



Brant Connects Committee Minutes

Date: January 28, 2026
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers
 7 Broadway Street West
 Paris, ON

Present: Councillor Miller, Member Morton, Member Farrant, Brad Hunter, Hawkins

Regrets: Mayor Bailey

Staff: James Rickert, Raic

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1. Attendance

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Moved by Member Farrant
 Seconded by Councillor Miller

THAT the nominations for the positions of Chair be closed;

AND THAT Member Morton be declared Chair of the Brant Connects Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Miller
 Seconded by Member Morton

THAT the nominations for the positions of Vice Chair be closed;

AND THAT Member Farrant be declared Vice Chair of the Brant Connects Committee.

Carried

Member Morton in the Chair.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Member Morton noted an addition under section 10. Other Business - Winding Down. Item 8.3 was moved up to section 5. Delegations.

Moved by Member Farrant
Seconded by Councillor Miller

THAT the Brant Connects Committee agenda of January 28, 2026 be approved, as amended.

Carried

4. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests**

None.

5. **Delegations / Petitions / Presentations**

8.3 ASHIP Program Update

Braeden Robinson, Supervisor of Technical Services provided an update on the ASHIP program. Conversations surrounding subcontractors, fibre lines, internet plan costs, cell phone towers, and weather impacts occurred.

Conversation surrounding the lack of service, and project timelines occurred. It was noted by the Committee that there was a new deadline of 2028.

Moved by Councillor Miller
Seconded by Member Farrant

THAT the presentation from the January 28, 2026 Brant Connects Committee be received.

Carried

6. **Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings**

6.1 Brant Connects Committee Minutes of September 3, 2026

Moved by Councillor Miller
Seconded by Member Farrant

THAT the Brant Connects Committee Minutes of September 3, 2025 be approved.

Carried

7. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

8. **Staff Reports**

8.1 RPT-0062-26 - 2026 Brant Connects Committee Meeting Schedule

Moved by Member Farrant
Seconded by Member Hawkins

THAT the 2026 Brant Connects Committee Meeting Schedule be approved.

Carried

8.2 SWIFT Update

Councillor Miller provided the Committee with an update on the SWIFT Program. It was noted that the program was meeting their targets and timelines, noting the importance of serving customers when larger operators are not able to. A conversation surrounding Starlink occurred, topics discussed include reliability, contracts, and high speed availability.

9. Communications

None.

10. Other Business

10.1 Winding Down

A conversation surrounding the future plans of the Brant Connects Committee occurred. The Committee confirmed that it will continue through the year, and will conclude come the end of 2026.

11. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Committee adjourned at 1:57 to meet again on March 4, 2026 at the County of Brant Council Chambers.

Secretary