



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee

April 24, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC

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| Rachel Greenspan, Executive Director Network BC (in person) | |
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BROADBAND INTERNET AND MOBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC

Directors Present: Chair Hiebert, Electoral Area D
Vice-Chair Rose, Electoral Area E
Director Dober, City of Dawson Creek
Director Hansen, City of Fort St. John (via Zoom)
Director Kealy, Electoral Area B
Director Quibell, District of Hudson Hope
Director Sperling, Electoral Area C
Director Taillefer, District of Taylor (via Zoom)
Director Veach, Village of Pouce Coupe
Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John (via Zoom)

Directors Absent: Director Courtoreille, District of Chetwynd
Alternate Director Norbury, District of Tumbler Ridge

Staff Present: Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Joanne Caldecott, Deputy Corporate Officer
Roxanne Shepherd, Chief Financial Officer
Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager
Annette Andrews, Communications Manager
Terri Henrickson, Regional Connectivity Coordinator/Recorder

Others Present: Jeanne Holliss, Executive Director of Connected Communities

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chief Administrative Officer called the meeting to order and announced the results of the election for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Broadband and Internet Committee for 2024/25: Director Hiebert was elected as the Chair and Director Quibell was elected as Vice-Chair. The Chief Administrative Officer turned the Chair over to Chair Hiebert.

Chair Hiebert introduced Jeanne Holliss, Executive Director of Connected Communities as the new representative to the Committee from the Ministry of Citizens Services, attending the call via Zoom.

Director Taillefer, District of Taylor joined the meeting at 10:08 a.m.



2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED Director Rose

SECONDED Director Sperling

That the Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee adopt the January 26, 2024 Meeting Agenda:

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3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

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4.1 July 26, 2023 Draft Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee Meeting Minutes

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6. DELEGATIONS

7. CORRESPONDENCE

8. REPORTS

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

10.1 Connecting Communities BC (CCBC) Funding Program - Third Intake

10.2 NDIT Northeast Projects

10.3 BC Connectivity Report 2022 - Fall 2022

10.4 Northern BC Connectivity Benefits Study - Report 2 Summer 2023

11. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

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11.2 Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee - Guiding Principles

11.3 Bylaw No. 2487, 2022

12. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

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13. ADJOURNMENT

CARRIED

3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 July 26, 2023 Draft Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee Meeting Minutes

MOVED Director Dober

SECONDED Director Sperling

That the Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee adopt the Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee meeting minutes of July 26, 2023.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6. DELEGATIONS

7. CORRESPONDENCE

8. REPORTS

8.1 Update Connectivity Strategy Report - 2024, ADM-BIMC-021

In response to a question regarding the need a new strategy, the Chief Administration Officer (CAO) explained that an update of the existing strategy is being recommended as the industry situation changes rapidly. The IT Manager further explained that there has been advancement of trunk connectivity in our region, and governmental changes that affect connectivity. There were concerns that the report would be outdated by the time it is completed. Discussion continued and the CAO reminded all about confidentiality.

There was discussion on expanding the motion to include future possibilities as well as deferring until First Nations can communicate with directors regarding connectivity projects in their area. The Corporate Administration Officer reminded the directors and the Chair that deferring would affect budget considerations. Director Quibell stated that the process that would occur during the report making would include communication with the First Nations.

MOVED Director Kealy

SECONDED Director Quibell

That the Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee recommend that the Regional Board authorize staff to initiate a public procurement to source external expertise to collaborate with stakeholders to collect, revise and update data and develop a high-level design for the PRRD 2024 Regional Connectivity Strategy Report.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Director Rose, Director Kealy, and Director Veach

8.2 Open Access Municipal Networks - Response, ADM-BIMC-020

Director Sperling requested comments from staff regarding what they thought of the information gathered.

The Chief Administration Officer explained that municipalities have more leverage for existing infrastructure than the Peace River Regional District. The IT Manager explained that the Open Access Networks are in competition with the large ISPs who have large cash flow abilities. The open access networks felt good about what they had accomplished, but yearly they must reassess their goals in an ever-changing IT world.

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Rose

That the Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee receive the report titled 'Open Access Municipal Networks – Response - ADM-BIMC-020', which summarizes the information received from Coquitlam and Campbell River regarding the operations and governance of their open access municipal networks, for information.

CARRIED

8.3 Function 135 – Regional Connectivity Draft 2024 Budget, ADM-BIMC-018

MOVED Director Veach

SECONDED Director Sperling

That the Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee recommend that the Regional Board include the draft 2024 budget totaling \$1,454,419 for Function 135 – Regional Connectivity, in the 2024 Financial Plan, with an estimated 2024 tax rate of \$0.0030/\$1,000 for this function, which is an estimated requisition decrease of 74.3%.

CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Veach

That the Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee receive the January 26, 2024 Consent Calendar for information.

CARRIED

Director Dober left the room at 10:37 a.m. and returned at 10:38 a.m.

Director Veach left the room at 10:38 a.m.

10.2 NDIT Northeast Projects

Director Sperling lifted Item 10.2 NDIT Northeast Projects from the consent calendar and asked Director Rose to update the committee from the NDIT meeting.

Director Rose spoke about his concern when he reads about the NDIT grant successes, but notices that there is not a complete service provided in the areas needed. He mentioned a lack of planning and backfill in many areas in the PRRD.

Chair Hiebert asked Jeanne Holliss to comment. Jeanne Holliss touched on the Connecting Communities BC (CCBC) Funding Program Third Intake (Item 10.2) in hopes of clarifying the areas of concerns regarding planning and backfill and those households still unreachable. She mentioned the process and the assessments that are done in the different zones to gather information on upscaling and fill needs in the areas to reach more households and fulfill connectivity needs. She invited the committee to invite her Connecting Communities BC team to the next Broadband meeting to discuss further the third intake and where there may still be gaps in service in the areas of concern.

Director Rose mentioned that he understands that some residences have one choice and that is Starlink but feels that this solution is expensive and cannot be expected to be sustained by the residents or be subsidized on a monthly subscription basis. If larger ISPs can provide connectivity in some of these areas, then it should be provided.



10.2 NDIT Northeast Projects (Cont'd)

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Rose

That the Broadband Internet Mobility Committee request staff to contact Connecting Communities BC (CCBC) and Network BC to present as a delegation at a future Broadband Internet Mobility Committee meeting.

CARRIED

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

11.1 Terms of Reference

11.2 Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee - Guiding Principles

11.3 Bylaw No. 2487, 2022

12. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

12.1 Notice of Closed Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee Meeting – January 26, 2024, ADM-BIMC-019

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Veach

That the Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee recess to a Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussing the following items:

| Agenda Item | Description | Authority |
|-------------|-------------|---|
| 3.1 | Minutes | CC Section 97(97(1)(b) Closed Minutes, Access to Records. |
| 7.1 | Report | CC 90(1)(j) Information Prohibited from Disclosure |

CARRIED

RECONVENE

The Chair reconvened the open portion of the Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee Meeting at 10:49 a.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

