipality and conserve our natural environment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario is currently reviewing the mandate and operations of Conservation Authorities; and

Whereas Conservation Authorities provide essential services to municipalities in their watersheds;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the City of Sault Ste. Marie encourages the Province to continue to support the principle of planning on a watershed basis in the ongoing review and prioritize the allocation of adequate funding to support the core mandate of conservation authorities while preventing any downloading of costs to municipalities;

Further that the Province of Ontario be requested to maintain and not diminish the core mandate of Conservation Authorities; and

That this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Conservation Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

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**Officially Read and Not
Dealt With / Postponed**



Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

March 5, 2020

Re: **Supporting Conservation Authorities**

Please be advised that the following resolution was endorsed by Ajax Town Council at its Meeting held February 24, 2020:

WHEREAS, the Town of Ajax is committed to planning for a sustainable future, protecting human life and property from natural hazards, and promoting environmental education and stewardship;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ajax is located within the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA) jurisdiction and has representatives on both Board of Directors;

AND WHEREAS each respective Board of Directors determine the policies, priorities and budget of the TRCA and CLOCA;

AND WHEREAS the TRCA and CLOCA provide valuable non-mandatory programs and services including expert advice on the environmental impacts associated with land use planning and source water protection, environmental restoration services, educational and recreational opportunities, and community engagement programs, in an efficient manner delivered at a watershed scale;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Ajax supports the continuation of both mandatory and non-mandatory programs and services provided by the TRCA and CLOCA, and that no programs or services of the TRCA or CLOCA, or the other Conservation Authorities in Ontario be "wound down" at this time;

AND THAT the Province engage in early consultations with the TRCA, CLOCA, and other Conservation Authorities, and member municipalities including the Region of Durham, to fully understand the funding structure and local benefits of programs delivered by the Conservation Authorities;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks; Rod Philips, MPP Ajax; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority; Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority; Conservation Ontario; and all Ontario Municipalities.

If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Sean McCullough, Senior Planner, at 905-619-2529 ext. 3234 or sean.mccullough@ajax.ca

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. Moore".

Sarah Moore
Acting Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Rod Philips, MPP Ajax
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority
Conservation Ontario; and
S. McCullough, Senior Planner,
all Ontario Municipalities



June 5, 2020

RE: Mapleton Resolution 2020-04-14 to request the Province review the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme, dated May 27, 2020.

- a) Correspondence from Wellington Federation of Agriculture regarding Mapleton Resolution 2020-04-14, dated May 28, 2020.

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on June 3, 2020 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2020-151: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That the Intergovernmental Affairs correspondence items listed on the Council Agenda for JUNE 3, 2020 Council meeting be received; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch received correspondence from the Township of Mapleton with respect to requesting the Province of Ontario to review the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme in light of economic competitiveness concerns between rural and urban municipalities;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Puslinch hereby supports their Resolution 2020-04-14 passed on March 10, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be sent to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs, MPP Randy Pettapiece, Hon. Ted Arnott, all Ontario Municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

CARRIED



As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,
Courtenay Hoytfox
Deputy Clerk



June 16, 2020

Reference No. 11202886

To whom it may concern:

**Re: Notice of Online Public Information Centre
Transportation Environmental Study Report Review
Highway 3 Widening and Safety Enhancements - east of Essex County Road 23
easterly to east of Essex County Road 34 (GWP 3021-18-00)**

Further to our January 14, 2020 correspondence, an Online Public Information Centre (PIC) is being made available for anyone interested in providing input on the Highway 3 Widening and Safety Enhancements Study. Due to the ongoing Public Health Emergency related to COVID-19, it will be an Online PIC and details are provided in the attached notice. Further information on the study is available on the project website (www.highway3widening.ca).

The notice will be published in area newspapers (Essex Free Press and the Leamington Southpoint Sun) and mailed to local MPPs, other review agencies, Indigenous communities, interested public members, and area property owners.

Sincerely,

Dan Green, P. Eng.
Consultant Project Manager
GHD Limited
Phone: 519 340 4374

Email: hwy3classea@ghd.com

Encl.

Attachment A: Notice of Online Public Information Centre

c: Ian Dobrindt, GHD
Anthony Saraceni/Chris Evans, MTO



HIGHWAY 3 WIDENING AND SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS
TRANSPORTATION ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT REVIEW
east of Essex County Road 23 easterly to east of Essex County Road 34
GWP 3021-18-00

NOTICE OF ONLINE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

THE STUDY

In 2006, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) completed a study of Highway 3 from Outer Drive in Windsor easterly 33.5 km to Essex County Road 34, which was documented in a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR). The TETR was approved and MTO has implemented the improvements in three phases with Phase 1 and Phase 2 being constructed in 2009 and 2012, respectively.

Recently, MTO has initiated the Detail Design including completing a review of the 2006 TETR approved improvements for Phase 3, to widen Highway 3 from east of Essex County Road 23 easterly to east of Essex County Road 34 in the County of Essex. The 2006 approved improvements included widening Highway 3 from two to four lanes with a 15 metre grass median, realigning the South Talbot Road/ Division Road intersection, and closing Inman Side Road with a connection to Division Road.

Further information on the study is available on the project website: www.highway3widening.ca.

THE PROCESS

The current study is following the TETR Review process for a Group 'B' project in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities, 2000* (Class EA). Based on the TETR review, proposed changes to the 2006 approved improvements include the following (see **Figure**):

- The installation of new traffic signals at two intersections (Belle River Road (County Road 27) and County Road 18)
- The closure of an additional four unsignalized intersections to enhance safety (Cameron Side Road (Concession Road 9), Marsh Road (Concession Road 8), Upcott Side Road, and Graham Side Road)
- The realignment of South Talbot Road at Belle River Road

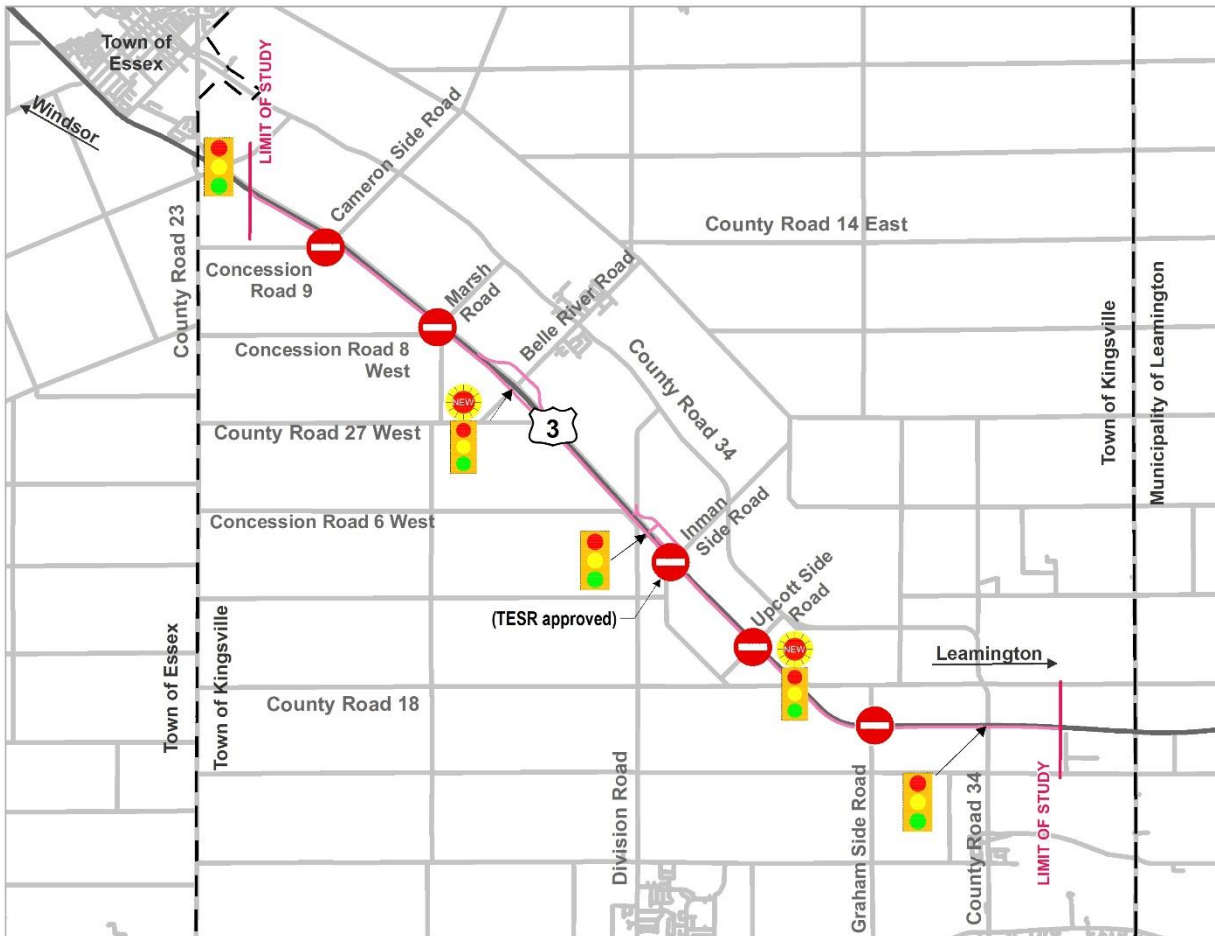
We want to hear from you on these changes! Due to the ongoing Public Health Emergency related to COVID-19, an Online Public Information Centre (PIC) will be available to the public to provide input on the Highway 3 Improvements TETR Review and changes proposed.

