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MEMORANDUM**

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TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: R. NOLAN, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

NOTED: R. BUNN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INNOVATE BARRIE
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RE: WATERFRONT AND DOWNTOWN WIFI UPDATE (WARDS 2 AND 8)

DATE: OCTOBER 28, 2019

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with an update concerning Staff Report EMT002-190415, Appendix "I" "Proposed uses for addition Federal Gas Tax Funding", Waterfront and WIFI project that was adopted by City Council on April 29th 2019.

RFP FIN2019-131P was conducted over the summer to select a vendor to implement the WIFI over 5 phases. The 5 phases are shown in Appendix "A". The phased approach was chosen to provide the most flexibility for installation and budget. The coverage area includes the waterfront and walking trails from the South Shore Community Centre to Heritage Park, including Meridian Place, and Dunlop Street from Mulcaster Street to Toronto Street.

The waterfront phases (1-3) will be completed by March 2020. The city will work with the Downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA) to coordinate installation of the Dunlop Street phases (4 and 5) around the construction. More detailed planning and discussions are required for phase 4 and 5, but the goal is to have them commissioned by summer 2020, if possible.

Overall the WIFI project is progressing within budget, with major cost negotiations completed within expectations.

APPENDIX "A"

Waterfront and Downtown WIFI Coverage