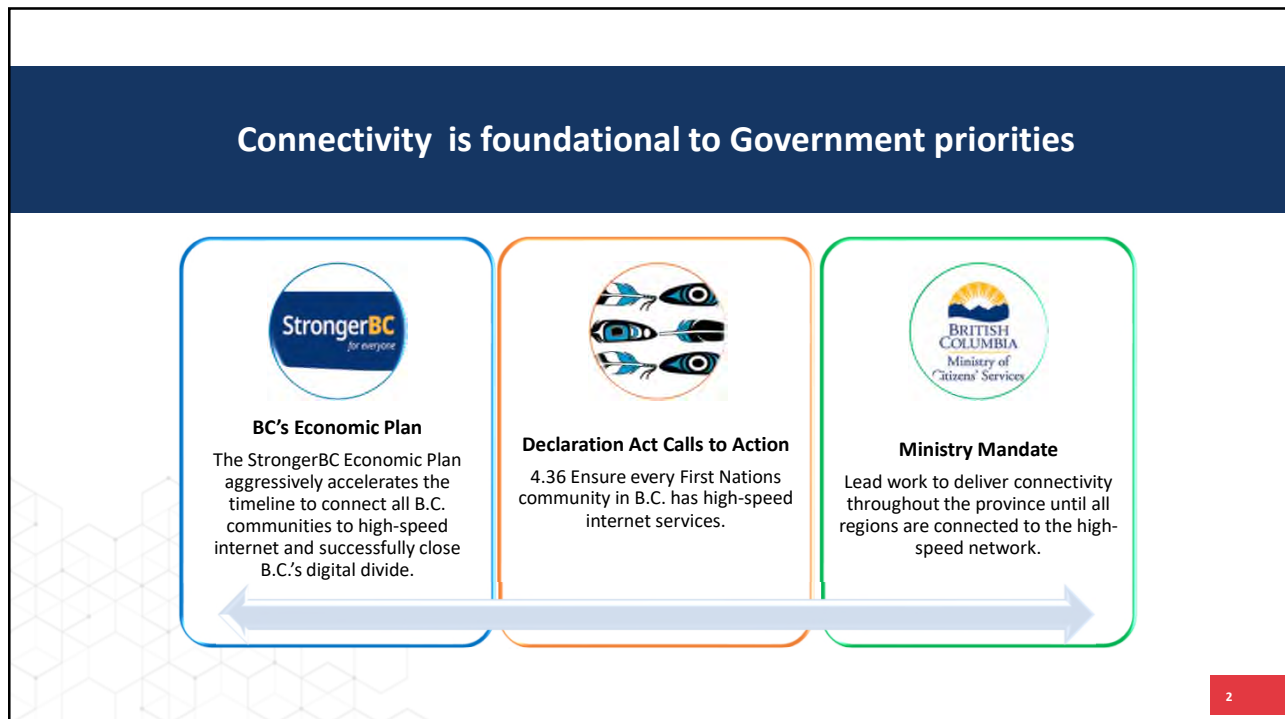
CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee from a meeting held on January 26, 2024 in the PRRD Board Room, 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.

Leonard Hiebert, Chair

Terri Henrickson, Regional Connectivity
Coordinator/Recording Clerk



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Economic return from connectivity investments

The economic model developed by BC Stats analyzes the short- and long-term impacts of connectivity funding for rural regions of B.C.



The final economic study for the province is under development and will be released in Spring 2024.

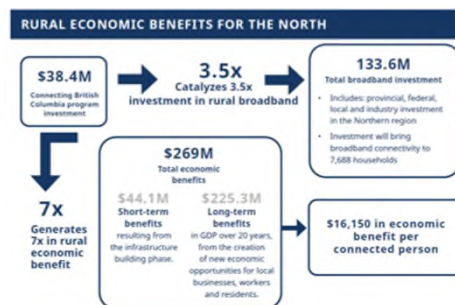
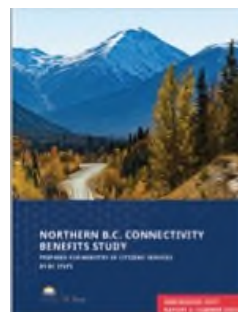
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Economic return from connectivity investments – Northern region

This study is due to be released in July 2023.

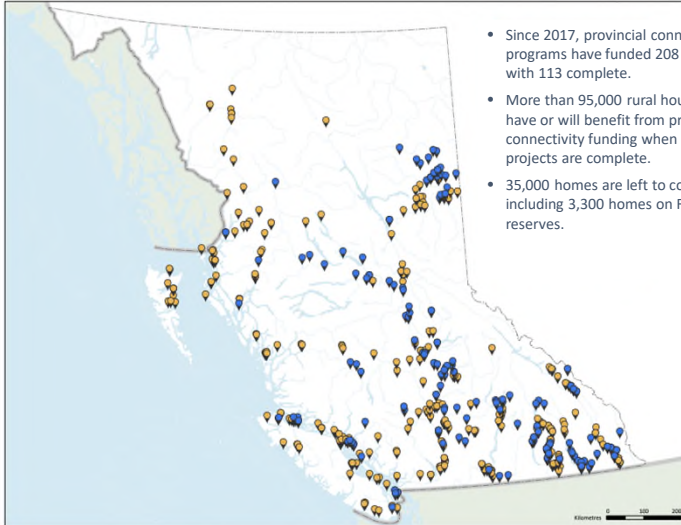
Connectivity investments in the North were analyzed by BC Stats as delivering **seven times** the economic return from approved provincial funding over the longer term.

Although the northern region has a lower population density than the Kootenays, the economic benefit per person is higher, with **\$16,150** in benefit per connected person.

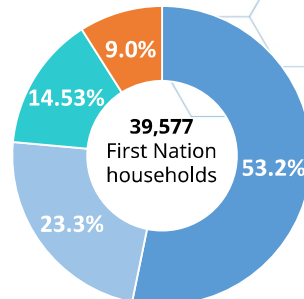
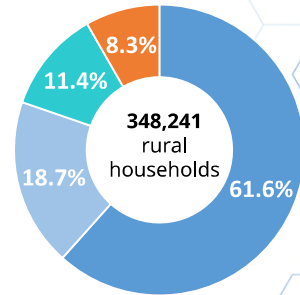


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Province-wide Impact



- Since 2017, provincial connectivity programs have funded 208 projects, with 113 complete.
- More than 95,000 rural households have or will benefit from provincial connectivity funding when approved projects are complete.
- 35,000 homes are left to connect including 3,300 homes on First Nation reserves.



■ Served 2017 ■ Served
■ In progress ■ Underserved

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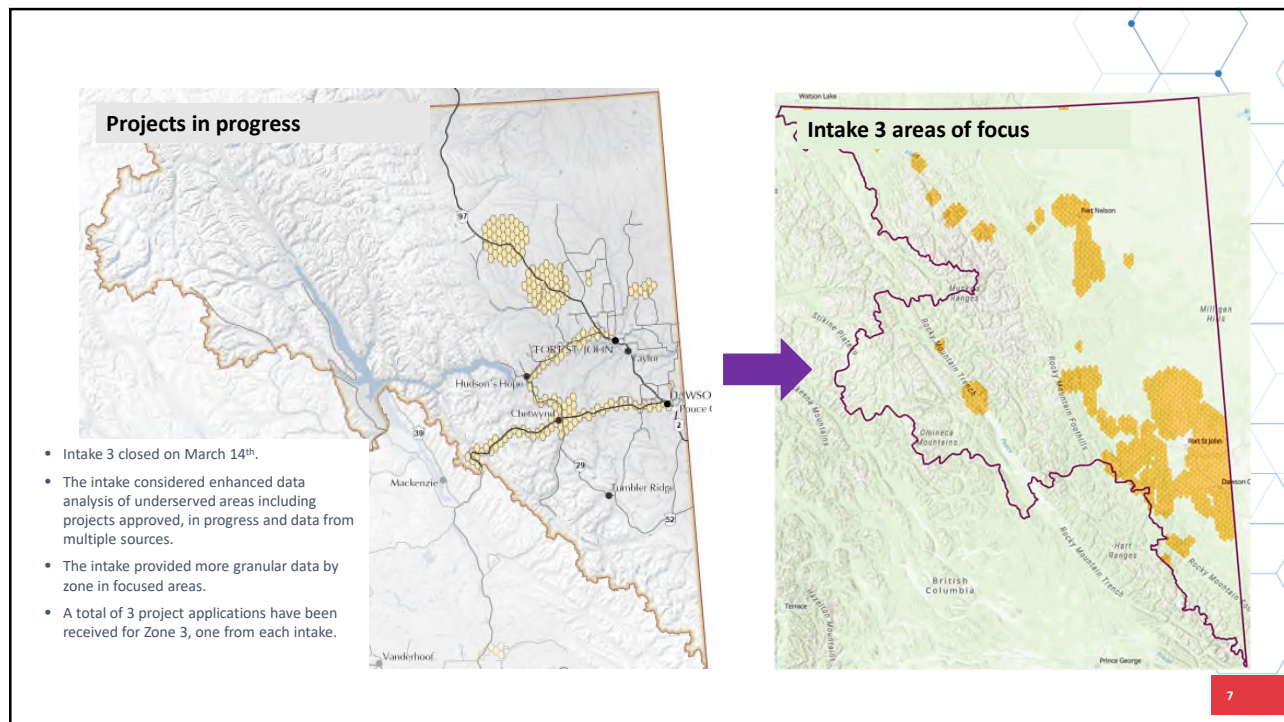
Funding & Project Landscape



