

# **Corporation of the Township of Chisholm**

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October 1, 2020

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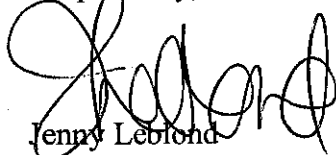
Honourable Anthony Rota:

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm at its regular meeting held Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, passed Resolution 2020-211, copy enclosed.

This resolution, in collaboration with the Nipissing communities, is encouraging the Federal Government to release funding for a National Broadband Initiative that encompasses the critical needs of communities and citizens that fall under the Blue Sky Net (Nipissing) umbrella.

Council hopes you will give this resolution your support and utmost careful thought and consideration.

Respectfully,



Jenny Leblond  
CAO Clerk-Treasurer

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Encl. (1)

cc: All Nipissing District Municipalities

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM**

*2847 Chiswick Line, R.R. # 4, Powassan, Ontario, P0H 1Z0*

**RESOLUTION**

September 22, 2020 Session, No. 211

Moved by

Seconded by

WHEREAS, we the Nipissing communities of the Nipissing-Temiskaming riding, Antoine First Nations, Mattawa/North Bay Algonquin First Nation, Bonfield (Bonfield, Rutherglen), Callander, Calvin, Chisholm, East Ferris (Astorville, Corbeil), Mattawa, Mattawan, Nipissing, North Bay, Papineau-Cameron, Powassan (Powassan, South Himsworth, Trout Creek) and Redbridge, seek fast, reliable and affordable internet and e-connectivity for our citizens, our businesses, our non-profit organizations and our visitors; and

WHEREAS, we form part of Blue Sky Net where internet speed in our communities has been confirmed as substantially lacking as reported in the recently published report entitled "The Speed of Northern Ontario Broadband" ; and

WHEREAS, our companies find it difficult to operate in a business environment that is becoming increasingly digitalized; and

WHEREAS, our citizens are frustrated as the school season resumes and their children require internet for their education program; and

WHEREAS, we are concerned that applications for the Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) was severely over-subscribed; and

WHEREAS, we are equally concerned there has yet to be Federal Government funding announced in support of the ICON fund; and

WHEREAS, we are more so concerned that our voice will be lost in the sea of funding demands for improved internet and e-connectivity currently being made by communities across our region, our province and our country;

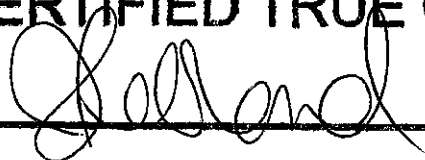
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Chisholm encourages the citizens of our area to raise their voice in support of their municipalities and Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation (Blue Sky Net) as they look to secure funding for internet for our Nipissing communities; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we encourage our MP Anthony Rota and our MPP Victor Fedeli to examine the opportunity to re-instate the role played by our northern economic development agencies (FedNor and NOHFC) in the delivery of internet funding in Northern Ontario as they are best positioned to understand the needs of our region; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we encourage our Federal Government to release funding for a National Broadband Initiative that encompasses the critical needs of communities and citizens that fall under the Blue Sky Net (Nipissing) umbrella; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that communities in the Blue Sky Net (Nipissing) area are committed to supporting the anticipated deployment and adoption of this infrastructure in our communities.

**CERTIFIED TRUE COPY**



**CAO-Clerk Treasurer, Jennistine Leblond**

**CARRIED**

  
Mayor

**RECORDED VOTE** \_\_\_\_\_

	For	Against
Mayor Leo Jobin	_____	_____
James Gauthier	_____	_____
Nunzio Scarfone	_____	_____
Bernadette Kerr	_____	_____
Gail Degagne	_____	_____

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY  
INTEREST**

Mayor Leo Jobin	_____
James Gauthier	_____
Nunzio Scarfone	_____
Bernadette Kerr	_____
Gail Degagne	_____