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**Subject:** RE: Council Resolution  
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The Township of Amaranth at its regular meeting of Council held September 16, 2020 passed the following resolution in support:

### **Resolution #7**

**Moved by: G. Little – Seconded by: H. Foster**

#### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Whereas the Town of Caledon has initiated a petition to request the provincial and federal government to declare broadband as an essential service and to take action to help facilitate telecommunication access to existing infrastructure including underutilized or dark fibre optic network and hydro poles in support of affordable and reliable broadband expansion in all communities; and

Whereas similar to telephone and hydro, broadband has become essential for residents, businesses, youth, schools and for municipalities to deliver public services; and

Whereas access to broadband is a key component of economic development and is increasingly important for conducting business on-line; and

Whereas access to affordable and reliable high-speed internet allows individuals and communities to thrive and access essential information and services; and

Whereas there are unserved and underserved rural communities in Dufferin County and Caledon that do not have access to affordable and reliable high-speed internet;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council for the Township of Amaranth recognizes and supports broadband connectivity as an essential service and hereby requests Kyle Seeback, MP and Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP to take action through their respective governments to declare broadband as an essential service and to help facilitate telecommunication access to existing infrastructure including underutilized or dark fibre optic network and hydro poles in support of affordable and reliable broadband expansion in all communities; and

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the County of Dufferin and the local municipalities in the County of Dufferin seeking their support and to the Town of Caledon.

**CARRIED.**

**Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.**

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**All municipal facilities and parks are closed until further notice during the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff is working to keep critical services operational during this difficult time. Updates will be posted to our website ([www.amaranth.ca](http://www.amaranth.ca)) and through our Facebook accounts. Calls to the office at 519-941-1007 will be answered as soon as possible.**

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**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 3:08 PM

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**Subject:** Council Resolution

Good afternoon,

Orangeville Council, at its August 10, 2020 meeting passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Town of Caledon has initiated a petition to request the provincial and federal government to declare broadband as an essential service and to take action to help facilitate telecommunication access to existing infrastructure including underutilized or dark fibre optic network and hydro poles in support of affordable and reliable broadband expansion in all communities; and

Whereas similar to telephone and hydro, broadband has become essential for residents, businesses,

youth, schools and for municipalities to deliver public services; and  
Whereas access to broadband is a key component of economic development and is increasingly important for conducting business on-line; and  
Whereas access to affordable and reliable high-speed internet allows individuals and communities to thrive and access essential information and services; and  
Whereas there are unserved and underserved rural communities in Dufferin County and Caledon that do not have access to affordable and reliable high-speed internet;  
Now therefore be it resolved that Council for the Town of Orangeville recognizes and supports broadband connectivity as an essential service and hereby requests Kyle Seeback, MP and Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP to take action through their respective governments to declare broadband as an essential service and to help facilitate telecommunication access to existing infrastructure including underutilized or dark fibre optic network and hydro poles in support of affordable and reliable broadband expansion in all communities; and  
That a copy of this resolution be sent to the County of Dufferin and the local municipalities in the County of Dufferin seeking their support and to the Town of Caledon.

**Tracy Macdonald | Assistant Clerk | Corporate Services**

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