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Honourable Anthony Rota, MP

Chair of the Board of Internal Economy

Speaker

375 Main Street W.

North Bay, ON P1B 2T9

Honourable Victor Fedeli, MPP

Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade

Chair of Cabinet

219 Main Street E.

North Bay, ON P1B 1B2

Re: Fast, Reliable, and Affordable Internet and E-Connectivity

The Council of Papineau-Cameron met at their regular Council meeting on September 22, 2020 and passed the attached resolution 2020-175 in regards to Internet Infrastructure for the Township of Papineau-Cameron, the surrounding Municipalities, and First Nations.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jason McMartin, BA, ADA

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Encl. Resolution 2020-175

C.C. Township of Bonfield
Municipality of Callander
Municipality of Calvin
Township of Chisholm
Municipality of East Ferris
Town of Mattawa
Municipality of Mattawan
Township of Nipissing
City of North Bay
Township of Phelps
Municipality of Powassan
Antoine First Nation
Mattawa/North Bay Algonquin First Nation

The Corporation of the Township of Papineau-Cameron
P.O. BOX 630, #4861 HIGHWAY 17, MATTAWA, ON POH 1VO

DATE: September 22, 2020

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2020- 175

MOVED BY:

Shelley Belanger

SECONDED BY:

Wendy Adams

WHEREAS we the Nipissing communities of the Nipissing-Temiskaming riding, Antoine First Nations, Mattawa-North Bay Algonquin First Nations, Bonfield (Bonfield, Rutherglen), Callander, Calvin, East Ferris (Asterville, Corbeil), Mattawa, Mattawan, Nipissing, North Bay, Papineau-Cameron, Powassan (Powassan, South River, South Himsworth, Trout Creek), Chisholm, and Redbridge, seek fast, reliable and affordable internet and e-connectivity for our citizens, our businesses, our non-profit organizations and our visitors;

AND WHEREAS we form part of Blue Sky Net where internet speed in our communities has been confirmed as substantially lacking as reported in the recently published report entitled "The Speed of Northern Ontario Broadband" ;

AND WHEREAS our companies find it difficult to operate in a business environment that is becoming increasingly digitalized;

AND WHEREAS our citizens are frustrated as the school season resumes and their children require internet for their education program;

AND WHEREAS we are concerned that applications for the Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) was severely over-subscribed;

AND WHEREAS we are equally concerned there has yet to be Federal Government funding announced in support of the ICON fund;

AND WHEREAS we are more so concerned that our voice will be lost in the sea of funding demands for improved internet and e-connectivity currently being made by communities across our region, our province and our country;

THAT the Township of Papineau-Cameron encourages the citizens of our area to raise their voice in support of their municipalities and Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation (Blue Sky Net) as they look to secure funding for internet for our Nipissing communities;

AND FURTHER THAT we encourage our MP Anthony Rota and our MPP Victor Fedeli to examine the opportunity to re-instate the role played by our northern economic development agencies (FedNor and NOHFC) in the delivery of internet funding in Northern Ontario as they are best positioned to understand the needs of our region;

AND FURTHER THAT we encourage our Federal Government to release funding for a National Broadband Initiative that encompasses the critical needs of communities and citizens that fall under the Blue Sky Net (Nipissing) umbrella;

AND FURTHER THAT communities in the Blue Sky Net (Nipissing) area are committed to supporting the anticipated deployment and adoption of this infrastructure in our communities.

CARRIED:

Robert Corriveau

(Mayor)

NOT CARRIED:

(Mayor)

Recorded Vote (Upon Request of Councillor

) Section 246 (1) Municipal Act

RECORDED DIVISION VOTE	YES Signature	NO Signature	ABSTAIN Signature
Mayor Robert Corriveau			
Deputy Mayor Shelley Belanger			
Councillor Richard Grenier			
Councillor Wendy Adams			
Councillor Alvina Neault			