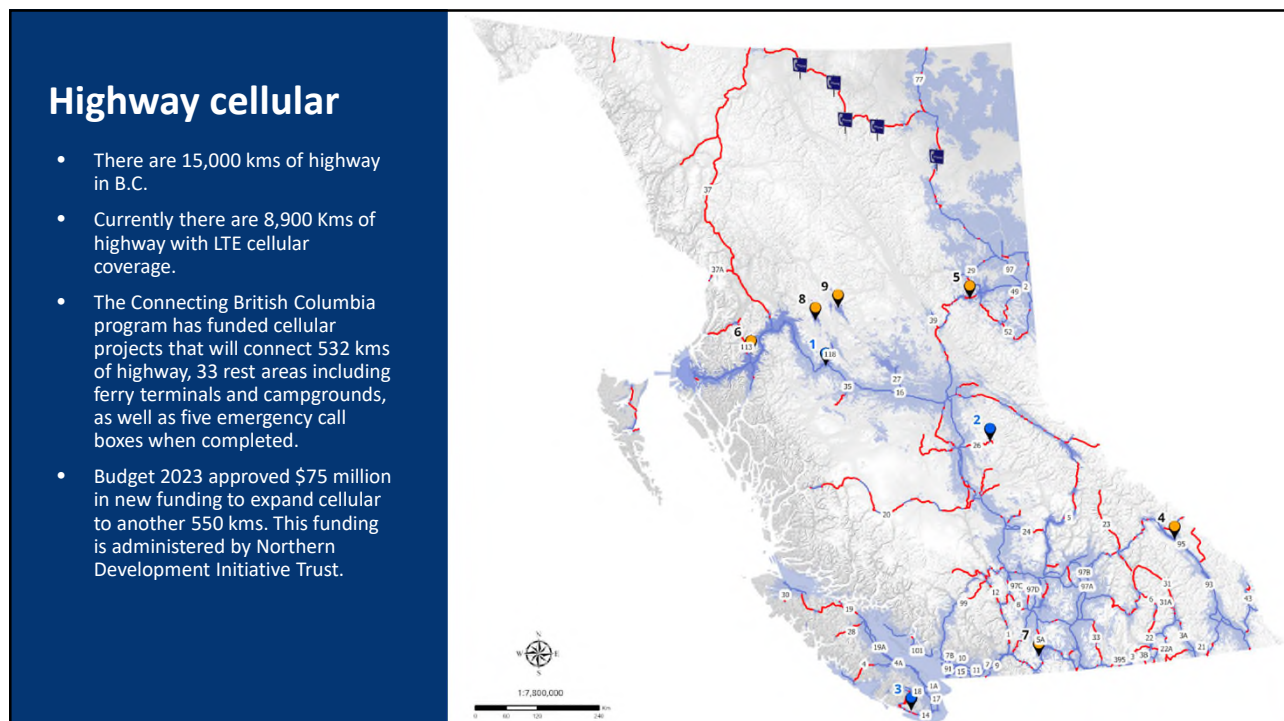
★ Funding still available

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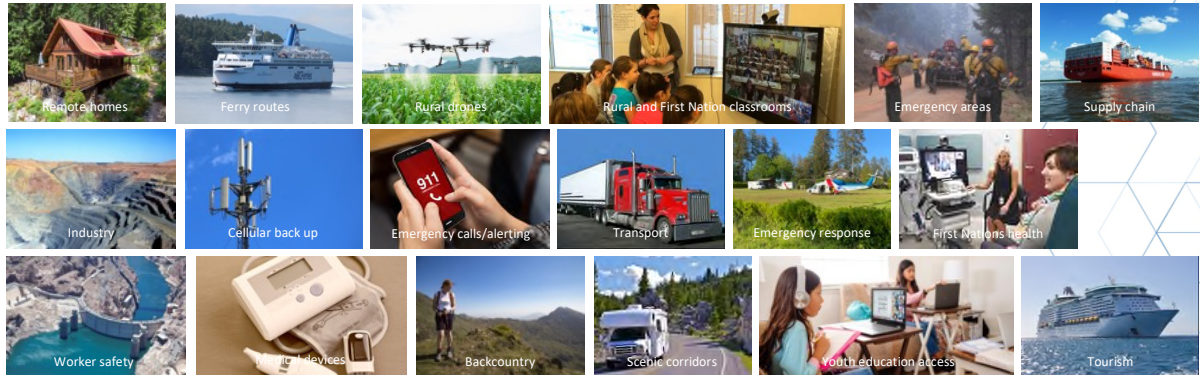
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LEO Constellations – expanding opportunities

LEO internet services are anticipated to provide both fixed and mobile high speed internet services anywhere without last-mile terrestrial infrastructure. They enable digital opportunities where infrastructure doesn't currently exist or is not possible.



Note: Regulatory approval for mobile use in Canada pending, offered in US since Dec 2022

...and more

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Emerging issues



Internet affordability

Infrastructure not enabled

Mobile connectivity

New homes and
resettlement

Spectrum utilization

Digital equity

Enabling the right connectivity solution to meet a community's needs requires understanding of community perspectives and priorities.

Connectivity programs provide first step funding for foundational infrastructure that allow communities to realize the benefits of digital access. There is a continuing need to enhance government coordination and programming to meet accelerated community demand once more homes and communities are connected

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REPORT

To: Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee

Report Number: ADM-BIMC-023

From: Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager

Date: April 24, 2024

Subject: Contract Award – Planetworks Consulting (RFP 12-2024)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee recommend that the Regional Board award the contract for “Regional Connectivity Strategy Report RFP 12-2024” to Planetworks Consulting Corp. at the cost of \$92,740.00 (excluding taxes); further that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the Regional District.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

On February 22, 2024, the Regional Board approved the following recommendation from the Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee meeting held January 26, 2024:

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED,

“That the Regional Board authorize staff to initiate a public procurement to source external expertise to collaborate with stakeholders to collect, revise and update data and develop a high-level design for the PRRD 2024 Regional Connectivity Strategy Report.”