ONLINE Public Information Centre:

When: June 18 to July 3, 2020

Where: www.highway3widening.ca

Following the Online PIC, the Project Team will respond by email to input received from the public. In addition, a TETR Addendum will be prepared documenting the changes and will be made available for public review. Notices will be published at that time to explain the TETR Addendum review process.



COMMENTS

In addition to providing comments on the Online PIC, please feel free to contact either one of the following project team members or visit the project website if you would like to provide comments, request additional information, and/or be added to the Study's mailing list to receive future Study notifications directly:

Anthony Saraceni, P.Eng.
 Project Engineer
 Planning and Design – West Region
 Ministry of Transportation
 659 Exeter Road, London
 Ontario N6E 1L3
 Phone: 548 388 3120
 Email: hwy3classea@ghd.com

Mr. Dan Green, P. Eng.
 Project Manager
 GHD Limited
 455 Phillip St, Waterloo
 Ontario N2L 3X2
 Phone: 519 340 4374
 Fax: 519 884 0525
 Email: hwy3classea@ghd.com

We are committed to ensuring that government information and services are accessible for all Ontarians. For communication supports or to request project material in an alternate format, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

Comments and information will be collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.



Delivering High Speed Internet to More People in Southwestern Ontario

Expanding Broadband Access in Essex County

June 17, 2020

NEWS

Essex County

Today, Rick Nicholls, MPP for Chatham-Kent-Leamington on behalf of Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, announced a major step in the expanding of broadband internet in Essex County with the Request for Proposals (RFP) by Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) Inc. This program is part of the government's commitment to expanding access to broadband internet in rural areas and makes way for up to \$12.8 million in broadband infrastructure expansion.

"I am thrilled to share this exciting news" said MPP Nicholls. "With this significant investment in the infrastructure of Essex County, Minister Hardeman is equipping our rural community with the resources necessary to stay connected in the twenty-first century. As we navigate a global pandemic, we realize now more than ever our reliance on high speed internet for social interaction, entertainment and business. This funding is a great example of how Ontario is supporting rural areas."

"Without a doubt, this is a difficult time for all Canadians. Access to services, opportunities to connect in isolation and telework depend on access to high speed internet. That's why our government's investments to date are connecting a million households in Canada. SWIFT is one of hundreds of our partner organizations that are working hard to connect Canadians. We are proud of partnerships like these that allow for this work to move ahead," said the Honourable Maryam Monsef, Minister of Women and Gender Equality and Rural Economic Development.

"At a time when people have become more dependent than ever on broadband, having access to high-speed internet is critical," said Allan Thompson, SWIFT Board Member and the Chair of the Rural Ontario Municipal Association. "SWIFT, together with our community leaders and local service providers, is committed to bringing Southwestern

Ontario's underserved communities online and high-speed internet access to thousands. Today, as result of our public-private partnerships, SWIFT is proud to announce that many more homes and businesses in Essex County will soon have greater access to reliable internet services."

Gary McNamara, Warden of the County of Essex expressed his gratitude, "This is wonderful news. The timing is great. All Mayors and Councils are excited to learn of this broadband expansion. We're grateful for the investment that both our Provincial and Federal governments are providing to Essex County."

The RFP for Essex County closes on July 31st. The contract will be awarded and service provider agreement put in place shortly after the RFP closes.

The Ontario government recognizes how important rural broadband access is for individuals, families and businesses. Work continues toward bridging the gaps in broadband access in Southwestern Ontario, as part of a combined \$190 million investment to bring fast, reliable internet to thousands of homes and businesses

Creating more ways to strengthen rural economies is part of the government's plan to build Ontario together. Reliable and affordable broadband internet will allow communities to attract new development, strengthen local economies and create more well-paying jobs and opportunities in rural Ontario.

QUICK FACTS

- As part of this investment, a Request for Proposals (RFP) for up to \$12.8 million in broadband infrastructure was issued in Essex County.
- SWIFT Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation initiated by the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus to address connectivity in Southwestern Ontario that will support the critical expansion of broadband to underserved areas.
- The Ontario government's Broadband and Cellular Action Plan is expected to generate up to \$1 billion in total investment over five years, resulting in new connections for up to 220,000 homes and businesses. This will lead to community, social and economic benefits well beyond the provincial investment.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[Up to Speed: Ontario's Broadband and Cellular Action Plan](#)

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June 17, 2020

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And by email to: tmarentette@wechu.org

URGENT CALL TO ACTION

RE: Spread of COVID-19 in our Farm Worker Population

Dear Ms. Marentette,

At its regular council meeting of June 15, 2020 Essex Town Council passed the following resolution for your consideration:

Moved By Councillor Verbeek
Seconded By Councillor Bondy

(R20-06-209) That the Town of Essex Council requests urgent and emergency action to be taken by all levels of government in order to support all local farm workers, including migrant workers, as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic;

That the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit, Ontario Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs come together immediately to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our farm worker population. The health and welfare of farm workers is vital to our community and to the opening up our local economy. Farm gate delivered mandatory testing including a plan of care for COVID positive workers as well as comprehensive tracking and tracking is required to act in a proactive not reactive manner; and



That the Town of Essex Council write to the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit to express our urgent call to action and request for support from all other Essex County municipalities.

Carried

I trust you will find this satisfactory, but should you have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Auger", written over a white background.

Robert W. Auger, L.L.B.
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Administrative Report

Office of the Manager, Planning Services

To: Warden McNamara and Members of County Council

From: Rebecca Belanger
Manager, Planning Services

Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Subject: Planning Services Department Activities 2020

Report #: 2020-0617-PS-R01-RB

Purpose

To provide County Council with information concerning the on-going activities of the Planning Services Department.

Background

The Planning Services Department provides planning advisory services to County Council on matters related to County-wide land use planning, economic development, and strategic planning matters. This department also prepares responses to provincial policy and legislative changes and works with local municipal planners to resolve development issues and move new development forward. The Manager of Planning Services acts at the approval authority for plans of subdivision, plans of condominium, part lot control by-laws, and local Official Plan Amendments.

Due to the Provincial Emergency Order there have been impacts to the Planning Department's ability to move certain planning applications to completion. As it has not been possible to host statutory public meetings, municipalities were forced to cancel Council and Committee of Adjustment Meetings scheduled in March, April and in some cases to date.

The minor delay in processing Planning Act applications occurred until the enactment of Bill 189, the *Coronavirus Support and Protection Act*. *Planning Act* amendments have authorized the Minister of Municipal Affairs and

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Housing to create regulations to suspend specified timelines associated with land use planning matters. The Amendments allow municipalities that want to pause applications and direct resources elsewhere to do so without the threat of appeal. Alternatively, municipalities can still make decisions on land use planning matters during this period of suspended timelines and they can consider using electronic and virtual channels as appropriate to engage and solicit feedback from the public.

The County Planning Department has hosted regular zoom meetings of the regional municipal planners to provide Provincial legislative updates and provide a County-wide planning information exchange. Throughout this state of emergency, County Planning Services has worked closely with local municipal partners to ensure the County's support for municipal decision-making preferences to focus on local health priorities or proceed with development applications. At present, the County municipalities have advised of an intent to move forward with many planning applications to host virtual public meetings and continue with local decision-making. Public engagement is an important part of the planning and development process and municipalities are altering the formats to encourage people to participate and respond utilizing formats that do not involve in-person gatherings.

Discussion

During 2019, a significant number of *Planning Act* applications were in the early stages of development including regular and on-going pre-consultation meetings with proponents and municipal planning/engineering administration. At the beginning of 2020, County Planning anticipated that the submission of subdivision and condominium applications would continue well above the previous ten year average. During March and April, there was a minor delay in processing planning matters while Essex County waited for the Provincial direction with regard to holding statutory public meetings.

The on-going demand to process subdivision and condominium applications continues to be high in Essex County. The request for residential development approval is equally spread throughout all of the municipalities. There appears to be a high interest in multi-residential unit forms of development including semi-detached and townhomes. This form of development provides the benefit of compact urban form creating walkable communities and affordability. Further, this form of housing provides an alternative choice of housing for the aging population to remain within their community. The County Planning Department continues to provide advice to

developers and expedite new development to the greatest extent possible while meeting Provincial and County policy requirements.

Long Range Planning Initiatives in the County

There has been a delay in finalizing the Request for Proposal and associated workplans for the population, housing and employment projections and the regional economic development and employment land strategy. Due to the COVID health emergency, planning resources and priorities were at times shifted to assess planning implications and Provincial directives and provide this information to the seven municipalities.

Regional Flood Hazard Vulnerability Prioritization

In response to the on-going threat of shoreline and inland flooding, the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) has been engaged to project manage a flood hazard vulnerability prioritization for Essex County. The findings of this study will be used to update and determine the need for additional floodplain mapping (shoreline and inland watersheds) based on current land use and climatic conditions. Dillon Consulting has been selected to undertake this work for the County and ERCA based on significant experience and their present work on a new Federal Floodplain Mapping Guideline document providing common practices for determining where to conduct flood mapping projects.

A component of this analysis will also use GIS Hazard Risk Screening of historic high and 1:100 year water level data for the Detroit River, Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie, potential shoreline flooding extents will be mapped out throughout the study based on elevation and latest aerial photography. Based on this analysis, priority reaches along the shoreline will be identified on the final map to determine areas susceptible to greater damages due to coastal flooding. It is intended that once this watercourse and shoreline flood prioritization mapping is completed that the County and municipalities will pursue strategic updates to regional floodline mapping that will better inform emergency management practices, community preparedness and mitigation strategies, empower citizen decision making, and support climate change adaptation.

