

Monica Hawkins

From: Fedeli-co, Vic <vic.fedelico@pc.ola.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 9:27 AM
To: Monica Hawkins
Subject: RE: Internet Advocacy

Hi Monica,

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your Resolution regarding Broadband.

As our province continues to safely and gradually reopen, we are supporting our economic recovery efforts by continuing to expand broadband and cellular service across the province. Now more than ever, people across Ontario need to be connected to the modern digital economy through reliable broadband so they can easily work, learn and connect with friends and family.

This digital divide has been made worse by the COVID-19 pandemic, as we've heard from people about their frustrations as they try to work and study from home. That's why we launched Improving Connectivity for Ontario, or ICON, a new \$150 million program to support local collaborative projects to connect more unserved and underserved homes and businesses, often in rural, remote and northern communities.

The province's investment of \$150 million for the ICON program is part of the \$315 million Up to Speed: Ontario's Broadband and Cellular Action Plan. This action plan has the potential to leverage up to \$1 billion in partner funding for broadband infrastructure investments.

The intake for applications opened on July 9, 2020. Initial applications for the first intake were due on August 21, 2020. We are targeting the first projects to break ground by Spring 2021. The program will have a second intake for more projects that require additional time to develop in early winter 2020/21.

We know there is more work to do, but through these investments, we are continuing to bridge the digital divide and improve the quality of life for all Ontarians.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Internet Advocacy

Good afternoon:

Please be advised that Council of the Municipality of East Ferris, at its Regular Council Meeting held last night, passed a resolution regarding Internet Advocacy. Attach please find copy of the certified Resolution No. 2020-226.

Thank you!

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