Ad Hoc Broadband Committee

August 25, 2020 Meeting 20-03

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The Committee convened in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Nancy Jones-Scissons, Councillor Darlene Walsh, Helen Bilodeau

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Hickey, Rock Networks Inc. (via teleconference from 7:05 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.); and Clerk/Administrator Debbie Tonelli

The Committee met to review the Incorporation Checklist provided by Wishart Law Firm. Joe Hickey, Rock Networks Inc., participated in the review via teleconference.

Clerk/Administrator was instructed to inquire with Solicitor Gord Acton regarding a few items in the Checklist.

The Committee and Mr. Hickey discussed the Mayor's draft Update #2 Letter going to all municipalities and first nations within the catchment area. On a query from Mr. Hickey, Debbie will inquire with Mayor Bilodeau as to whether the Letter will include a summary of those who have already shown support.

Debbie was instructed to forward the draft collaboration agreement to Mr. Hickey for his review.

The teleconference with Mr. Hickey ended at 8:00 p.m.

The Committee discussed whether the collaboration agreement or creation of the corporation should be developed first. Debbie was instructed to seek guidance from Mr. Acton.

Helen discussed with the Committee the organizations that are next to be contacted to inquire as to their interest in receiving the Huron & Manitoulin Community Owned Fibre Infrastructure (H&M COFI) zoom presentation – e.g. schools boards and businesses – and to seek their support. There was discussion around the logistics in setting up the appointments. Helen will bring the contact list to the next meeting.

The Committee will aim to meet again on Friday, August 28th, or at the call of Chair Jones-Scissons.

The Committee adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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