

Attachment 1: Decision History

On June 29, 2021, the General Government and Licensing Committee received a report for information from the Chief Technology Officer about the inclusion of a commitment to the City's control and autonomy of its digital infrastructure as a sixth Working Principle within the Digital Infrastructure Plan.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.GL24.18>

On June 8, 2021, City Council requested The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to consider review of the CRTC's May 27, 2021 decision, and required federal advocacy on broadband and wireless affordability.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.MM34.16>

On February 2, 3 and 5, 2021, City Council approved ConnectTO, a collaborative program that aims to centralize stewardship of municipal resources and assets to deliver the City's goals on equity and connectivity, including creation of a City of Toronto broadband network. The 2021 work plan includes development of a strategic framework, solicitation and implementation of ConnectTO Phase 1 in several priority neighbourhoods, and building on the Data for Equity Strategy, development of a digital equity policy as part of the Digital Infrastructure Plan.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.EX20.8>

On November 26, 2020, City Council approved the Data for Equity Strategy, including authorizing the collection, use, sharing, analysis, and reporting of socio-demographic and disaggregated data in accordance with the Data for Equity Strategy, as well as alignment between the Data for Equity Strategy and the Digital Infrastructure Plan.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.EX18.6>

On October 27, 2020, the City Manager's Office submitted Attachment 3 to the report, Towards Recovery and Building a Renewed Toronto, which referred recommendations #36 and #58 to the Chief Technology Officer for review. Both recommendations speak to digital access as a part of Toronto's recovery and rebuild.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.EX17.1>

On January 29, 2020, City Council adopted a guiding framework, including five Working Principles, for the City's Digital Infrastructure Plan. One of these principles – Equity and Inclusion – states that Digital Infrastructure will be used to create and sustain equity, inclusion, accessibility, and human rights in its operations and outcomes. In adopting this report, City Council directed the City Manager to ensure that any digital infrastructure proposal submitted to the City is in compliance with all five principles.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.EX12.2>

On July 6, 2020, Toronto Transit Commission requested that the City of Toronto Office of Recovery and Restart advocate for provincial and federal funding for accessible and affordable Wi-Fi to create resilient communities.

[www.ttc.ca/About the TTC/Commission reports and information/Commission meetings/2020/July 14/Reports/13 Notice of Motion Providing Free WiFi Access to TTCs Surfa.pdf](http://www.ttc.ca/About%20the%20TTC/Commission%20reports%20and%20information/Commission%20meetings/2020/July%2014/Reports/13%20Notice%20of%20Motion%20Providing%20Free%20WiFi%20Access%20to%20TTCs%20Surfa.pdf)

On November 25, 2019, Toronto Public Library (TPL) board approved the TPL 2020-2024 Strategic Plan. It includes five priorities and a commitment to focus on equity to understand and break down barriers to access and increase inclusion across each:

- Opening up Toronto Public Library's public space
- Broadening Toronto's digital access and inclusion
- Building pathways for workforce development
- Providing the vital ingredients for a democratic society
- Investing in staff and an innovative service culture

<https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/content/about-the-library/pdfs/board/meetings/2019/oct30/07-strat-plan-2020-2024-combined-revised.pdf>

On June 18, 2019, City Council authorized the City Manager to engage in the necessary arrangements for the City of Toronto to sign on to the declaration of Cities Coalition for Digital Rights; and to evaluate City divisional policies on ethical digital standards, create a code of technological practices to be implemented across City divisions and included directive to create new, public and free programming in partnership with the Toronto Public Library to further digital safety and literacy.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.MM8.4>

On March 6, 2019, the Economic and Community Development Committee directed the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Chief Information Officer to include in any connectivity plans and strategies for improvements to affordable, high-speed internet that are currently underway, the feasibility of implementing Public Wi-Fi in Community Recreation facilities including community centres and arenas.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EC2.11>

On July 12, 2018, Parks and Environment Committee recommended that the Chief Information Officer, as part of their review on improvements to access to affordable high-speed internet for all Toronto residents and businesses, give consideration to increasing cellular access to major parks, and determine viability of installing Wi-Fi in large parks.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.PE29.6>

On December 5, 2017, City Council directed the Chief Information Officer and the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, in consultation with other City Divisions, Agencies and Corporations, to establish an interdivisional Internet Connectivity governance structure, comprised of a Working Group and Steering Committee; this governance structure will coordinate efforts, identify options and seek City Council direction as required to improve access to affordable high-speed internet for all Toronto residents and businesses, and to ensure that City infrastructure and regulation evolves and aligns with improving technology standards.

On December 5, 2017, City Council also directed the Chief Information Officer and General Manager, Economic Development and Culture to further analyze the digital divide by comparing socio-economic data, including from the 2016 Census, and available geographic broadband penetration data to help support the digital access goals of the City's Poverty Reduction Strategy.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.ED25.4>

At its meeting of November 4, 2013, the Board of Health adopted item HL25.5 "Prudent Avoidance Policy for Radiofrequency Emissions from Cell Towers: 2013 Update" and encouraged Health Canada to continue to use prudence and to actively review health evidence including most recent scientific research and studies and to allow public and expert consultation pertaining to human exposure to RFs and to revise Safety Code 6 whenever appropriate to protect human health.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.HL25.5>

At its meeting of March 3, 4, and 5, 2008, City Council adopted item HL10.3, "Prudent Avoidance Policy on Siting Telecommunication Towers and Antennas", endorsing the Prudent Avoidance Policy, requiring staff to use the policy to evaluate cell tower and antenna applications and oppose those which do not meet it.

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cc/decisions/2008-03-03-cc17-dd.pdf>

At its meeting of December 4, 2007, the Board of Health reaffirmed the PA policy and recommended that City Council endorse and use it in the City of Toronto Telecommunication Tower and Antenna Protocol.

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/hl/minutes/2007-12-04-hl10-mn.pdf>

At its meeting of November 15, 1999, the Board of Health adopted a policy of prudent avoidance respecting decisions regarding the location of cell phone towers in the city. This policy recommended that consideration be given to keeping radiofrequency levels from these installations 100 times more stringent than Health Canada's guideline (referred to as Prudent Avoidance Policy for Radiofrequency Emissions from Cell Towers: 2013 Update 3 Safety Code 6).

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/1999/agendas/committees/hl/hl991115/agenda.htm>