Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Janisse Re: Expansion of Access to High-Speed Internet

Motion

Whereas access to reliable, high-speed internet is a necessity for Canadians, especially those who work or attend school remotely;

Whereas various government levels have expressed a commitment to the expansion of and access to, reliable, high-speed internet; and

Whereas conflicts with infrastructure controlled or regulated by other levels of government, such as railroad tracks and highways, pose literal barriers to the expansion of access to reliable, high-speed internet, resulting in additional costs and delays.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Governments of Canada and Ontario take immediate steps to remove all barriers to the expansion of access to reliable, high-speed internet, which fall under their jurisdiction;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Governments of Canada and Ontario prioritize infrastructure projects that promote the expansion of access to reliable, high-speed internet, and fast-track any approvals required due to infrastructure conflicts, which fall under their jurisdiction;

Be it further resolved that a copy of this motion be sent to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Andrew Sheer, Leader of the Official Opposition, and all MPs in Canada;

Be it further resolved that a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this motion be sent to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and all Canadian municipalities for their consideration.