On March 11, 2024, the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking qualified consulting companies to submit proposals to complete an update of the Regional Connectivity Strategy. The RFP sought to identify a consulting firm able to undertake a comprehensive research and engagement initiative aimed at producing an updated Regional Connectivity Strategy Report. This revised report will assess the present connectivity landscape within the region, identify service deficiencies, propose remedial measures, and establish connectivity benchmarks and objectives for each Electoral Area, member municipality, and First Nation entity. Moreover, the report will outline specific technological solutions and potential funding frameworks geared towards enhancing services for underserved communities.

The term of the agreement is for a period of six months, with the deliverables completed by October 31, 2024.

The Peace River Regional District received four proposals for RFP 12-2024:

| Mandatory Requirements | Planetworks | Kea Consulting | i-Valley | Canadian Fiber Optics |
|------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Submission Form (Appendix B) | | | | |
| | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Scoring Matrix Results | | | | |
| Proposal Scoring | 89.25 | 43.86 | 79.17 | 37.83 |
| Proposal Cost | \$92,740 | \$84,000 | \$83,454 | \$100,000 |

Planetworks Consulting emerged as the top performer in the evaluation process, achieving the highest score across qualifications, methodology, work schedule, and cost. Despite not being the lowest cost provider, their proposal aligned the closest with the requirements outlined in the Request for Proposal (RFP).

Planetworks Consulting's proposal stood out for its attention to detail and the depth of work invested. Their submission demonstrated a comprehensive understanding of the project requirements, with each aspect of their proposal crafted to address specific needs outlined in the RFP. The proposal exhibited a clear methodology, outlining a step-by-step approach to project execution, complete with timelines, milestones, and deliverables. Their proposal highlighted extensive research and industry knowledge, with innovative strategies tailored to optimize project outcomes. Finally, Planetworks Consulting's proposal demonstrated a good understanding of the objectives and priorities, with tailored recommendations aimed at maximizing value and minimizing risk.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Collaboration and Cooperation with First Nations
 - ☒ Share PRRD Strategic Goals with First Nations to Identify Opportunities for Cooperation and Collaboration

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

Funding was included in the 2024 budget for Function 135 – Regional Connectivity for this project.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

Successful and unsuccessful proponents will be notified.

External Links:

1. [Report ADM-BIMC-021, Update Connectivity Strategy Report – 2024](#)
(January 26, 2024 Broadband and Internet Mobility Committee Meeting Agenda, Item 8.1)
2. [Report ADM – BRD-473 Function 135 Regional Connectivity Draft 2024 Budget](#)
(February 21, 2024 Special (Budget) Regional Board Meeting Agenda, Item 5.5)
3. [Report ADM-BRD-474 Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee Recommendation](#)
(February 22, 2024 Regional Board Meeting Agenda, Item 8.3)



Telecom Decision CRTC 2024-69

PDF version

References: 2022-325, 2022-325-1, and 2022-325-2

Ottawa, 22 March 2024

Public record: 1011-NOC2022-0325

Broadband Fund – Project funding approval for Rogers Communications Canada Inc.’s mobile wireless project in northern British Columbia

Summary

Canadians need access to reliable, affordable, and high-quality Internet and cellphone services for every part of their daily lives.

Through its Broadband Fund, the Commission contributes to a broad effort by federal, provincial, and territorial governments to address the gap in connectivity in underserved rural, remote, and Indigenous communities across Canada.

In the first two calls for applications to the Broadband Fund, the Commission approved funding for projects that would improve access to high-speed Internet and cellphone services in 205 rural and remote communities, including 89 Indigenous communities. Building on this momentum, the Commission recently issued its third call for applications (Call 3).

Call 3 focused on transport projects, mobile wireless projects along major transportation roads, and projects to increase capacity in satellite-dependent communities.

Today, the Commission **approves** Rogers Communications Canada Inc.’s funding application for up to \$11,907,958 to build new cellular towers to serve approximately 70 km of Highway 37 in northern British Columbia. This project is a significant step in addressing public safety concerns by providing cellular coverage along a major transportation corridor.

In accordance with the increased emphasis on meaningful community consultation in Call 3, the Commission considered the level of demonstrated community support for this application and notes the letters of support from the Chiefs of the Tahltan Band Council and the Iskut Band Council. In these letters, community representatives described Highway 37 as a vital hub for economic activity. They also noted that better connectivity will bring significant benefits to the region, including in areas such as health, safety, education, social and economic development, and environmental protection.

Approval of this project furthers the Commission's commitment to advance reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples as it continues its efforts to help connect all Canadians.

Background

1. In Telecom Regulatory Policy 2016-496, the Commission established the universal service objective. This objective recognizes that all Canadians should have access to cellphone and Internet services on both fixed and mobile wireless networks.
2. To measure progress towards this objective, the Commission established several criteria, including that Canadians using Internet services should be able to (i) access speeds of at least 50 megabits per second (Mbps) download and 10 Mbps upload (50/10 Mbps), and (ii) subscribe to a service offering with an unlimited data allowance. Furthermore, the Commission found that the latest generally deployed mobile wireless technology (currently long-term evolution [LTE]) should be available not only in Canadian homes and businesses, but also on as many major transportation roads as possible in Canada.
3. To support the development of a telecommunications system that can provide Canadians with access to these basic telecommunications services, the Commission established the Broadband Fund pursuant to subsection 46.5(1) of the *Telecommunications Act* (the Act). The objective of the Broadband Fund is to help achieve the universal service objective and close the gaps in connectivity in rural, remote and Indigenous communities across Canada. It does this by providing financial support to projects that (i) will build or upgrade access and transport infrastructure for fixed and mobile wireless broadband Internet access services, and (ii) would not be financially viable without funding assistance.
4. The Commission established the Broadband Fund with \$100 million in funding for the first year, rising to \$150 million by the third year through annual \$25 million increases, with future incremental increases to be contingent on a review of the Broadband Fund policy launched in 2023. In Telecom Notice of Consultation 2023-89, the Commission initiated that review and decided to maintain an annual cap of \$150 million for distribution until the conclusion of the review.
5. In Telecom Regulatory Policy 2018-377, the Commission established the criteria for evaluating proposed Broadband Fund projects and addressed matters relating to the Broadband Fund's governance, operating, and accountability frameworks.

Third call for applications

6. In Telecom Notice of Consultation 2022-325, the Commission issued the third call for applications (Call 3) for funding for certain types of projects proposing to serve any eligible area of Canada. The types of eligible projects include (i) transport infrastructure projects, (ii) mobile wireless infrastructure projects, and (iii) projects requiring operational funding to increase satellite transport capacity and to improve

broadband Internet access service in satellite-dependent communities. Call 3 closed on 15 June 2023.

7. The Commission noted in Telecom Notice of Consultation 2022-325 that during the assessment phase of applications for Call 3, it would be placing increased emphasis on meaningful consultation with each community affected by a proposed project and on resiliency (i.e., the proposed network's capacity to maintain acceptable levels of service during network failures).
8. In response to Call 3, the Commission received 105 applications. The Commission is issuing multiple decisions related to this call in order to expedite the funding approval process to address the immediate need of Canadians for improved access to broadband infrastructure.

Application

9. Rogers Communications Canada Inc. (RCCI) filed an application in response to Call 3 in which it requested \$11,907,958 from the Broadband Fund to build new cellular towers along Highway 37 between Kitwanga and Dease Lake in northern British Columbia. This project will enable RCCI to provide mobile wireless service using the latest generally deployed mobile wireless technology (currently, LTE) to serve approximately 70 km of Highway 37. This project could also provide improved mobile wireless service to households in adjacent communities.¹

Commission's analysis

10. The evaluation of applications for funding from the Broadband Fund takes place in three stages. First, the Commission considers whether an application meets certain eligibility criteria; applications that do not meet the criteria will not be considered. Second, the Commission evaluates proposed projects based on certain assessment criteria to identify a set of selectable projects. Third, from the set of selectable projects identified, the Commission selects projects for funding based on certain project selection considerations. These eligibility, assessment and selection consideration criteria were established in Telecom Regulatory Policy 2018-377 and are listed in the Application Guide.
11. The Commission has considered RCCI's application in light of the eligibility, assessment and selection consideration criteria applicable to all applicants and project types, as well as the eligibility and assessment criteria applicable to mobile wireless projects serving major transportation roads.

