



CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

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Dear Premier and Ministers,

RE: Support for Rural Broadband

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills, this is to advise you that the following resolution was adopted by Council at its meeting held on June 16, 2020.

Resolution No. 246-20
Moved by Councillor Maydan
Seconded by Councillor Dalgity

WHEREAS in December 2016 the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission declared broadband internet an essential service for Canadians;

AND WHEREAS access to internet in many rural communities in Ontario is limited or non-existent;

AND WHEREAS current broadband investment projects across Ontario will still leave many residents unserved;

AND WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the digital divide leaving many rural residents unable to participate in e-commerce, online schooling, are unable to move businesses online or access healthcare and other services online;

AND WHEREAS communities and municipalities are developing economic recovery plans;

AND WHEREAS there may be potential federal and provincial funding for shovel-ready infrastructure programs to kick-start the economy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Mississippi Mills calls on the provincial and federal governments to include rural broadband investment as part of the economic recovery shovel-ready projects for municipalities;

AND THAT Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to the Prime Minister of Canada; the Federal Minister of Rural Economic Development; the Federal Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry; the Federal Minister of Economic Development; the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities; the Federal Minister of Health; the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs; the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries; the Minister of Education; the Minister of Infrastructure; and all Ontario Municipalities; the Association of Rural Municipalities of Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and The Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

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Should you have any questions please feel free to follow up with our office directly at 613-256-2064 or jharfield@mississippimills.ca

Kind Regards,


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