County of Essex Regional Energy Plan

The Manager, Planning Services is acting as the main liaison on behalf of the County for the development of the County of Essex-Regional Energy Plan. Energy production and use accounts for over 80% of Canada's greenhouse

gases. Canadians are already feeling the costs of a changing climate with an increase in the frequency and severity of floods, drought, wildfires, disease and heatwaves. The City of Windsor, the County of Essex, the Town of Amherstburg, and the Town of Tecumseh have joined over 500 Canadian municipalities in declaring a climate emergency.

Since 60% of energy consumption and over half of all GHGs in Canada are influenced by communities and in response, more than 400 Canadian communities have developed community energy plans to establish local priorities for reducing energy use and energy-related emissions.¹ The Regional Energy Plan will support the County of Essex and its local municipalities and take future strategic actions in reducing GHG emissions that arise within its geographic boundary from energy use.

The Manager, Planning Services is a member of the project team for the Lakeshore Shoreline Management Plan, Lighthouse Cove Secondary Plan, and Regional Planners Climate Change sub-committee. County Planning is also part of the project team participating in the review of the Wallace Woods Secondary Plan and associated subwatershed study.

Local Official Plan Updates

Presently five of the seven local municipalities are embarking on the mandatory five year review of municipal Official Plans. County Planning is in regular contact with each of the municipalities as well as the Manager, Planning Services, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) to authorize Provincial Policy conformity. The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) 2020 came into effect on May 1st and as such, MMAH has advised that all municipal Official Plans under development are required to be in conformity with the new PPS.

Financial Implications

Due to the number of planning applications accepted in early 2020 and anticipated for the remainder of the year, department revenues are expected to be favourable. The development industry continues to move forward with a large number of residential and commercial developments through-out the County, indicating a high level of confidence in new lot sales. Future property taxes resulting from the development processed by the County in

¹ Source: <https://questcanada.org/>, accessed May 2020.

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Planning Services Department Activities 2020

2020 is assessed through MPAC's process. The taxes are shared between associated municipalities and the County of Essex.

Recommendation

That County Council receive the report of the Manager of Planning Services with regard to ongoing activities of the Planning Services Department.

Respectfully Submitted

Rebecca Belanger

Originally Signed by

Rebecca Belanger, Manager Planning Services

Concurred With,

Robert Maisenville

Originally Signed by

Robert Maisenville, Chief Administrative Officer



Administrative Report

Office of the Director of Infrastructure Services

To: Warden McNamara and Members of County Council

From: Jane Mustac, P. Eng.
Director of Infrastructure Services/County Engineer

Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Subject: Tender Summary Roundabout Construction

Report #: 2020-0617-IS-R020-JM

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide to County Council information and recommendations pertaining to tender results for Capacity and Safety Improvement Project at the intersection of County Road 11 (Walker Road) and South Talbot Road, in Tecumseh, Ontario.

Background

The intersection is currently under temporary traffic signal control. CIMA Consulting was retained in 2018 to review the intersection and develop alternatives. Options that were reviewed included a comparison of a future signalized intersection, which adds a left-turn lane in all directions and permanent traffic signals, and a single-lane roundabout. The report concluded that a roundabout is the best permanent solution for the intersection. CIMA completed the detailed design of the single lane roundabout. A report to Council [2019-1016-IS-R027-JM](#) in October, 2019 introduced this project and identified the need to acquire properties to support the intersection improvement. A second report to Council [2019-1120-IS-R029-JM](#) in November 2019 obtained the County Council approval to expropriate the required land.

Discussion

The intersection of County Road 11 and South Talbot Road has potential safety concerns and temporary signals were erected to mitigate traffic and motor vehicle accidents.

This existing intersection will be upgraded to a single lane roundabout designed and constructed to the latest best practices for full truck accommodation. The overall scope of this project includes land acquisition through expropriation, utility relocation, drainage improvements, environmental approvals, significant agency and public consultation and construction.

The construction of roundabouts in regards to constructability issues and methodologies are significantly different from typical intersection reconstruction projects. Typically, full closures of each leg of the intersections are required for various lengths of time. Given the high volume of traffic on County Road 11, portable traffic alternating signals will be employed during construction on County Road 11 while full closure of South Talbot Road is required for safety reasons. A construction period of 4 months is anticipated and is expected to start in July. A full closure of County Road 11 will be required in short intervals to complete certain works and a formal signage and detour plan has been developed and is presented in Appendix A.

The County of Essex has been extremely diligent in its design, construction methodology and planned communication / education program. Roundabouts have been installed on the County Road Network in previous years and are viewed as a success and creates a viable option for future projects. These efforts have resulted in positive feedback from roundabouts constructed on County Roads at the intersection of CR22 and 2; CR23 and 8; and CR 31 and Mersea Rd 3.

The proposed works were advertised through the County of Essex e-tender system and tenders were received on June 4 2020. Results of the tenders are as follows, prices are exclusive of all taxes.

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Roundabout Construction – County Road 11 / South Talbot Road

Vendor	Submitted Value
Engineer's Estimate	\$3,400,000.00
J&J Lepera Infrastructures	\$2,489,000.00
Coco Paving Inc.	\$2,597,844.00
Sterling Ridge Infrastructure Inc.	\$2,797,197.00
Amico Infrastructures Inc.	\$2,818,996.00
Nevan Construction Inc.	\$3,168,506.00
D'Amore Construction (2000) Ltd.	\$3,487,000.00

Contract Administration

Contract administration involves all activities related to the monitoring of suppliers, contractors and service providers' performance in the fulfillment of their contractual obligations, and to ensure appropriate actions are taken to promptly remedy any deficiencies observed in contract implementation, scope or terms and conditions.

For projects of this nature, a Consultant is retained by the Department to administer a construction contract between the Department and a low-bid Contractor. The Consultant is the single line of communication between the Department and the Contractor concerning issues arising out of the performance and administration of the Contract. It is important that the contract administrator is very familiar with the details of the project.

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The contract administrator's role will generally include:

- Inviting and processing tenders.
- Preparing contract documents for execution.
- Administering change control procedures.
- Seeking instructions from the client in relation to the contract.
- Issuing instructions such as variations, or relating to prime cost sums or making good defects.
- Chairing construction progress meetings.
- Preparing and issuing construction progress reports.
- Co-ordinating and instructing site inspectors.
- Approving commissioning and testing procedures.
- Approving defects reporting procedures.
- Ensuring that project documentation is issued to the client.
- Issuing certificates of practical completion and interim certificates.
- Issuing the final certificate.

To ensure efficiency and consistency with this complex project, the design engineering firm, CIMA consulting is recommended to be awarded the Contract Administration for this project for a proposed amount of \$149,025.00 plus H.S.T.

Financial Implications

Funds to construct the roundabout, and corresponding contract administration costs, have been approved in the 2020 Infrastructure Services budget.

Recommendation

1. That the tender for Project #717-2020, being the Roundabout Construction – County Road 11 / South Talbot Road, be awarded to J&J Lepera Infrastructure, for a total tender amount of \$2,489,000.00 Plus H.S.T.
2. That the Contract Administration and onsite inspection for Project #717-2020, being the Roundabout Construction – County Road 11 / South Talbot Road, be awarded to CIMA Canada Inc. in the amount of \$149,025.00 plus H.S.T.

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Respectfully Submitted

Jane Mustac

Originally Signed by

Jane Mustac, P.Eng, Director of Infrastructure Services/County Engineer

Concurred With,

Robert Maisonville

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Robert Maisonville, Chief Administrative Officer

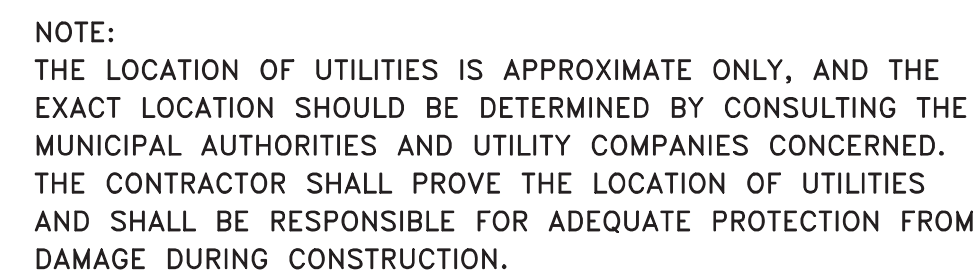
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STAGE 1A CONSTRUCTION
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TEMPORARY ROAD WIDENING CONSTRUCTION (LANE
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WALKER ROAD WEEKEND CLOSURES NORTH SIDE AND
SOUTH SIDE OF SOUTH TALBOT ROAD FOR CULVERT AND
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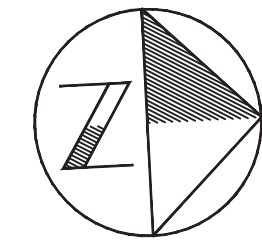
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WALKER ROAD AND SOUTH TALBOT ROAD
CONSTRUCTION STAGE 1A

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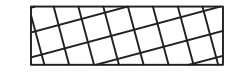
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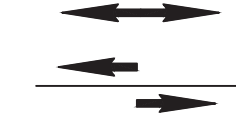
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LEGEND:



STAGE 1B CONSTRUCTION
(SOUTH TALBOT ROAD EAST LEG CLOSED)



