

**Attachment 1: Alignment with Policies and Strategies**

The proposed pillars of ConnectTO are:

- **Increase digital equity and bridge the digital divide** in Toronto by bringing access and affordable high-speed internet to underserved Toronto residents
- Stimulate Toronto's **economic recovery and growth** by enabling the digital economy and connecting businesses and workers with high-speed internet
- Support the City of Toronto's **long-term fiscal health** by creating and leveraging City assets to unlock value
- Solidify Toronto's position as an **innovation and technology leader**, by enabling future and emerging technologies in the tech ecosystem

These pillars are drawn from, and aligned with, many City policies and strategies, some of which are set out below:

Council item	Strategy/Policy	Alignment
<a href="#">EX12.2</a>	Digital Infrastructure Plan	<p>City Council adopt the following Working Principles and related vision statements as the guiding framework for the City's Digital Infrastructure Plan:</p> <p>a. Equity and Inclusion</p> <p>Digital Infrastructure will be used to create and sustain equity, inclusion, accessibility, and human rights in its operations and outcomes. Digital Infrastructure will be flexible, adaptable, interoperable and responsive to the needs of all Torontonians, including equity-seeking groups, Indigenous people, those with accessibility needs and vulnerable population</p> <p>c. Social, Economic and Environmental Benefits</p> <p>Digital Infrastructure will contribute to positive social, economic and environmental benefits by supporting the success of Toronto's residents, businesses, academic institutions and community organizations;</p>
<a href="#">EX17.1</a>	<p>Towards Recovery and Building a Renewed Toronto</p> <p>Attachment 3 - Disposition of COVID-19: Impact and Opportunities</p>	<p>Rec #36: Make it easier for vulnerable people and community groups in using City-owned spaces in a safe, inclusive manner, including office buildings, parks, Toronto Community Housing facilities, recreation centers and libraries, so that individuals can gain internet access, helping to bridge the digital divide that exists for many households and neighbourhoods, and so that there are spaces for</p>

	Report Recommendations	<p>groups to organize and engage communities in recovery. Work with school boards and faith groups to identify opportunities to combine programs and better utilize public assets and to create new opportunities for the accessible, safe and inclusive access to space for not-for profit groups and vulnerable community agencies, not just in the downtown core.</p> <p>Rec #58: To be competitive in bandwidth-intensive industries, high speed, VPN infrastructure is needed in Toronto. The City can partner with industry leaders to deliver such infrastructure.</p>
<a href="#">EX18.6</a>	Data for Equity Strategy	<p>The collection of socio-demographic data and the analysis, reporting and use of disaggregated data will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inform services, operations and outcomes that create and sustain equity, inclusion, accessibility and human rights</li> <li>• Be used to respond to the needs of Indigenous, Black and equity-seeking groups</li> <li>• Support the identification of barriers, service needs, differential treatment and systemic inequities in order to improve the lives of people facing inequities</li> <li>• Align with and support existing City of Toronto equity strategies and initiatives, including the Access to City Services for Undocumented Torontonians policy</li> </ul>
<a href="#">EX10.1</a>	Poverty Reduction Strategy 2019-2021 Action Plan	4.3.7. Expand the provision of Wi-Fi connections at City facilities through implementation of TO Connect

The Toronto Public Library and Toronto Transit Commission also have directives around digital access and equity. Both Toronto Public Library and Toronto Transit Commission have been engaged in planning of ConnectTO.