



Brant Connects Joint Committee Agenda

Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers
7 Broadway Street West
Paris, ON

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 - Recommendation

That the Brant Connects Committee agenda for November 6, 2024 be approved.
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 - 7.1 Downtown Wifi Project Update - Z. Gable
 - 7.2 CIRA Project Update - J. Rickert
 - 7.3 Open Access - Councillor Miller
 - 7.4 Dealing with Ledcor Issues - Councillor Miller
 - 7.5 Process for residents excluded from ASHIP and without broadband - Councillor Miller

7.6 SWIFT Update - Councillor Miller

8. Communications

8.1 Brant Connects Committee Letter Regarding Committee Review Decision - H. Boyd & M. Connor 7 - 8

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10. Next Meeting and Adjournment

2025 in Council Chambers.



Brant Connects Committee Minutes

Date: September 4, 2024
Time: 1:00 p.m.
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Present: Mayor Bailey, Councillor Miller, Members Morton, Farrant, and Hunter

Staff: Gable, Rickert, and Allison

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1. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Farrant
Seconded by Brad Hunter

That the Brant Connects Committee agenda for September 4, 2024, be approved, as amended.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None.

4. Delegations / Petitions / Presentations

4.1 AHSIP Progress Update - B. Robinson

Braeden Robinson, Engineering Technologist, appeared before the committee and presented quick facts from the contractor and the County on the AHSIP progress. He also presented an updated mapping of currently served areas.

In response to questions, B. Robinson advised locate flags are installed by a third party

The committee requested B. Robinson be invited to the subsequent committee meeting for an additional update.

5. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings

5.1 Brant Connects Committee Minutes of June 5, 2024

Moved by David Miller
Seconded by David Bailey

That the Brant Connects Committee Minutes of June 5, 2024 be approved.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. New Business

7.1 SWIFT Update

Councillor Miller provided an update to the Committee on SWIFT noting a listing of underserved premises is being compiled to be addressed.

7.2 Brant Connects Committee Terms of Reference Review

The committee discussed the County's recent advisory committee and boards review and noted the value the committee continues to provide including the online reporting tool, identification of underserved premises, and collaboration with external agencies.

7.3 CIRA Partnership

James Rickert, Director of Business and Technology Solutions, presented the CIRA tool with the branded website.

The committee discussed the importance of an accompanying communication program.

8. Staff Reports

None.

9. Communications

Moved by Member Farrant
Seconded by David Bailey

That all communications and presentations from the Brant Connects Committee meeting of September 4, 2024, be received as information.

Carried

10. Other Business

Member Farrant advised of a recent CRTC decision required ISPs to share their infrastructure including ground lines.

11. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Committee adjourned at 2:10 p.m. to meet again on November 6, 2024 at 1:00 pm at the County of Brant Council Chambers.

Secretary



October 1, 2024

Dear members of the Brant Connects Advisory Committee,

As you may know, a review of the County's Advisory and Special Committees was undertaken in 2024. This review was done in consultation with community stakeholders, acting committee members, Council members and staff involved with the various committees. The goal was to better understand the history, needs, current activities and potential future directions for these groups. The results of this review were reported to the Policy Development Committee at its September 3, 2024 meeting.

As a result, at its September 24, 2024 meeting, County of Brant Council approved a resolution to dissolve a number of Advisory Committees, with a desire to refocus public engagement toward new formats to improve outreach and overall operational efficiency. As such, direction was given that the Brant Connects Advisory Committee will dissolve either when the provincial ICON Program has been completed or at the end of the Council term in October 2026. Meetings will continue as regularly scheduled until then.

The County of Brant thanks all current committee members and is greatly appreciative of the expertise, time and dedication that you have volunteered for the betterment of the County of Brant.

As the County looks at new ways of undertaking public engagement, it is hoped that you will continue to offer your input / thoughts on various initiatives as well as provide the valuable insight and experience you gained through your work on the Committee.

We have many new ideas and will be inviting you to participate.

Closer to the end of the year, the County will be making arrangements to formally thank all members for their contributions and involvement. We will provide additional information in the near future.

Again, thank you for your dedication and passion. You are valued volunteers, and we hope to continue to work with you in new ways in the future.

Sincerely,

Melissa Connor

Heather Boyd

Melissa Connor,
General Manager of Strategic Initiatives

Heather Boyd,
General Manager of Corporate Services

Draft Brant Connects Committee Meeting Schedule 2025

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| Wednesday, January 8, 2025 | 1:00 p.m. | Council Chambers |
| Wednesday, March 5, 2025 | | |
| Wednesday, May 7, 2025 | | |
| Wednesday, July 2, 2025 | | |
| Wednesday, September 3, 2025 | | |
| Wednesday, November 5, 2025 | | |
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*First Wednesday of every other month, at 1pm in Council Chambers