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BMTS Conversion Document Review

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Dear Council,

During our term within Council we will be faced with the ending of the agreement regarding BMTS (represented by the former township of Bruce and now the Municipality of Kincardine) and our surrounding sister municipalities.

The document in question is titled "Conversion of the Bruce Municipal Telephone System into a Public Utility" which was brought into effect on March 25th 1991.

To this end, I would like to request that Council review the document and come up with an action or transition plan with regard to the agreement and specifically the following:

1. What should we do with BMTS when the agreement concludes?
2. How should we structure the financial benefits to the surrounding communities after the agreement concludes?

I would suggest a small sub committee of say five people (3 Council, 2 BMTS) review this document and come back to Council with a proposal within the next six months, so that we can address this with our sister communities throughout the BMTS area and have this problem solved within the year. If we were to be updated every two months, we could monitor the progress satisfactorily, I believe.

I am personally concerned that some substantial issues will surface from the agreement ending and it would be proactive to start working on them now, rather than when this issue is in our face and time is limited.

I would ask that, we please bear in mind that some of our sister communities do place reliance on some of the revenues generated from this successful utility and that our decision may impact their Municipal finances.

Yours Faithfully,

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