MUNICIPAL MICI	Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami Memorandum to Council	Memo No. 2019-M-219
		X Staff Committee
Subject:	Broadband	
Agenda Date:	December 19, 2019	
Attachments:		

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Memo 2019-M-219, Broadband;

AND FURTHER THAT Council invite Amedeo Bernardi to attend the January 9, 2020 Council meeting to discuss next steps in application to the CRTC for Broadband Funding.

INFORMATION

Earlier this year, Council engaged Amedeo Bernardi to complete a Broadband survey for the municipality in cooperation with Temagami First Nation. Presently, there the CRTC has an application call for Broadband projects. The deadline is near the end of March.

To ensure we are moving forward appropriately, Staff recommend that Mr. Bernardi be invited to discuss possible projects with Council. By having this discussion early in the year would also allow some time to investigate the attraction of other area municipalities for a more collaborative approach.

Council should also devote some thought as to what municipal resources would be committed to future broadband projects. From an Ontario perspective, core infrastructure is identified as Roads, Bridges, Water, and Wastewater. While the CRTC has identified a minimum broadband that should be available to all Canadians, excessive municipal funding for broadband projects while core infrastructure also have significant needs could have an effect on future infrastructure grant approvals.

Respectfully Submitted: Craig Davidson Treasurer/Administrator