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Motion

Notice given May 18, 2021

Re: Town Wide Wi-Fi Access

To: Members of Council

From: Mayor Tom Mrakas

Date: May 25, 2021

Whereas the pandemic has had a direct impact on virtually every aspect of our lives – where we work, how our children receive their education, how we access medical care; and

Whereas not all families/residents in our Town can afford home internet access or have reliable internet access, negatively impacting their ability to access important services – including emergency services and health care; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) has stated that expanding reliable, high-speed, and affordable broadband and cellular connectivity across Ontario is a necessity, not a luxury; and

Whereas Town wide wi-fi access would allow for the Town of Aurora to enhance our information output and capabilities as we continue to move towards becoming a 'Smart Town'; and

Whereas Town wide wi-fi access would enable all residents to access information, supports, schooling and the ability to stay connected with friends and family;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved that Council direct staff to investigate existing models of municipally implemented wi-fi services to develop a proposed model for Aurora and report back to Council; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That staff investigate public-private partnership models to consider for the potential implementation of such a wi-fi service for the Town.