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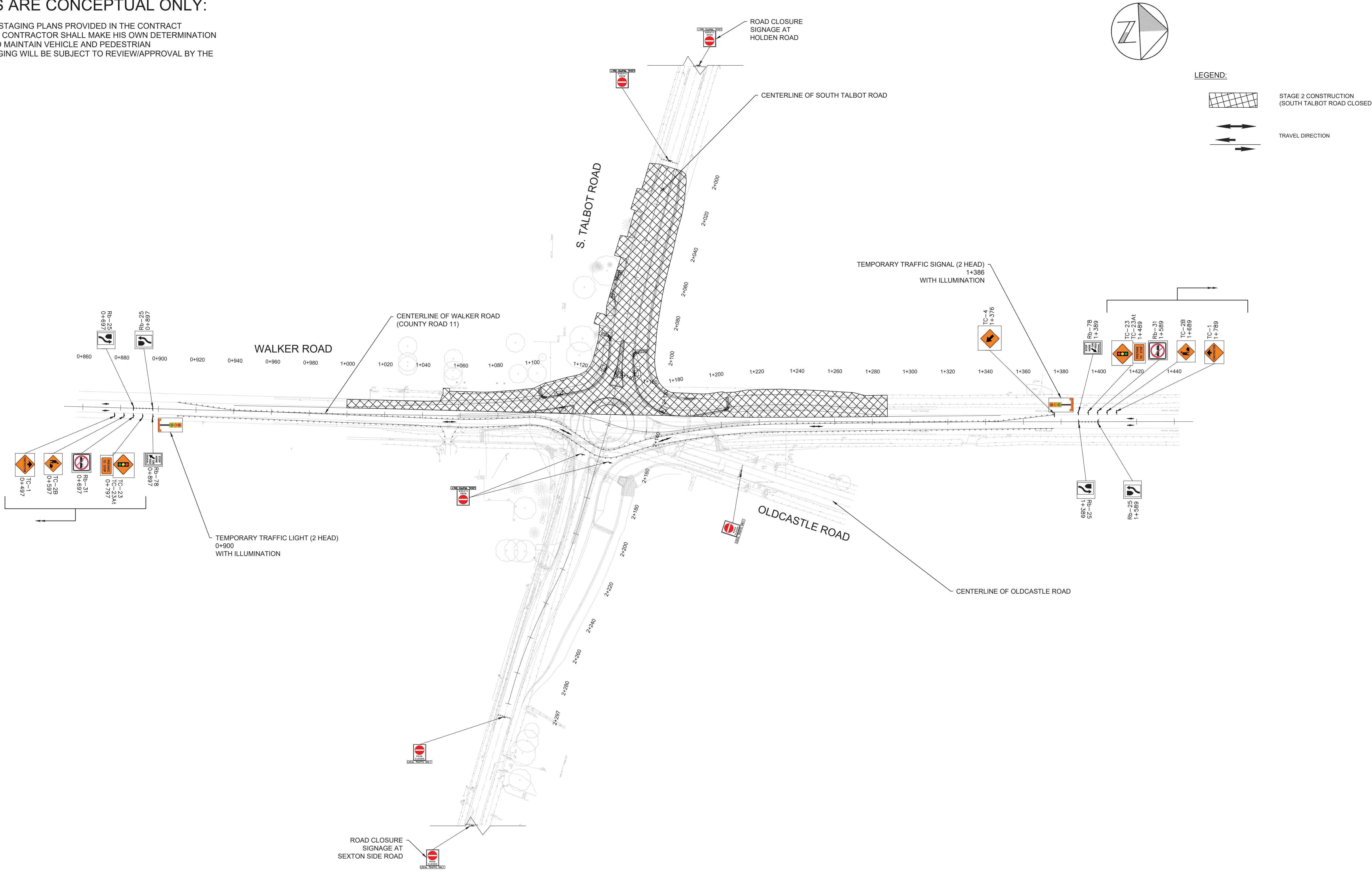
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Administrative Report

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

To: Warden McNamara and Members of County Council

From: Robert Maisonville
Chief Administrative Officer

Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Subject: Funding Request for Broadband Infrastructure in Southwestern Ontario

Report #: 2020-0617-ADM-R09-RM

Purpose

This report is to present the details of the special meeting of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus called on Thursday, June 4, 2020, and seek support of County Council and solicit support from its seven local municipalities to request our region's fair share of broadband infrastructure funding from the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) and directly through the Federal Government, as part of the Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) Universal Broadband Fund.

Background

At its meeting held on Thursday, June 4, 2020, the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus reviewed a set of recommendations for the future of the WOWC's investments in high-speed fibre. David Mayberry, Chair, SWIFT Board of Directors and Barry Field, Executive Director, SWIFT provided an update on the current SWIFT program and presented recommendations on how SWIFT 2.0 should be structured and funded. Accompanying this report is the presentation that was provided to the members of the WOWC.

The attached minutes detail the meeting, including the six recommendations that were approved.

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In addition to the decision to support SWIFT 2.0, the WOWC must have a plan to advocate for our region's fair share of CRTC's \$750M Broadband Fund. WOWC and our Member Counties and local municipalities should be advocating for 10% (or \$75M) of the funding as the region represents 10% of the population of Canada. WOWC must also advocate for the region's fair share of Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) \$1.7B Universal Broadband Fund. Applications are opening this year and WOWC should once again be advocating for 10% (or \$170M) for Southwestern Ontario based on population.

Southwestern Ontario was left out of the last round of Connect to Innovate (CTI) funding and this cannot happen again. In order to ensure that the region, fifteen Member Counties and local municipalities receive their fair share of funding, this advocacy will take the form of a letter writing campaign by the WOWC, Member Counties and local municipalities. Two letters are attached to this report, one to the CEO of CRTC and the other to the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry.

Conclusion

Increased funding from both the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada is urgently needed to address our region's large connectivity gaps, so that we can close the digital divide and restart our economies. The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus supports the funding of existing shovel ready, municipally led models that will connect our rural economies at an accelerated pace. We support SWIFT as Southwestern Ontario's funding mechanism to advance the expansion of critical broadband infrastructure across the region. The model works, it delivers results and can be immediately leveraged to upgrade networks and coverage in our region's underserved areas.

Families and businesses in our rural areas have been shut out of the economy and society as a result of the pandemic. COVID-19 has underscored the need in urgency to address gaps in broadband services across our region.

Financial Implications

Financial consideration related to the CRTC and ISED programs are not known at this time. Matching municipal contributions may be necessary to

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secure program funding; details of programs, once provided, will be shared with County Council and local municipalities.

SWIFT 2.0 Funding parameters are currently being reviewed by Administration and a subsequent report will be brought forward to County Council for consideration following greater detail on SWIFT 1.0 outcomes for Essex County and as part of the 2021 Budget, as appropriate.

Recommendation

That this report be received for information; and

THAT consideration be given for the County of Essex to sign the letters requesting funding from the CRTC and ISED Broadband Programs.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Maisonville

Originally Signed by

Robert Maisonville, Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix No.	Title of Appendix
Appendix I	SWIFT 2.0 Package for Member Counties

	SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES Thursday, June 4, 2020 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Electronic Meeting via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83550747460
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ATTENDANCE:

Members: J. Ginn(Chair), D. Canniff, D. White, D. Mennill, P. McQueen, G. McNamara, G. Cornell, B. Weber, K. Chopp, K. Linton, J. Aitcheson.

Regrets: D. Bailey, L. Martin, M. Twolan, C. Burghardt-Jesson

CAOs/Staff: M. Wark (Secretary), D. Shropshire, S. Pritchard, K. Wingrove, B. Rayburn, S. Datars Bare, M. Aitken J. Gonyou, R. Maisonville, R. Van Horne, L. McCabe, S. Wilson, K. Burns, C. Gravlev

Regrets: M. Bradley, L. Wolfe, J. Burgess

Guests: D. Mayberry, B. Field

1:10 p.m. – meeting commenced

1. CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS – WOWC
Chair Jim Ginn
2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Moved by G. McNamara, seconded by P. McQueen: “That the agenda be approved as presented.” - CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- a. Don Shropshire WOWC-SWIFT Liaison,
The purpose of this meeting is to present a recommendation for the future of the WOWC’s investments in high-speed fibre. David Mayberry, Chair, SWIFT Board of Directors and Barry Field, Executive Director, SWIFT will provide an update on the current SWIFT program and present recommendations on how SWIFT 2.0 should be structured and funded.

The attached PPT includes six recommendations that WOWC will be asked to endorse to provide direction for the future of the program.

Barry Field provided the detailed slide presentation provided with the agenda, then responded to questions, and discussion among the members took place with regard to:

- Pelee Island, 200 houses, rely on tourism, have struggled, 100 per cent funding makes sense, Internet is critical, many children need to leave the island to go to school.
- Makes sense to speak with a single voice, with SWIFT and the Western Wardens
- Have received letter from Minister Clark to Minister Bains and others with regard to extra funding – timing good – Western Wardens should support Minister Clark's ask, funding needs to be expanded quickly.
- Letter of support from Chair Ginn in support of broadband dollars for southern Ontario
- Warden McNamara noted his desire to move the recommendation.

