

TOWN OF ERIE



Town Council

Board Meeting Date: 10/6/2020

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SUBJECT: GENERAL BUSINESS

Town of Erie Broadband Options - Presentation

DEPARTMENT: Information Technology

PRESENTER: Denise Jakan, IT Director

TIME ESTIMATE: 30 Minutes

FISCAL SUMMARY: N/A

Cost as Recommended:
Balance Available:
Budget Line Item Number:
New Appropriation Required:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests Board review recommendation and provide direction on options to pursue

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER:

The 2020 Work Plan tasks staff with completing a review of broadband options available to the Town of Erie. The background on this task is that in 2017, the Town commissioned Vantage Point Solutions to complete a Broadband Assessment and Feasibility Study to explore municipal broadband networks and detail options to improve broadband connectivity in the Town. That Study identified multiple options, but recommended against building a full Fiber-to-to-Home Network serving all residents. In 2018 Town voters approved a referendum allowing the Town to pursue various broadband initiatives.

With tonight's presentation staff will review the conclusions of the Study with the Board and ask the Board to clarify what options the Board wants to pursue.

Board Priority(s) Addressed:

- ✓ Engaged and Diverse Community
- ✓ Prosperous Economy
- √ Fiscally Responsible

ATTACHMENTS:

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- 1. Presentation Erie Broadband Options
- 2. Erie Broadband Feasibility Study January 2018