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**Moved by Councillor Sheard  
Seconded by Councillor Zanussi**

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**RE: Internet Connectivity**

**WHEREAS** Council for the Corporation of the Township of the Archipelago wants to ensure that internet connectivity to the residents of our community is improved;

**AND WHEREAS** Council has established a Connectivity Committee to advise and make recommendations to Council about how to ensure that stable, dependable and affordable high speed internet service is available to the residents and businesses of the Township of The Archipelago;

**AND WHEREAS** the Connectivity Committee has conducted research, which has included discussions with WPS SMART and Vianet regarding an initial phase of connectivity work, and is recommending certain actions be taken;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the following:

1. That Council approve the Terms of Reference for the Connectivity Committee;
2. That Council support the proposed information content on connectivity/internet being added to the Township webpage;
3. That Council approve the use of single sourcing to select Vianet for two internet connectivity projects (the Parry Sound Area Industrial Park tower extension and the Pointe au Baril tower construction) to improve connectivity;
4. That Council approve funding in the amount of approximately \$78,000 (an additional 100 feet to a proposed 90-foot tower by Vianet) for a tower project being the construction of a 200-foot tower in the Parry Sound Area Industrial Park located in Carling Township, that will support advancing internet connectivity interests in the north portion of The Archipelago;
5. That Council approve funding in the amount of approximately \$177,000 for the construction of a 260-foot tower by Vianet in Pointe au Baril, to improve internet connectivity;

6. That Council endorse a position of striving for municipal land ownership for new Township based towers;
7. That staff be directed to negotiate and sign the final terms of an appropriate Letter of Intent and all related Agreements with Vianet for the two proposed tower projects; and
8. That staff be authorized to locate and negotiate the purchase of an appropriate property in the Pointe au Baril area to facilitate the construction of a tower, subject to the approval of Council.

**Carried.**