¹ The content of the application was designated confidential pursuant to section 39 of the Act, but certain details are being disclosed in this decision, consistent with section 11 – Confidentiality of the Application Guide, set out in the Appendix to Telecom Notice of Consultation 2022-325, and as agreed to by the applicant. Other elements of the application remain confidential but were considered when the Commission evaluated the application.

Eligibility criteria

12. For a project to be considered for funding, applicants must clearly demonstrate, with supporting evidence, how their applications meet the eligibility criteria regarding applicant types, the eligibility criteria applicable to all project types, and the eligibility criteria applicable to specific project types.²
13. With respect to applicant type, applicants must demonstrate that they meet the requirements set out in the Application Guide regarding their acceptable legal structure, experience and financial solvency. The Commission considers that RCCI has demonstrated that it meets these requirements.
14. With respect to eligibility criteria applicable to all project types, applicants must demonstrate that each of the following is met: (i) project viability (i.e., that without funding from the Broadband Fund, the proposed project would not be financially viable), (ii) applicant investment (i.e., the applicant's ability to secure the amount of investment it has committed to), and (iii) community consultation (i.e., that the applicant has consulted or attempted to consult with communities affected by the project, either directly or through community representatives). The Commission considers that RCCI has demonstrated that it meets all of these requirements.
15. Finally, applicants must demonstrate that they meet certain criteria applicable to specific project types. The eligibility criteria for mobile wireless projects include (i) geographic eligibility (i.e., that the area to be served is part of a major transportation road that does not have access to coverage by the latest generally deployed mobile wireless technology, which is currently LTE); and (ii) latest technology (i.e., that the proposed project must use, at a minimum, the latest generally deployed mobile wireless technology). The Commission considers that RCCI has demonstrated that it meets all of the requirements specific to mobile wireless projects.

Assessment criteria

16. Once a project is identified as having met the eligibility criteria, it is further analyzed under certain assessment criteria applicable to all project types and criteria applicable to specific project types.³ When applying the assessment criteria, each criterion receives due consideration so that no one criterion in isolation determines whether an application is viewed to be selectable. In Call 3, however, the Commission is placing increased emphasis on certain criteria (as outlined in paragraph 7 of this decision).

² Specifically, the Commission used the eligibility criteria set out in sections 6.1.1(a) to (d) of the Application Guide, applicable to all applicants; in sections 6.1.2(a) to (c), applicable to all project types; and in sections 6.1.3(g) and 6.1.3(i), applicable to mobile wireless projects.

³ The assessment criteria set out in the Application Guide in sections 6.2.1(a) to (d) apply to all project types, and those set out in sections 6.2.2(k) and 6.2.2(l) apply to mobile wireless projects specifically.

17. The assessment criteria applicable to all project types include (i) the technical merit of a project, (ii) the financial viability of a project, (iii) the level of funding from other sources, and (iv) community consultation and level of involvement. These criteria establish a high threshold to help ensure that the funded project is viable (in the present case, that RCCI will bring mobile wireless service that meets the universal service objective to Highway 37, which will provide approximately 70 km of new wireless mobile coverage).
18. In assessing the technical merit of a project, the Commission takes into account the project's feasibility (i.e., the appropriateness of the network technology and infrastructure), scalability (i.e., the technical ability of the project to meet or exceed the universal service objective using the proposed infrastructure), sustainability (i.e., the short- and long-term viability of the chosen technology), and resiliency (i.e., the proposed network's capacity to maintain acceptable levels of service during network failures). Based on these factors, the Commission finds that RCCI's project is technically sound and capable of delivering speeds consistent with the universal service objective. The proposed project is also capable of delivering the envisioned service and is scalable and resilient. In addition, the project will implement widely adopted and supported technologies with good long-term sustainability.
19. In assessing the financial viability of a project, the Commission examines the project's net present value, internal rate of return, and business plan, including the risk assessment and risk mitigation plan. The Commission also considers the potential financial success of the proposed project, as well as the project's long-term financial viability and sustainability. The Commission finds RCCI's project to be financially sound and the proposed project costs to be reasonable.
20. With respect to the level of funding from other sources, the Commission considers that RCCI has made a commitment of its own funds to the project and finds that the cost is reasonable for the project.
21. In Call 3, the Commission placed an increased emphasis on meaningful consultation with affected communities. As a result, in the assessment of RCCI's project, significant weight was accorded to the evidence of meaningful engagement. The Commission considered the extent of RCCI's consultations with affected communities and the level of demonstrated community support at the assessment stage.
22. RCCI provided evidence of direct notification to all affected communities and provided letters of support from the Chiefs of the Tahltan Band Council and the Iskut Band Council, which represent communities that could be impacted by the proposed project along Highway 37. These letters noted that the Tahltan territory is located in a remote region with challenging geography, and along a major transportation corridor that serves as a vital hub for economic activity. The Iskut Band Council highlighted that cellular connectivity would bring significant benefits to the region, including in areas such as health, safety, education, social and economic development, and environmental protection.

23. Finally, as with the eligibility criteria, certain assessment criteria apply to specific types of projects. The assessment criteria for mobile wireless projects include (i) the level of improvement in service and capacity (i.e., how much improvement there would be in the mobile wireless technology offered); and (ii) geographic coverage (i.e., the extent of the geographic footprint where universal service objective-level mobile wireless service would become available as a result of the proposed project).
24. On the basis of its evaluation of RCCI's project against the assessment criteria, including the specific criteria applicable to mobile wireless projects, the Commission finds RCCI's project to be selectable.

Selection considerations

25. Once a set of selectable projects has been identified based on the eligibility and assessment criteria, the Commission selects a subset of projects for funding. In deciding between selectable projects, the Commission considers whether individual projects will contribute to meeting the universal service objective and whether they will have a significant positive impact on Canadians. This approach is in accordance with Telecom Regulatory Policy 2018-377 and the related Application Guide, and takes into account the telecommunications policy objectives set out in section 7 of the Act.
26. The selection considerations set out in the Application Guide include the efficient use of funds, and whether the communities affected by proposed projects are Indigenous or official language minority communities.⁴
27. With respect to the efficient use of funds, the Commission considers the amount of funding required for a project, when such funding would be distributed, and the amount of funding currently available for distribution from the Broadband Fund. When selecting projects, the Commission also considers whether the distribution of funds would cause overlap between projects or overlap with alternative funding sources.⁵ On the basis of these considerations, the Commission is of the view that funding RCCI's project is an efficient use of funds.
28. When selecting projects for funding, the Commission may give special consideration to whether the communities affected by proposed projects are Indigenous communities or official language minority communities. RCCI's project will benefit the communities in the area, which have a significant Indigenous population, by providing cellular coverage serving approximately 70 km of Highway 37. The project could also provide coverage to adjacent communities.

⁴ The selection considerations are set out in sections 6.3 to 6.3.4 of the Application Guide.

⁵ Section 6.3.1 of the Application Guide states that if different selectable projects cover the same eligible geographic area(s) or if public funding from another source is committed to a similar project, the Commission will distribute funding in a manner that does not cause overlap in projects or funding sources.

