

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

May 10, 2021

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WHEREAS access to high-speed internet throughout the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal is a high priority for Municipal Council; and
WHEREAS as an underserved rural community, the lack of high-speed internet access has prevented residents from taking advantage of the many opportunities afforded by the digital era; and
WHEREAS making high-speed internet available within the Township, would allow households, businesses and community organizations and institutions to keep pace with changing technology and to fully participate in the digital economy; and
WHEREAS the lack of adequate connectivity has been brought even more sharply into focus with the COVID-19 pandemic; and
WHEREAS connectivity and lack of adequate high-speed internet could be resolved with the comprehensive EORN Gig Project to ensure rural communities have the connectivity needed to recover from the pandemic; and
WHEREAS the federal and provincial governments have committed almost \$7 billion towards broadband improvement; and
WHEREAS EORN is seeking \$200 million from both the federal and provincial governments to support the \$1.2 billion public private partnership Gig Project, which represents just 5.7% of all federal and provincial funding available, and would provide more households, businesses and other organizations in our Township with reliable internet access for digital opportunities, education, public safety, and health and wellbeing; and
WHEREAS Eastern Ontario has approximately 30% of all the underserved or unserved households in Ontario that currently cannot even receive the minimum CRTC standard of 50 Megabits down and 10 Megabits up of internet speed.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal endorses and supports EORN's Gig Project and

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requests both the Federal and Provincial Government to financially support EORN's \$200 million funding request.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to EORN, AMO, Premier Ford, Prime Minister Trudeau, Honourable Monsef, Honourable Scott, Honourable Clark, and Honourable Barrett.

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