

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN

Resolution

DATE: August 11, 2020 NO. 2020-270

MOVED BY Dean Grant

SECONDED BY Heather Olmstead

“WHEREAS access to affordable and reliable broadband networks is an important part of everyday life and key to economic, education, social and health development, and;

WHEREAS communities outside urban centres face challenges in accessing internet service levels comparable to those in cities due to factors such as low population, distance and challenging terrain and;

WHEREAS since the arrival of Covid 19, the need to improve connectivity in the District of Nipissing has significantly increased due to the number of people working from home, children remotely working on school assignments and people using the internet for entertainment purposes, and;


WHEREAS the above has caused connection speeds in the rural areas of the District of Nipissing to deteriorate even further, and;

WHEREAS the Provincial government has announced \$150 million for broadband, cellular connectivity funding that will support the implementation of Broadband projects, and;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin calls on the Federal Government to match or exceed the funding announced by the Provincial government for rural broadband and cellular connectivity, further investing in the economic, education, social and health development of those who live in rural areas of Canada, by improving the connection speeds in these rural areas, and;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, The Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin requests that our Member of Parliament, Mr. Anthony Rota advocate on the District of Nipissing’s behalf to ensure that the Federal Government honour their commitment to invest in the development broadband and cellular connectivity for rural Canada, and;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of Calvin will forward this resolution to the Honorable Anthony Rota, Member of Parliament for the District of Nipissing-Timiskaming and the Municipalities of the District of Nipissing.”

CARRIED 

DIVISION VOTE

<u>NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Coun Cross	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Coun Maxwell	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Coun Olmstead	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Coun Grant	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mayor Pennell	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>