Conclusion

29. The Commission finds that RCCI's project (i) is consistent with the universal service objective by providing mobile wireless service using the latest generally deployed mobile wireless technology (LTE), and (ii) will have a significant positive impact on the area to be served and address public safety concerns by providing cellular coverage along Highway 37.
30. In light of the above, the Commission **approves**, to the extent and subject to the directions and conditions set out below, up to a maximum of \$11,907,958 from the Broadband Fund to be distributed to RCCI for the purpose of the mobile wireless project described above and as set out in the approved statement of work.
31. Consistent with paragraph 305 of Telecom Regulatory Policy 2018-377, the Commission expects project construction to be completed within **three years** of the date of this decision.
32. The Commission considers that approval of this project is consistent with its commitment to advance reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, as it continues its efforts to help connect all Canadians.

Statement of work

33. To be eligible to receive funding, the recipient must obtain approval from the Commission for its statement of work. This will ensure that the planned work will be undertaken to implement the project as described in the application and approved for funding by the Commission.
34. The statement of work must be submitted in the format provided by the Commission and include detailed information on the project plan, such as detailed project information (e.g., logical network diagrams, network descriptions, service designs, project sites, equipment details, specific costs, and an updated project budget). In addition, the project plan must set out a project implementation schedule, including project milestone dates that will include key construction and implementation dates to monitor the project's progress. Up-to-date project mapping must also be provided. Following approval of the statement of work, in order for the recipient to receive funding, any changes that materially affect the project to be delivered must be approved by the Commission.

Directions

35. The Commission's approval is subject to the conditions that the recipient
- (a) confirm in writing, within **10 days** of the date of this decision, its intent to submit a statement of work package to the Commission and to proceed with the project;
 - and

- (b) file for Commission approval, by **22 July 2024**, a completed statement of work package in the format provided by the Commission, which includes accompanying workbooks that set out the project budget, key project dates and schedules, and detailed project information, such as logical network diagrams, network descriptions, service designs, project sites, equipment details, maps, specific costs, and milestones.
- 36. As set out in the Application Guide, the recipient may not apply for reimbursement of its costs until its statement of work for each project has been approved by the Commission. Any eligible costs incurred prior to Commission approval of the recipient's statement of work but following the issuance of this decision are at the recipient's risk and will not be reimbursed if the statement of work is not approved.
- 37. In order for the Central Fund Administrator to be able to distribute funding, the recipient must sign the National Contribution Fund Administration Agreement if it has not already done so.
- 38. The recipient may not apply for reimbursement of, and funding will not be issued for, ineligible expenses, expenses that have yet to be incurred, or expenses that are not related to the activities described in the statement of work as approved by the Commission.
- 39. Should the recipient fail to demonstrate during the statement of work development phase that the project has adequately considered cyber security, it will be required to mitigate the cyber security risk to the Commission's satisfaction. Failure to propose a mitigation plan that is satisfactory to the Commission could result in the refusal to approve the statement of work.

Conditions of funding

- 40. Following Commission approval of the statement of work, the Commission will direct the Central Fund Administrator to release funds to the recipient, provided that the recipient is in compliance with the following conditions:
 - (a) The recipient must file a progress report, in the format provided by the Commission, outlining the progress made in the implementation of the project and any variances in the project schedule included in the statement of work. This report is to be filed every **three months** beginning on the date established in the statement of work and continuing until the Final Implementation Report is submitted.
 - (b) The recipient must file with the Commission every **three months** a Broadband Fund claim form signed by its chief financial officer, or by an equivalent authorized official of the recipient, certifying that all costs claimed were actually incurred and paid, and are eligible costs related to the activities described in the statement of work, along with such supporting documentation as is requested by the Commission. Further supporting documentation may be requested by the

Commission. Unless the claim form is only for operational costs related to satellite capacity, each claim form must be accompanied by a progress report.

- (c) With respect to eligible and ineligible costs, as described in Telecom Regulatory Policy 2018-377, the recipient must
 - (i) include eligible costs in a claim form submitted within **120 days** of the costs being incurred, unless the costs were incurred after the date of this decision but prior to the approval of the statement of work, in which case the costs must be claimed on the first claim form submitted after the approval of the statement of work;
 - (ii) ensure that all goods and services are claimed for reimbursement at amounts not greater than fair market value after deducting all trade discounts and similar items. Only the fair market value of the goods and services acquired is eligible for reimbursement; and
 - (iii) measure and claim all goods and services received from related parties, as defined under [International Financial Reporting Standards](#), at cost, with no profits or markups from the supplier.
- (d) In order to receive funding, the recipient must obtain Commission approval for (i) any material changes to the project, as set out in the approved statement of work; and (ii) any changes to the recipient that would materially affect the legal or financial documents it provided during the application process.
- (e) The recipient (including each member of a recipient partnership, joint venture, or consortium) must notify the Commission in writing as soon as possible and within no more than **five days** of becoming insolvent.
- (f) If it receives any additional funding for the project from any source, the recipient must notify the Commission in writing as soon as possible and no later than **10 days** after receiving confirmation of the funding. The Commission may proportionately reduce the amount of funding it has approved.
- (g) The recipient must not claim in excess of 25% of the approved amount for costs incurred after the date of the decision but prior to the approval of the statement of work unless otherwise approved by the Commission.
- (h) The recipient must ensure that its travel costs, such as meal per diems, comply with the [National Joint Council Travel Directive](#).
- (i) Where a risk of adverse impact on an Aboriginal or treaty right becomes known and a duty to consult exists, the recipient must advise the Commission within **20 days** and submit a plan detailing the form and process for fulfilment of the duty. Release of any additional funding will be contingent on demonstration that any necessary consultations were held to the Crown's satisfaction.

- (j) The recipient (including each member of a recipient partnership, joint venture, or consortium) must file its annual financial statements with the Commission upon request. The financial statements would accompany the next progress report filed after the annual financial statements are completed and approved.
- (k) The recipient must file for Commission approval a Final Implementation Report within **90 days** of construction being complete and broadband services being offered. In the report, the Recipient must confirm that project construction is complete and that broadband services are being offered. The date on which the Final Implementation Report is submitted will be considered the project completion date. The Recipient must also demonstrate in the report that the project has met the requirements set out in all related decisions. The report is to be in a format specified by the Commission.
- (l) The recipient must file a project holdback report **one year** after the project completion date demonstrating to the Commission's satisfaction that the Recipient has offered broadband services for one year in accordance with the conditions of service established in the decision and described in the approved statement of work. Holdback funds will be released only once the Commission is satisfied that the recipient has offered the services described in the approved statement of work in accordance with the conditions of service established in the decision.

Section 24 conditions

- 41. In Telecom Regulatory Policy 2018-377, the Commission determined that it would impose, pursuant to section 24 of the Act, certain conditions regarding the offering and provision of broadband services using facilities funded through the Broadband Fund that would apply once the infrastructure is built. These conditions relate to the speeds and capacity of broadband services provided and the level of retail pricing, reporting, and associated open access service offerings. The conditions imposed on the offering and provision of broadband services will apply to the recipient and to any other Canadian carrier operating the funded infrastructure.
- 42. The Commission may conduct periodic audits and require measurements of the project's performance to verify compliance with the conditions of funding and the conditions imposed pursuant to section 24 of the Act on the provision of services using the funded infrastructure. To that end, as a condition of offering and providing telecommunications services using the funded infrastructure, the Commission requires, pursuant to section 24 of the Act, that the recipient, or any Canadian carrier operating the funded infrastructure, (i) retain all books, accounts, and records of the project, including administrative, financial, and claim processes and procedures, and any other information necessary to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the decision, for a period of **eight years** from the project start date; and (ii) provide the Commission with measurements of the performance of each of the recipient's implemented projects within **five years** of the project's completion date using methodology that the Commission may determine. The Commission may

request that external auditors or a Commission-approved auditor certify any related report, form, or documentation, or that a third-party professional engineer certify any required measurements.

