

BROADBAND ANNOUNCEMENT

Cogeco Expanding Broadband Service ICON and ISED Awards Funding to Cogeco in Renfrew County

The Improving Connectivity in Ontario (ICON) and Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) programs have announced that Cogeco Connexion has been awarded funding for a project that was submitted for Greater Madawaska and McNab/Braeside. As a result, Cogeco will be able to provide broadband service to approximately 1,209 unserved and underserved premises in the following areas:

- From Glasgow Station along County Rd 54 to Sand Point
- From Sand Point up along County Rd 1 to Bonnecherre River
- From Lundy's Corner along County Rd 508 through Burnstown, Springtown to Calabogie

For your information, the project total cost is approximately \$5.8M and ICON and ISED will contribute approximately \$3.9M. This project will be providing fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) to all homes except the homes in Calabogie where we will upgrade Cogeco's current 1-way system coax network to a 2-way system. Both of these solutions will deliver download speeds of up to 1Gbps as well as IPTV and VoIP services.

Next Steps:

Cogeco and the government programs are currently finalizing the statement of work with the expectation that this project will be completed by August 30, 2024. I will be in touch with your teams in the coming weeks to discuss the project, introduce the planning team and align on next steps i.e. permitting, accessing GIS information etc...

Mayors Hunt, Peckett and Bennett, on behalf of Cogeco, I would like to thank you and your teams for the support that was provided for our application(s) in your County. The County's support was also much appreciated. Local support was a critical requirement for the RFPs and as a result, Cogeco was able to prepare a thorough and, ultimately, successful bid. Again, we appreciate the support and look forward to working with your Townships and the County to complete this project and connect more of your residents with broadband service comparable to major urban centres in Ontario.

Best regards,
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