Moved by G. McNamara, seconded by D. White:

"That the SWIFT presentation from Don Shropshire WOWC-SWIFT Liaison, David Mayberry, SWIFT Board Chair and Barry Field, Chief Operating Officer, SWIFT Inc. be received as information; and

That the following recommendations contained therein be endorsed and pursued by the WOWC as follows:

Recommendation 1:

Moved by G. McNamara, seconded by D. White:

- **'Target medium density outcomes through:**
 - **Upper limit on premises passed / km of fibre (allow municipal input to target more or less dense areas).**
 - **Increase maximum subsidy available (~83% in SWIFT 2.0 vs 67% in SWIFT 1.0). This relies on Federal contribution amount and ability of municipalities to contribute.**
 - **Majority of points based on km of fibre installed.'** - Carried

Recommendation 2:

Moved by G. Cornell, seconded by D. Canniff:

- **‘Seek immediate funding of \$44M to implement ‘shovel ready’ residual SWIFT 1.0 projects**
- **Seek funding in line with targeting a total project budget of \$500M with additional admin and overhead fees of \$10M***
 - **Federal Contribution (40%)* - \$200M**
 - **Provincial Contribution (33.3%) - \$167M**
 - **Municipal Contribution (min10%) - \$50M + \$10M admin/overhead**
 - **ISP Contribution (17%) - \$83M**
- **Seek \$63M dedicated funding to address all remaining first nations and isolated communities (Pelee Island)’ – Carried)**

Recommendation 3:

Moved by K. Linton, seconded by G. McNamara:

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- **Municipal contributions be split (contribution to project / contribution to admin and overheads)**
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Moved by D. White, seconded by B. Weber:

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- **No federal/provincial angst over admin and overheads**
- **Any savings to overheads goes back to municipalities’ – Carried)**

Recommendation 5:

Moved by P. McQueen, seconded by G. Cornell

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- **Haldimand and Muskoka are invited to participate**
- **Pelee Island invited to participate but separate/dedicated funding be sought for 100% of project (much like First Nations)' – Carried**

Recommendation 6:

Moved by J. Aitcheson, seconded by B. Weber:

- **'Where possible, let municipalities decide if they want to allow wireless proposals in their region.' - – Carried"**
- **CARRIED**

David Mayberry offered thanks and expressed the need to keep pushing, and to have the proposal ready expeditiously – there is no time to wait. The SWIFT Board fully supports all of these recommendations. The Caucus has given the SWIFT Executive much to do, but there is also much work for the Caucus to do, and it is encouraged to reach out to SWIFT for assistance as may be required.

Warden White offered thanks to David Mayberry and Barry Field for their efforts and presentations today, and asked if this information could now be shared.

Barry Field – yes, but without SWIFT branding.

Don Shropshire – the faster the information can get out the better.

Warden McNamara – question as to when OMAFRA may release Phase 3, as some will be asking for more when have yet to receive first round. There is a need to be able to close the chapter on one to get to the next, if could give a nudge.

Warden Cornell –WOWC name could go on the presentation, and that is what is shared.

Warden McQueen – go to our lower-tiers first?

Chair Ginn – need two letters from WOWC, one in support of Minister Clark’s request, and a second to upper, lower and single tiers, with the recommendations passed. Press will pick up on the communications from their agendas.

Meighan Wark – can have a full package with template report, presentation, press release can all be prepared and ready by next week.

Moved by B. Weber, seconded by G. McNamara:

“That a communication of strong support for the request made by Minister Clark for additional broadband funding for south-western Ontario be issued from Chair Ginn on behalf of the Western Ontario Wardens’ Caucus.”

- CARRIED

Barry Field enquired if Warden Cornell and Mark Aitken would assist with communications with Muskoka; Mayor Chopp will assist with Haldimand; and Warden McNamara will assist with Pelee Island.

Letter of communication re 10 per cent. – Meighan Wark will liaise with Barry Field to prepare and issue.

Meighan Wark and Kate Burns will provide advocacy communication packages early next week.

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETINGS

- a. WOWC CAOs – Monday June 8, 2020, 3:00 p.m., (Electronic - Zoom)
- b. WOWC Regular Meeting (Full Caucus) – Friday, June 12, 2020, 11:00 a.m., (Electronic - Zoom)

5. MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT

Moved by G. McNamara, seconded by P. McQueen: “That the meeting be adjourned.” - CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 2:47 p.m.

SWIFT 2.0 WOWC CAUCUS PRESENTATION

Video Conference

June 4, 2020



SWIFT 1.0 STATUS

- Phase 2
 - 11 Phase 2 projects awarded / work under way / projects to be completed by end of 2021
 - Additional SWIFT+ contract being negotiated with Brooketel in Lambton (complete end of 2022)
 - Surpassed KPIs (ISP Contribution/Premises Passed/KMs of Fibre) based on targets set in Business Case
- Phase 3
 - Remaining 17 RFPs issued in March
 - RFPs close between 29-May-20 and 04-Dec-20
 - Contract awards start in July / 90% complete by end of year / 100% in January
 - Provincial announcements have started
 - All projects need to complete construction by middle of 2023 (SCF funding requirement)
 - Requirement to secure \$27.5M gap financing being addressed via municipal guarantees

BROADBAND FUNDING OPTIONS?

Option	Description	Pros	Cons
1. Do Nothing	Once SWIFT 1.0 is complete, the WOWC drops rural broadband from it's mandate	- Cost avoidance for municipalities (market will determine winners and losers in quality of connectivity) - Might force upper levels to increase funding	- All WOWC municipalities will still have holes in their served areas post SWIFT 1.0 - Increases digital divide between rural and urban areas
2. WOWC Members Pursue Funding on Their Own	- WOWC municipalities work individually to get federal and provincial funding in their regions. - Municipalities design and manage their own programs	Higher level of control and direction by municipalities	- Feds/province may simply steer individual municipalities towards existing federal programs resulting in no additional funding for SWO - Loss of technical expertise to design programs (from SWIFT) - Loss of economies of scale for admin/overheads
3. WOWC Pursues Funding / Members Execute Projects	WOWC Pursues Funding Collectively and WOWC Members Manage Projects on Their Own	- Higher level of control and direction by municipalities - Some municipalities feel they can achieve more individually than they can via SWIFT	- Feds/province may not be willing to issue 15 separate CAs - Diminishes collect voice/economies for broadband in SWO – province/feds may see no collective benefit - Loss of economies of scale for admin/overheads - Loss of SWIFT staff/expertise NOTE: SWIFT can't raise funds due to CA conflicts

WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?

Option	Description	Pros	Cons
4. SWIFT 2.0	WOWC pursues a strategy for funding and execution of projects under SWIFT	- More likely to get additional funding (above and beyond CRTC and UBF) as a collective - Economies of scale for admin/overheads - Retain centralized technical expertise - SWIFT program has gained traction with the province as a desirable solution for SWO - Continues to fulfill the WOWC mandate of improving broadband for our region through cooperative/collaborative action - Success of SWIFT 1 will create potential openness for larger second round of funding - SWIFT has the best background data (re service levels) of anyone due to our NDA with ISPs, therefore best view of current situation - SWIFT has expertise available for un-bias evaluation, execution and oversight of projects	- Less ability to customize programs locally - Municipal contribution to overheads required
5. Adopt EORN Model	Design a solution to a specific technical problem and have ISPs bid on that specific solution	- MOI may prefer, as it would align WOWC with EOWC more closely - Might be simpler in one larger project with only larger ISPs able to bid (Bell, Rogers) - May be able to utilize CIB loans	- WOWC would need to determine what specific goal they are addressing, might limit the variety of projects - Participation limited to large ISPs - Would need to design with needs/wants of larger ISPs in mind

ADVOCACY REGARDLESS OF SWIFT 2.0?

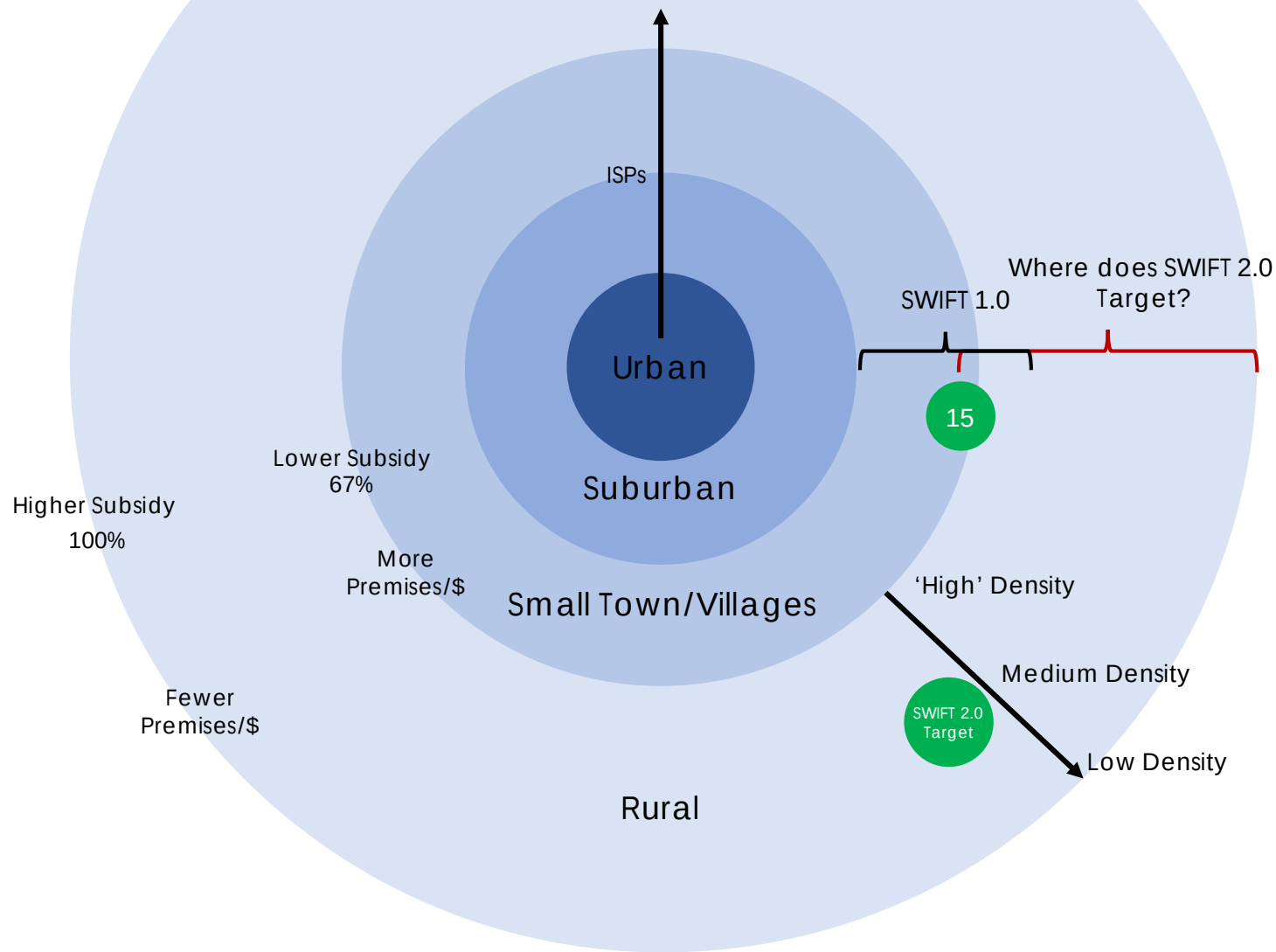
- Regardless of the decision with respect to SWIFT 2.0, the WOWC **must** have a plan to advocate for:
 - Fair share of CRTC's \$750M Broadband Fund
 - Applications are due 01-Jun-20
 - SWIFT should be advocating for 10% (or **\$75M**) for SWO based on population
 - Fair share of ISED's \$1.7B Universal Broadband Fund
 - Applications opening this year
 - SWIFT should be advocating for 10% (or **\$170M**) for SWO based on population
- This advocacy is **above and beyond** any SWIFT 2.0 funding request
- SWO was left out of the last round of CTI funding and this cannot happen again