Secretary General

Related documents

- *Call for comments – Broadband Fund policy review*, Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2023-89, 23 March 2023; as amended by Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2023-89-1, 17 April 2023
- *Broadband Fund – Third call for applications*, Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2022-325, 30 November 2022; as amended by Telecom Notices of Consultation CRTC 2022-325-1, 13 March 2023; and 2022-325-2, 15 May 2023
- *Broadband Fund – Second call for applications*, Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2019-372, 13 November 2019; as amended by Telecom Notices of Consultation CRTC 2019-372-1, 20 March 2020; and 2019-372-2, 27 April 2020
- *Broadband Fund – Call for applications*, Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2019-191, 3 June 2019
- *Development of the Commission’s Broadband Fund*, Telecom Regulatory Policy CRTC 2018-377, 27 September 2018
- *Modern telecommunications services – The path forward for Canada’s digital economy*, Telecom Regulatory Policy CRTC 2016-496, 21 December 2016
- *Changes to the contribution regime*, Decision CRTC 2000-745, 30 November 2000

Northeast Connectivity NDIT Funded Projects

| Economic Region | Location of Project | Benefits | Funding Recipient | Program Funding Amount (up to) | Phase |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------|-------|
| Cariboo Northeast | Highway 97 (Pine Pass) Powder King Mountain Resort | 68.7 highway km cellular coverage | Rogers Communications Canada Inc. | \$5,474,098 | 4 |
| Cariboo Northeast Thompson-Okanagan | Blue River Willow River Pineview Salmon Valley Rolla Westlake | 943 households | TELUS Communications Inc. | \$1,897,765 | 4 |
| Northeast | Highway 29 between Chetwynd and Fort St. John New Points-of-Presence to 9 communities: o Attachie o Bear Flat o Charlie Lake o Grand Haven o Hudson's Hope o Farrell Creek o Moberly Lake o East Moberly Lake 169 (Saulteau First Nations) o West Moberly Lake 168A (West Moberly First Nations) | 150 km fibre transport 9 points-of-presence | Shaw Cablesystems G.P. | \$6,236,200 | 3 |
| Northeast | Attachie Bear Flat Buick Cecil Lake | 715 households | Vincent Communication and Controls Ltd. | \$509,256 | 3 |

| Economic Region | Location of Project | Benefits | Funding Recieipient | Program Funding Amount (up to) | Phase |
|-----------------|---|----------------|--|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Kobes Mile 62 1/2 Montney Pink Mountain Wonowon | | | | |
| Northeast | Bear Flat, Charlie Lake, Charlie Lake B, Mile 62 1/2, Montney, Pineview | 324 households | Vincent Communications and Controls Ltd. | \$48,718 | 3 |
| Northeast | Goodlow | 10 households | Rogers Communications Canada Inc. | \$44,239 | 3 |
| Northeast | Groundbirch, Willow Valley, Sunset Prairie | 10 households | Rogers Communications Canada Inc. | \$44,239 | 3 |
| Northeast | Tower Lake | 10 households | Rogers Communications Canada Inc. | \$19,075 | 3 |
| Northeast | Prespatou, Altona | 10 households | Rogers Communications Canada Inc. | \$19,075 | 3 |
| Northeast | Rose Prairie, Montney | 10 households | Rogers Communications Canada Inc. | \$19,075 | 3 |

| Economic Region | Location of Project | Benefits | Funding Recieipient | Program Funding Amount (up to) | Phase |
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| Cariboo Kootenay Northeast | Arras Dokie Siding Hasler Flat Lemoray Pine Valley Progress Salmon Valley Summit Lake Wabi Hill McLeod Lake | 403 Kilometers highway transport | Shaw Cablesystems G.P. | \$7,083,815 | 2 |



Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee Terms of Reference

1. Committee Vision

- 1.1 Residents, businesses, and organizations within the PRRD will have access to reliable, redundant, high-speed Broadband Internet services in their homes, businesses and public buildings, at performance levels that meet all of their needs for health, education, economic development, that are delivered now and into the future.

2. Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of the Committee is to implement the PRRD's Connectivity Strategy.

3. Definitions

"Delegation" means any person who has requested to speak or make a presentation to the Committee.

'Invited Guest' means a person who has been requested by the Committee to participate in a Committee Meeting or make presentation to the Committee.

"Member" includes Directors, and persons who are not Directors whom have been appointed by the Board to the Committee.

4. Role of the Committee:

- 3.1 The roles of the Committee include:
- a) Engage with service providers and stakeholders;
 - b) Research and review current technologies and market trends;
 - c) Develop a Broadband Internet and Mobility connectivity work plan,
 - d) Identify specific projects to enhance Broadband Internet and Mobility connectivity within the PRRD;
 - e) Examine funding opportunities,
 - f) Recommend to the Regional Board formal or informal partnership opportunities that would enhance the success of connectivity related projects;
 - g) Make recommendations to the Regional Board in the development and implementation of policies, procedures, bylaws, reports and actions plans to enhance Broadband Internet and Mobility connectivity;
 - h) Recommend grant applications for connectivity projects for the Board's review and submission; and
 - i) Complete community consultation on the development and implementation of broadband connectivity plans and projects, and report back to the Regional Board.

5. Structure of the Committee

- 5.1 The Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee will consist of all 12 Regional Board Directors, or their appointed alternates.
- 5.2 The Regional Board Chair may appoint additional Members who are not Directors to the Committee.
- 5.3 The Committee may make recommendations to the Regional Board to appoint additional Members who are not Directors to the Committee.
- 5.4 The Regional Board may, by Board resolution, change the Members of the Committee as needed.
- 5.5 The Committee Meetings will be chaired by a Committee Member elected by the Committee on an annual basis at the first Meeting of the calendar year.
- 5.6 A Vice-Chair will be elected by the Committee on an annual basis at the first Meeting of the calendar year.
- 5.7 In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair will chair the Meeting.
- 5.8 The Committee or Committee Chair, may invite guests to attend and participate in Meetings.

6. Meetings

- 6.1 The Committee shall meet annually in January, April, July and October.
- 6.2 A Special Meeting may be called at the request of the Committee Chair, by any two Directors named to the Committee, or by Board resolution.
- 6.3 Notice of a Special Meeting must be delivered in writing to each Director at least five days before the date of the Meeting.
- 6.4 Regular Committee Meetings may be cancelled by Committee Resolution, or when the Committee Chair determines there is insufficient business to convene a meeting, provided that at least two days written notice is given.
- 6.5 Meetings will be open to the public, unless authorized to be closed as per Section 90 of the *Community Charter*.

7. Meeting Agendas

- 7.1 Agendas for Regular Committee Meetings will be published to the PRRD website the Friday before the Meeting.
- 7.2 Items for the regular agenda must be provided to Administration by noon the Monday prior to agenda publishing.

8. Meeting Minutes

8.1 The Committee Meeting minutes will be placed on the Board Agenda Consent Calendar.

9. Participation

9.1 Committee Meetings may be conducted by means of an Electronic Meeting.

9.2 In the case of an Electronic Meeting, the Meeting facilities must enable the public to hear the Committee Members participating electronically for the open portions of the Meeting.

9.3 The Committee Chair may request that an electronic participant be disconnected if there is significant noise, interference or other disturbance that is disruptive to the proceedings, or if the quality of the connection does not permit the public or other members to hear, or see and hear, the member who is participating electronically.

