



**Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami**

**Memorandum to Council**

**Memo No.**  
2020-M-169

<b>Subject:</b>	Letter from MPP
<b>Agenda Date:</b>	<b>November 19, 2020</b>
<b>Attachments:</b>	Letter from MPP – Bill 226 The Broadband is an Essential Service Act

**RECOMMENDATION**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support Bill 226 – the Broadband is an Essential Service Act;

AND FURTHER THAT a letter of support be sent to John Vanthof, MPP for Timiskaming-Cochrane.

**INFORMATION**

A letter dated November 6, 2020, was received from MPP John Vanthof and is attached to and forms part of this report. The letter provides some background in recent developments in rural broadband funding as well as informs of Bill 226 – The Broadband is an Essential Services Act.

Mr. Vanthof is asking for support of this Bill from municipalities in his riding.

Improved broadband access is a state priority for this Council which is the basis for the recommendation. The only reservation to declaring broadband an essential service is who would be responsible for the payment of this service provision. Often these types of services end up being the financial responsibility of the municipal sector.

**Respectfully Submitted:**  
**Craig Davidson**  
**Treasurer/Administrator**