HOW MUCH MONEY DO WE NEED?

Item	Amount	Notes
Total need in SWO after SWIFT 1.0	\$2,490,644,551	Fibre based solution
CRTC Funding	\$(75,000,000)	Need WOWC lobby to ensure our share
UBF Funding	\$(170,000,000)	Need WOWC lobby to ensure our share
ISP Investment	\$(498,128,910)	Assume ISPs will resolve 20% on their own
First Nations Funding	\$(47,970,000)	Separate request
Remaining SWO Need	\$1.7B +	

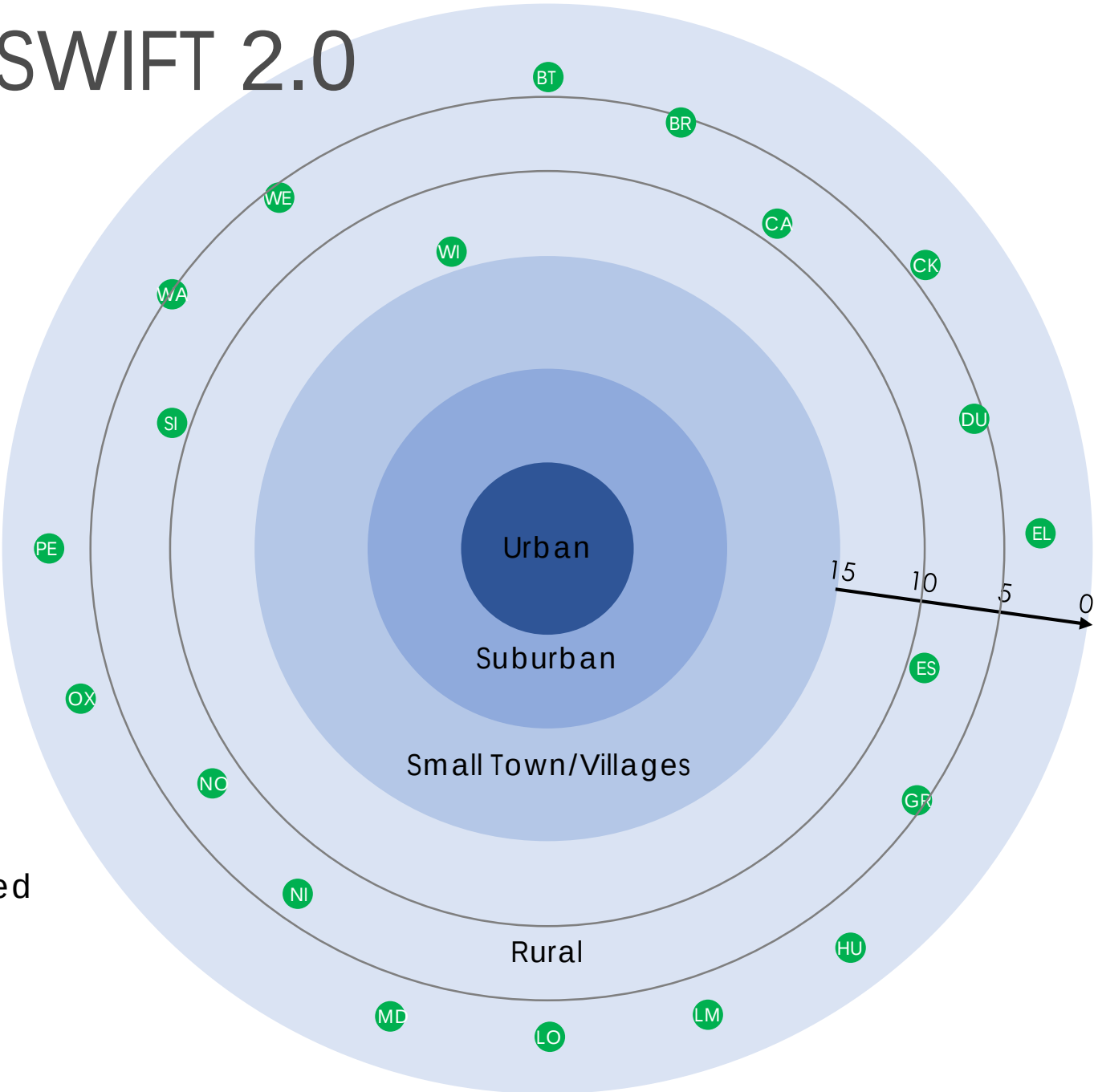
- Even with these levels of potential investment, there is still a need for more funding (\$1.7B)
- Wireless could help to reduce these costs in some areas

GOALS OF SWIFT 2.0



- SWIFT 1.0 rewarded more premises passed per \$ of funding
- Phase 2 = 15 premises / KM of Fibre average

GOALS OF SWIFT 2.0



BT	Brant	4.2
BR	Bruce	5.2
CA	Caledon	8.6
CK	Chatham-Kent	4.4
DU	Dufferin	5.9
EL	Elgin	3.4
ES	Essex	8.9
GR	Grey	5.4
HU	Huron	2.8
LM	Lambton	3.4
LO	London	3.4
MD	Middlesex	3.3
NI	Niagara	7.1
NO	Norfolk	7.6
OX	Oxford	3.9
PR	Perth	2.8
SI	Simcoe	8.0
WA	Waterloo	5.2
WE	Wellington	5.7
WI	Windsor	13.8

Remaining average
density of underserved
premises per km of
underserved roads

RECOMMENDATION 1

SWIFT 2.0 GOALS

Question:

What do we want to achieve with SWIFT 2.0?

Recommendation:

Target medium density outcomes through...

- Upper limit on premises passed / km of fibre (**allow municipal input to target more or less dense areas**).
- Increase **maximum** subsidy available (~83% in SWIFT 2.0 vs 67% in SWIFT 1.0). This relies on Federal contribution amount and ability of municipalities to contribute.
- Majority of points based on km of fibre installed

Issues/Risks:

- Premises Passed target will not be as high as SWIFT 1.0 (per \$)
- Will our goals match those of the province/feds?

RECOMMENDATION 2

FUNDING REQUEST

Question:

How much funding do we seek?

Recommendations:

1. Seek immediate funding of **\$44M** to implement 'shovel ready' residual SWIFT 1.0 projects
2. Seek funding in line with targeting a total project budget of **\$500M** with additional admin and overhead fees of **\$10M***
 - Federal Contribution (40%)* \$200M
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 - ISP Contribution (17%) \$83M
3. Seek **\$63M** dedicated funding to address all remaining first nations and isolated communities (Pelee Island)

Issues/Risks:

- Province and Feds may be looking to fund their own programs and not regional programs
- Total ask may be beyond available funds
- Some municipalities may not be able to contribute significantly (CIB discussion)

RECOMMENDATION 2 (CONT.)

