

Hello Carmen,

Thank you for providing this letter, I appreciate that the committee took the time to review the proposal. These questions echo the ones that were proposed following our meeting and I did my best to address those that I could in the request. Unfortunately, given that we are at the proposal stage, there are not answers to these questions at this time. For example, we do not have detailed maps nor do we have detailed scopes of work. As I noted during our meeting, workflow looks like this:

- the survey stage where two workers measure the distances between poles, summer 2024 if approved,
- detailed design work over the fall/winter and ordering of fibre, and
- construction which constitutes lashing fibre to the existing copper, summer 2025.

I appreciate that there is interest in the details, but there is not much more to it than that at this point, we don't do detailed design work without having the funding in place, nor can we predict specifically which households will be connected beyond the general statement of if they have copper now they will likely be included in the build.

We have struggled to get to this point with the funding vehicles and have included a plan to reach the core communities mentioned, we do not have a second phase proposal envisioned at this time.

I need some guidance here. As we discussed, the BC government surprised us with the request for support letters with a very short turn around (next week) and I don't have answers to the questions posed by the Municipality. I am reticent to respond line by line saying nothing new but want to be respectful of the engagement. Given that the support letter will now be well past the deadline, may I instead offer to meet virtually to go over the project and answer what questions I can directly? This at least will accomplish a good level of information exchange and start a dialogue should the project progress.

Thanks,
Kerry