10. Quorum

10.1 A simple majority, one Member more than 50%, shall constitute a quorum at all Regular and Special Meetings.

10.2 If there is no quorum within 30 minutes after the time specified in the notice of the Meeting, the Meeting is cancelled, and all business on the agenda for that Meeting must be dealt with at the next Regular or Special Meeting.

11. Delegations and Presentations

11.1 Delegations will be limited to two per Meeting.

11.2 The maximum time for of a delegation before the Committee is 15 minutes.

11.3 The maximum time for a presentation of an Invited Guest of the Committee is 60 minutes, unless otherwise permitted by resolution of the Committee.

11.4 Any materials to be distributed to the Committee as part of a delegation or presentation must be included on the Meeting Agenda.

12. Voting

12.1 Director and their appointed alternates under the *Local Government Act Sections 200 and 201* are the voting Members of the Committee.

12.2 Committee Members appointed to the Committee by the Regional Board who are not Directors are non-voting Members.

12.3 Where a Director who is present when a vote is taken abstains from voting, that Director shall be deemed to have voted in the affirmative.

12.4 After the vote is taken, the Committee Chair shall state the names of those Directors voting in the negative, and the Recorder will enter those names in the minutes.

12.5 All recommendations of the Committee shall be determined by majority vote.

12.6 Tie votes will be defeated.

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| Date Committee Established | May 27, 2021 | Board Resolution # | RD/21/05/13 |
| Date TOR Approved by Board | July 22, 2021 | Board Resolution # | RD/21/07/13 |
| Amendment Date | | Board Resolution # | |
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Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee Guiding Principles

- ✓ Connectivity is essential to strengthening the social, economic, ecological, and cultural resilience within the region.
- ✓ Connectivity and technology shapes residents' choices, behaviours, and needs.
- ✓ Connectivity is pertinent to all regional district planning and decision-making.
- ✓ The Regional District has a role in ensuring residents have access to high-speed Broadband Internet.
- ✓ The Regional District views Broadband infrastructure as essential infrastructure.
- ✓ The nature and expense of connectivity deployment requires a forward-looking vision to maximize potential and coordinate efforts within the regional district.
- ✓ Convergence of public and private infrastructure where it benefits the public and protects public interests is good public policy.
- ✓ Access to Broadband Internet and infrastructure must be leveraged through Official Community Plans, regional growth planning, and spatial planning (i.e. land use by-laws, subdivision by-laws) to maximize the potential within the region.
- ✓ An understanding of the true drivers and needs for connectivity will inform decisions.
- ✓ Leveraging one infrastructure to advance another (i.e. dig once policies) is in the public interest.
- ✓ Access to Broadband Internet and infrastructure allows the regional district to retain and grow businesses, create and retain skilled workers, and re-invigorate communities.
- ✓ Broadband Redundancy is essential to protect Internet, telephone, cellular, and essential government services throughout the region in the event of damage to Broadband Infrastructure at any time.

PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

Bylaw No. 2487, 2022

A bylaw to establish a Regional Connectivity Service

WHEREAS, pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, a regional district may establish and operate any service that the Board considers necessary or desirable for all or part of the Regional District;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, a regional district exercising a power to provide a service other than a general service, is required to adopt a bylaw respecting that service;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Board recognizes that the Government of Canada has approved a national connectivity strategy that targets provision of access to Broadband for all Canadians at speeds of at least 50 Megabits per second (Mbps) download / 10 Mbps upload, and mobile wireless coverage availability where Canadians live and work, and along major road corridors;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Board supports the Province of British Columbia's commitment to connect rural and remote communities and First Nations in every part of BC to high-speed internet over the next five years;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Board adopted the Peace River Regional District Connectivity Strategy on November 14, 2021 to identify options and actions for the Regional Board to ensure that critical high-speed Broadband Internet services are accessible throughout the entire district;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, consent for the establishment of the regional connectivity service through adoption of this bylaw has been obtained;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Peace River Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. This bylaw shall be cited as "Regional Connectivity Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2487, 2022".
2. If any portion of this bylaw is declared invalid by a court, the invalid portion shall be severed and the remainder of the bylaw is deemed valid.
3. The headings used in this bylaw are for convenience only and do not form part of this bylaw, and are not to be used in the interpretation of this bylaw.
4. Any enactment referred to herein is a reference to an enactment of the Province of British Columbia and regulations thereto, as amended, revised, consolidated, or replaced from time to time.

DEFINITIONS

5. In this Bylaw,
'Broadband Infrastructure' means infrastructure that supports or enables access to high-speed internet, cellular networks, or other telecommunication networks.

SERVICE BEING ESTABLISHED

6. The Peace River Regional District hereby establishes a service to be known as “Regional Connectivity Service” that authorizes the Regional District to:
 - a) Enter into partnering agreements with internet or cellular service providers to apply for grant funding from other levels of government or grant programs for Broadband Infrastructure,
 - b) Enter into partnering agreements to allow the PRRD to provide capital grants for Broadband Infrastructure projects, and
 - c) Provide Peace River Regional District resources required to manage and advance Broadband Initiatives.
7. The establishment of this service includes the authority to borrow funds for the provision of the service.

SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY

8. The service area boundary is the entire Peace River Regional District.

PARTICIPATING AREA

9. The participating areas are all Electoral Areas and all member municipalities of the Peace River Regional District.

COST RECOVERY

10. The annual cost of providing the Service within the service area boundary as defined in Clause 9 above, shall be recovered by one of more of the following:
 - a) A property value tax imposed pursuant to the provisions of the *Local Government Act*, levied against the net taxable value of improvements only;
 - b) Revenues raised by other means authorized by the *Local Government Act*, or another Act;
 - c) Revenues raised by way of agreement, enterprise, gift, grant, or otherwise.

MAXIMUM REQUISITION

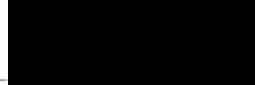
11. The maximum requisition limit that may be requisitioned in any one year for the service is the greater of \$375,000 or an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax of **\$0.0234/\$1,000** when applied to the net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area.

READ A FIRST TIME this 26th day of May, 2022.

READ A SECOND TIME this 26th day of May, 2022.

READ A THIRD TIME this 26th day of May, 2022.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING to be a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 2487, 2022 cited as "Regional Connectivity Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2487, 2022" as read a third time by the Regional Board of the Peace River Regional District at a meeting held on the 26th day of May, 2022.



Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer

APPROVED by the Inspector of Municipalities this 5th day of August, 2022.

RECEIVED the assent of the electors on the 15th day of October, 2022.


ADOPTED this 10th day of November, 2022.

Filed with the Inspector of Municipalities this 12th day of December, 2022.


~~Brad Sperling, Chair~~

Leonard Herbert, Chair

(Corporate Seal has been affixed to the original bylaw)


Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of
"Regional Connectivity Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2487, 2022"
as adopted by the Peace River Regional District
Board on Nov. 10, 2022.


Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BIMC-022

From: Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer

Date: April 24, 2024

Subject: Notice of Closed Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee Meeting – April 24, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee recess to a Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussing the following items:

| Agenda Item | Description | Authority |
|-------------|-------------|---|
| 3.1 | Minutes | CC Section 97(1)(b) Closed Minutes, Access to Records. |
| 5.1 | Delegation | CC Section 90(1)(j) Information Prohibited from Disclosure. |

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

As per the Closed Meeting Process and Proactive Disclosure Policy.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

The Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee may recess to a Closed Meeting to discuss whether or not the items proposed properly belong in a Closed Session. *Community Charter* Section 90(1)(n).

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

Not applicable.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

Not applicable.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

Not applicable.