RESIDUAL SWIFT 1.0 PROJECTS

Municipality	Funding Req'd	Project Value
Brant County	\$ 1,165,513	\$ 1,748,270
Bruce County	\$ 3,334,924	\$ 5,002,385
Caledon	\$ 1,276,596	\$ 1,914,894
Dufferin County	\$ 1,754,615	\$ 2,631,922
Elgin County	\$ 1,495,880	\$ 2,243,821
Essex County	\$ 3,130,624	\$ 4,695,937
Grey County	\$ 3,915,894	\$ 5,873,841
Huron County	\$ 1,765,967	\$ 2,648,951
Middlesex County	\$ 2,596,707	\$ 3,895,060
Niagara Region	\$ 3,260,635	\$ 4,890,952
Oxford County	\$ 2,002,437	\$ 3,003,655
Perth County	\$ 1,353,705	\$ 2,030,558
Simcoe County	\$ 6,836,062	\$ 10,254,093
Waterloo Region	\$ 2,912,612	\$ 4,368,918
Chatham-Kent	\$ 2,722,605	\$ 4,083,907
Wellington	\$ 2,345,802	\$ 3,554,245
Norfolk	\$ 1,756,113	\$ 2,684,178
TOTAL	\$ 43,626,691	\$ 65,525,586

Seek immediate funding of \$44M to implement 'shovel ready' **residual SWIFT 1.0 projects**

- Analysis based on remaining Phase 2 projects (residual projects) that would have been funded if we had additional money
- Wellington/Norfolk projects are shovel ready (\$6.2M)
- No residual projects remain in Lambton
- Phase 3 projects estimated based on Phase 2 analysis
- These projects could be awarded this year
- No additional municipal contribution required

RECOMMENDATION 2 (CONT.)

SWIFT 2.0 MAIN PROJECT

Funding	%	Amount
Federal	40%	\$ 200,000,000
Provincial	33%	\$ 166,666,667
Municipal	10%	\$ 50,000,000
ISP	17%	\$ 83,333,333
Total	100%	\$ 500,000,000

Seek funding in line with targeting a total project budget of \$500M with additional admin and overhead fees of \$10M

- Assumes 40/33 Fed/Prov split
- Assumes municipalities contribute at least 10%
- ISPs required to contribute residual
- Note: Figures can be adjusted but if we target medium density areas for SWIFT 2.0, the total subsidy available to ISPs has to be more than the 2/3s from SWIFT 1.0

RECOMMENDATION 2 (CONT.)

FIRST NATIONS AND ISOLATED COMMUNITIES FUNDING

Procurement Area	First Nation / Isolated Community	Road KMs*	Estimated Cost
Brant	Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation	31	\$ 2,015,000
Brant	Six Nations of the Grand River	173	\$ 11,245,000
Bruce	Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation	67	\$ 4,355,000
Bruce	Saugeen First Nation	54	\$ 3,510,000
Chatham-Kent	Delaware Nation Moravian of the Thames	15	\$ 975,000
Essex	Caldwell First Nation	3	\$ 195,000
Lambton	Bkejwanong Walpole Island First Nation	178	\$ 11,570,000
Middlesex	Chippewas of the Thames First Nation	66	\$ 4,290,000
Middlesex	Munsee-Delaware Nation	1	\$ 65,000
Middlesex	Oneida Nation of the Thames	35	\$ 2,275,000
Simcoe	Beausoleil First Nation	45	\$ 2,925,000
Simcoe	Beausoleil First Nation Sub-Sea Fibre	TBD	\$ 3,000,000
Simcoe	Chippewas of Rama First Nation	26	\$ 1,690,000
Pelee	Pelee Island	TBD	\$ 15,000,000
TOTAL		694	\$ 63,110,000

Seek \$63M dedicated funding to address all remaining first nations and isolated communities (Pelee Island)

- This is a very liberal estimate
- Assumes fibre to every road in every remaining first nation (even those without premises)
- Detailed analysis to be completed once direction received from WOWC caucus
- Road KMs include the KMs required to connect to the closest POI and excludes any areas already serviced with fibre
- Sub-Sea fibre required for Christian Island estimated at \$3M
- Pelee Island estimated at \$15M
- Average cost/KM = \$65,000
- Assumes these projects are 100% funded with no ISP or first nation contribution

RECOMMENDATION 3

MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Question:

How much are the municipalities willing to contribute?

Recommendations:

1. Municipalities contribute (collectively) a minimum of 10% of the overall project funding plus 100% of admin and overhead costs (see recommendation 4)
2. If a municipality can't contribution their 'maximum' amount, the shortfall should be distributed amongst the rest
3. Municipal contributions be split (contribution to project / contribution to admin and overheads)
4. Contribution to admin and overheads should be weighted based on a split between pure overheads and functional overheads

Issues/Risks:

- Few issues/risk, this is a more equitable and transparent approach

RECOMMENDATION 3 (CONT.)

MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Funding Area	Underserv ed Road KMs	% of Need	Capital Contribution	Contribution to Admin	Total Contribution	Project Funding	Multiplier	Target KMs of Fibre
Bruce	2,965	7.9%	\$ 3,927,950	\$ 671,354	\$ 4,599,304	\$ 39,279,502	8.5	595
Caledon	650	1.7%	\$ 860,635	\$ 303,276	\$ 1,163,912	\$ 8,606,354	7.4	130
Chatham-Kent	3,022	8.0%	\$ 4,003,627	\$ 680,435	\$ 4,684,063	\$ 40,036,274	8.5	607
Dufferin	976	2.6%	\$ 1,293,326	\$ 355,199	\$ 1,648,525	\$ 12,933,258	7.8	196
Elgin	1,764	4.7%	\$ 2,337,122	\$ 480,455	\$ 2,817,576	\$ 23,371,216	8.3	354
Essex	1,427	3.8%	\$ 1,891,217	\$ 426,946	\$ 2,318,163	\$ 18,912,171	8.2	287
Grey	2,734	7.2%	\$ 3,622,826	\$ 634,739	\$ 4,257,565	\$ 36,228,263	8.5	549
Huron	1,942	5.1%	\$ 2,572,828	\$ 508,739	\$ 3,081,568	\$ 25,728,284	8.3	390
Lambton	2,577	6.8%	\$ 3,414,627	\$ 609,755	\$ 4,024,382	\$ 34,146,271	8.5	517
London	324	0.9%	\$ 429,119	\$ 251,494	\$ 680,613	\$ 4,291,190	6.3	65
Middlesex	2,852	7.6%	\$ 3,779,214	\$ 653,506	\$ 4,432,720	\$ 37,792,144	8.5	573
Niagara	2,576	6.8%	\$ 3,413,124	\$ 609,575	\$ 4,022,699	\$ 34,131,243	8.5	517
Norfolk	1,620	4.3%	\$ 2,145,984	\$ 457,518	\$ 2,603,502	\$ 21,459,840	8.2	325
Oxford	1,989	5.3%	\$ 2,634,933	\$ 516,192	\$ 3,151,125	\$ 26,349,333	8.4	399
Perth	1,341	3.6%	\$ 1,777,053	\$ 413,246	\$ 2,190,300	\$ 17,770,532	8.1	269
Simcoe	4,458	11.8%	\$ 5,906,167	\$ 908,740	\$ 6,814,907	\$ 59,061,669	8.7	895
Waterloo	950	2.5%	\$ 1,259,322	\$ 351,119	\$ 1,610,440	\$ 12,593,218	7.8	191
Wellington	2,298	6.1%	\$ 3,045,411	\$ 565,449	\$ 3,610,860	\$ 30,454,108	8.4	461
Windsor	101	0.3%	\$ 133,650	\$ 216,038	\$ 349,688	\$ 1,336,496	3.8	20
Total	37,737	100.0%	\$ 50,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 60,000,000	\$ 500,000,000	8.3	7576

Municipalities contribute (collectively) a minimum of 10% of the overall project funding plus 100% of admin and overhead costs

- Need based solely on KMs of underserved road assumed after conclusion of SWIFT 1.0
- Each municipality contributes based on its need
- Higher overall municipal contributions required in SWIFT 2.0 to attract ISPs to lower density areas
- If a municipality can't contribution their 'maximum' amount, the shortfall should be distributed amongst the rest

Note: Current contributions to SWIFT end in 2020 for all but Waterloo (2021) and Middlesex (2021)

RECOMMENDATION 3 (CONT.)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OVERHEADS

Municipality	Pure Admin	Functional	Total
Brant	\$ 200,000	\$ 186,224	\$ 386,224
Bruce	\$ 200,000	\$ 471,354	\$ 671,354
Caledon	\$ 200,000	\$ 103,276	\$ 303,276
Chatham-Kent	\$ 200,000	\$ 480,435	\$ 680,435
Dufferin	\$ 200,000	\$ 155,199	\$ 355,199
Elgin	\$ 200,000	\$ 280,455	\$ 480,455
Essex	\$ 200,000	\$ 226,946	\$ 426,946
Grey	\$ 200,000	\$ 434,739	\$ 634,739
Huron	\$ 200,000	\$ 308,739	\$ 508,739
Lambton	\$ 200,000	\$ 409,755	\$ 609,755
London	\$ 200,000	\$ 51,494	\$ 251,494
Middlesex	\$ 200,000	\$ 453,506	\$ 653,506
Niagara	\$ 200,000	\$ 409,575	\$ 609,575
Norfolk	\$ 200,000	\$ 257,518	\$ 457,518
Oxford	\$ 200,000	\$ 316,192	\$ 516,192
Perth	\$ 200,000	\$ 213,246	\$ 413,246
Simcoe	\$ 200,000	\$ 708,740	\$ 908,740
Waterloo	\$ 200,000	\$ 151,119	\$ 351,119
Wellington	\$ 200,000	\$ 365,449	\$ 565,449
Windsor	\$ 200,000	\$ 16,038	\$ 216,038
TOTAL	\$4,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$10,000,000

Contribution to admin should be weighted

1. Pure Admin (40%) – Split equally between all municipalities
2. Functional Costs (60%) – Based on 'need' as a % of total need

RECOMMENDATION 4

FUNDING OF ADMIN

Question:

Do we fund all admin costs internally (municipal funding)?

