

**COUNCIL**

A Special Session of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was conducted virtually via Zoom Webinars, on Thursday, August 20, 2020, at 6:00 pm.

**Roll Call**

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Christine Blair, Chair	
Councillor Bill Masters	District 2
Deputy Mayor Geoff Stewart	District 3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District 4 (arrived late)
Councillor Lloyd Gibbs	District 5
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District 6
Councillor Michael Gregory	District 7
Councillor Bob Pash	District 9
Councillor Tom Taggart	District 10

**Regrets**

Councillor Eric Boutilier	District 1
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh	District 8
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

**Staff Present**

Rob Simonds, Chief Administrative Officer  
 Scott Fraser, Director of Corporate Services  
 Mark Austin, Economic Development Officer  
 Dennis James, Municipal Solicitor  
 Jennifer Hamilton Upham, Municipal Solicitor  
 Tracey Venno, Recording Secretary

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this Special Session of Council was to discuss a negotiations matter in closed session.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Gibbs  
 Seconded by Councillor Masters

“That the meeting go into closed session at 6:04 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

*It was noted that Councillor Cooper joined the meeting during closed session at 6:05 pm.*

Moved by Councillor Gibbs  
Seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the meeting reconvene in open session at 6:33 pm.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Rural Broadband**

Moved by Councillor Gregory  
Seconded by Councillor Taggart

“That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign the Rural Broadband and Indefeasible Right of Use Agreement Between Cumberland-Colchester and Xplornet Communications Inc., on behalf of the Municipality of Colchester.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Masters  
Seconded by Councillor Gibbs

“That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign the Rural Broadband and Connected Communities Agreement with the Municipality of Cumberland, on behalf of the Municipality of Colchester.”

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Blair declared the meeting adjourn at 6:35 pm.

Tracey Veno  
Recording Secretary