Recommendation:

Admin costs be funded 100% by municipal contributions

- 100% of fed/prov funding goes to projects
- No fed/prov angst over admin and overheads
- Any savings to overheads goes back to municipalities

Issues/Risks:

- Overall municipal contribution is higher (but funded project amount is also higher)

RECOMMENDATION 5

SWIFT 2.0 PARTICIPATION

Question:

What municipalities participate in SWIFT 2.0?

Recommendation:

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Issues/Risks:

- Requires agreement of all parties
- London/Windsor may object

RECOMMENDATION 6

WIRELESS

Question:

What role should wireless play in SWIFT 2.0?

Recommendation:

- **Where possible**, let municipalities decide if they want to allow wireless proposals in their region.

Issues/Risks:

- Federal and provincial funders are likely to focus on 50/10 and may not allow us to discriminate against wireless providers

SWIFT 2.0 SCHEDULE

Activity	2020				2021				2022				2023				2024				2025			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Funding Application																								
Contribution Agreement																								
Procurement																								
Implementation																								
Closeout																								

- 4 year implementation / construction window
- Overlap with SWIFT 1.0 (ends mid-2023)
- Completes well before federal gov't 2030 mandate
- Resource Risk – Competing with all other programs for resources

NEXT STEPS

Item	Who	When
Present recommendations to WOWC caucus	SWIFT	4-June
Approve SWIFT 2.0 Recommendations (with recommendations)	WOWC	4-June
Advocate for SWO share of CRTC and ISED BB funding (letter campaign)	WOWC	5-June
Confirm participation intent with Caledon, Waterloo and Niagara	SWIFT	12-June
Outreach to Haldimand, Muskoka and Pelee Island	SWIFT Board	12-June
Finalize SWIFT 2.0 funding request package - Detailed financial plan - Detailed First Nations requirements - Detailed overhead cost estimates - Inclusion of Haldimand, Muskoka and Pelee Island	SWIFT	19-June
SWIFT 2.0 funding advocacy campaign package development	WOWC	19-June
SWIFT 2.0 funding advocacy campaign kick-off	WOWC	22-June

NEXT STEPS (CONT.)

SWIFT 2.0 Funding Request Package (5-10 pages max)

- Problem description
- Funding asks (3 asks)
- Why this is a better option than putting more funds into fed/prov programs
- Description of model and how it will address the problem description (benefits)
 - Results of SWIFT 1.0
- Complete financial model with detailed cost estimates and funding breakdown
- Description of targeted outcomes
- Schedule (2025)

SWIFT 2.0 funding advocacy campaign package

- **Who** do we target (provincial and federal)
- **Who** are the best representatives of the WOWC
- **How** do we present request (letter campaign, delegations, etc.)
- **What** do we present
- **When** do we start the campaign

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

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WOWC Appeals to the CRTC for Equitable Broadband Funding for Southwestern Ontario

Currently more than half a million residents are lacking access to high-speed broadband across Southwestern Ontario.

In the past funding for broadband in Southwestern Ontario has been undervalued and overlooked.

To ensure fair and equitable funding is allocated to support broadband infrastructure projects in rural Southwestern Ontario, the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus, has issued a letter to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission to advocate for the region's fair share of funding to support Southwestern Ontario broadband infrastructure projects.

Your advocacy efforts are greatly needed, and we would encourage you to write to Ian Scott, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, to ensure that the residents living in our underserved communities do not go unnoticed and that adequate and equitable funding for the region is required.

Attached is a template letter of support for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jim Ginn

Chair

Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

[PLACE ON LETTERHEAD]

June XX, 2020

Ian Scott
Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer
Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission
[email address]

Re: Fair and equitable funding to support broadband infrastructure projects in Southwestern Ontario

Dear Mr. Scott,

As the [INSERT TITLE] I am writing to you today to request the allocation of fair and equitable funding to support broadband infrastructure projects in rural Southwestern Ontario, including in underserved areas of [INSERT MUNICIPALITY].

Southwestern Ontario broadband funding can not be undervalued. It has been estimated that it would cost approximately \$2.5 billion to provide a fibre-based solution to address all Southwestern Ontario's underserved areas, including in areas of [INSERT MUNICIPALITY]. – wireless could help to reduce these costs in some areas.

The region which is 90% rural and represents 10% of the Canadian population has been overlooked in the past for funding.

Connectivity is key to the social and economic success of our communities – we need to ensure that the residents living in our underserved communities do not go unnoticed.

Adequate and equitable funding for the region is required to ensure that broadband, an essential utility, is accessible for all.

The COVID-19 outbreak has laid bare the challenges our underserved communities in [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] and across Southwestern Ontario are facing.

In today's unprecedented times, where children are required to attend school remotely, online ordering is the new norm and virtual meetings are now a workplace requirement, broadband is not a luxury, it is essential.

On behalf of [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] we are respectfully asking the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission to support Southwestern Ontario broadband infrastructure projects.

Sincerely,

[INSERT NAME/TITLE]

[INSERT MUNICIPALITY]

cc.

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault
Minister of Canadian Heritage
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The Honourable Navdeep Bains
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Your local MP ([click here to find your MP using your postal code](#)).

The Honourable Laurie Scott
Minister of Infrastructure, Ontario

Heads of Municipal Council (Western Ontario)



WOWC Calls on Government for Increased Broadband Funding

The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus today issued a letter to the federal government to seek immediate and increased funding to support the expansion of broadband infrastructure in our underserved communities across Southwestern Ontario.

The Caucus is urging the Canadian government to solve a fundamental issue and provide a basic need to all residents currently living without access to reliable high-speed internet.

Your support is greatly needed, and we would encourage you to write to The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry to urge that the government make a substantial investment to ensure that broadband, an essential utility, is accessible and available for all.

Attached is a template letter of support for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jim Ginn

Chair

Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

[PLACE ON LETTERHEAD]

June XX, 2020

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Re: Urgent and immediate funding request to support the expansion of broadband infrastructure in Southwestern Ontario

Dear Ministers,

As the [INSERT TITLE], I am writing you today to seek urgent and immediate funding to support the expansion of critical broadband infrastructure across Southwestern Ontario, including in underserved areas of [INSERT MUNICIPALITY].

Efforts at the local, federal and provincial level have been underway to provide all Ontarians, no matter where they live, with access to high-speed internet. This is not an overnight process; however, the COVID-19 outbreak has laid bare the challenges our underserved communities in [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] and across Southwestern Ontario are facing.

In today's unprecedented times, where children are required to attend school remotely, online ordering is the new norm and virtual meetings are now a workplace requirement, broadband is not a luxury, it is essential.

Connectivity is key to the social and economic success of our communities – we need to invest in the future of our communities. Increased funding is urgently needed to boost the pace and scale of broadband deployment efforts to address gaps in service and provide digital equality for all in Canada.

It has been estimated that it would cost approximately \$2.5 billion to provide a fibre-based solution to address all Southwestern Ontario's underserved areas – wireless could help to reduce these costs in some areas. Adequate funding is required to ensure that broadband, an essential utility, is accessible for all.

The message to you is clear. **Southwestern Ontario broadband funding can not be undervalued.** The region represents 10% of the Canadian population and 25% of the

population of Ontario. Adequate and equitable funding for all underserved municipalities within the region is required to ensure that broadband, an essential utility, is accessible for all.

On behalf of the [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] we are urging the federal government to solve a fundamental issue and provide a basic need to all our residents currently living without access to reliable high-speed internet. The longer our communities are left without, the greater the people and businesses of Southwestern Ontario and [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] will suffer from social and economic inequalities.

We are asking the Canadian government to take immediate action and make a substantial investment in high-speed connectivity.

Sincerely,

[INSERT NAME/TITLE]

[INSERT MUNICIPALITY]

cc. The Honourable Laurie Scott
Minister of Infrastructure, Ontario

Your local MP ([click here to find your MP using your postal code](#)).

Heads of Municipal Council (Western Ontario)



The Corporation of the County of Essex

By-Law Number 2020-27

A By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Essex.

Whereas under the Section 5(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, c.25 as amended, the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by its Council; and

Whereas under Section 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 as amended, a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under Section 8 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 as amended, shall be exercised by By-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise; and,

Whereas it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the County of Essex, at this meeting be confirmed and adopted by by-law;

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the County of Essex hereby enacts as follows:

- 1) That the actions of the Council of The Corporation of the County of Essex in respect of all recommendations in reports of committees, all motions and resolutions and all other action passed and taken by the Council of The Corporation of the County of Essex, documents and transactions entered into during the June 17, 2020, Regular Meeting of Council, is hereby adopted and confirmed as if the same were expressly embodied in this By-law.
- 2) That the Warden and proper officials of The Corporation of the County of Essex are hereby authorized and directed to do all the things necessary to give effect to the action of the Council of The Corporation of the County of Essex during the said June 17, 2020, Regular Meeting referred to in Section 1 of this By-law.

- 3) That the Warden and the Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary to the action taken by this Council as described in Section 1 of this By-law and to affix the Corporate Seal of The Corporation of the County of Essex to all documents referred to in said Section 1.

This By-law shall come into force and take effect after the final passing

Read a first, second and third time and Finally Passed this 17th day of June, 2020.

Gary McNamara, Warden

Mary S. Birch, Clerk

Clerk's Certificate

I, Mary S. Birch, Clerk of the Corporation of the County of Essex, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy, of **By-law Number 2020-27** passed by the Council of the said Corporation on the **17th**, day of **June, 2020**.

Mary S. Birch, Clerk
Corporation of the County of Essex