

Nova Scotia High-Speed Rural Internet Initiative

Municipal and Community Rural High-Speed Internet Funding Program

Southwest Nova

Organization: Cedar Lake Wireless Cooperative

Region: Cedar Lake and Springdale

Funding: \$41,879

This project will bring high-speed internet service from the nearest fibre-op line on Highway 1 in Beaver River to a tower in Cedar Lake and a second tower in Springdale to reach up to 130 households in both communities.

Organization: Municipality of the District of Yarmouth with Forest Glen Community Centre

Region: Forest Glen

Funding: \$75,000

This project involves installing a multiple-frequency broadband internet service tower. Using upgraded fibre access, it is anticipated up to 360 businesses and homes could have access to high-speed internet. Expected speeds will range from 15 to 100 Mbps.

South Shore

Organization: Municipality of the District of Shelburne

Region: Shelburne Marine Industrial Park, Sandy Point, Ohio, Jordan Falls

Funding: \$75,000

The project will extend fibre to about 340 homes and 16 businesses in Highway 203, Ohio; Shelburne Marine Industrial Park, Sandy Point, and Jordan Falls. This will offer download speeds of up to 940 Mbps.

Organization: Region of Queens Municipality

Region: Greenfield and surrounding area

Funding: \$75,000

This project will extend and improve internet access for the Village of Greenfield, Queens County, reaching up to 150 households and businesses. A new tower will be erected in an elevated location, offering up to 10 Mbps download and 2 Mbps upload speeds.

Organization: North Queens Business Centre and Innovation Hub Co-op

Region: Caledonia

Funding: \$10,812

By installing high-speed fibre-based internet, the North Queens Business Hub will be able to offer services such as offer high-quality video conferencing and file transfers currently unavailable anywhere else in the area to its members. This will also help it attract new members and users.

Organization: Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Region: Sweetland and area

Funding: \$75,000

This project includes the erection of two towers, and will provide up to 288 homes in the Sweetland and surrounding area with speeds up to 15 Mbps, up from current speeds of 1.5 Mbps or no service.

Fundy-Annapolis Valley

Organization: Shore Drive Community Development Association

Region: Port Greville

Funding: \$75,000

The project will install a large tower to service a potential 72 households and some businesses with high-speed internet in the Port Greville area. This includes the FPW Fire Hall, which also serves as a community hall and an emergency shelter. Targeted speeds are 5 Mbps, upgradeable to 25 Mbps.

Organization: Shore Drive Community Development Association

Region: Port Greville

Funding: \$48,248

The project involves installing a tower within the community, further expanding upon the first project. This will impact a potential of 26 households with high-speed internet in the Port Greville area. Targeted speeds are 5 Mbps, upgradeable to 25 Mbps.

Organization: Municipality of the County of Annapolis

Region: Multiple communities on both sides of the Annapolis River (see description below)

Funding: \$75,000

A new tower, located in Inglisville, will serve Beaconsfield, Clarence West, Clarence, Clarence East, Paradise, Lawrencetown, North & South Williamston, Brickton, Brooklyn, Nictaux West, Nictaux, Nictaux East, Middleton, Spa Springs, Wilmot, Prince Albert, South Farmington & Melvern Square. Internet speed will be about 15 Mbps. The project is intended to provide high-speed internet service to more than 2,500 homes and 288 businesses.

Organization: Glooscap First Nation

Region: Bishopville and Glooscap First Nation

Funding: \$75,000

This project involves running 9.5km of fibre, which will connect 112 homes and various businesses in Glooscap First Nation and Bishopville area. Currently, connection speeds are up to 5 Mbps with some areas unserved. Proposed speeds are up to 100 Mbps.

Municipality of West Hants

Region: Brooklyn, West Hants

Funding: \$75,000

This project will involve installation of a high-capacity fibre optic network that will connect the community of Brooklyn. This will connect important community facilities, and allows for the potential to connect homes and businesses all along the path of the fibre network and in the village centre. This is an important first step in bringing high-speed internet to West Hants.

Grand Pré and Area Community Association

Region: Grand Pré and Hortonville

Funding: \$75,000

The project involves installing 6.4 kms of optical fibre to residents of Grand Pré and Hortonville who do not currently have access to high-speed internet. It is estimated to provide high-speed internet connection to more 250 homes and 50 businesses.

Municipality of the County of Kings

Region: Cambridge Business Park

Funding: \$25,000

The Municipality of the County of Kings is developing 30 acres of land into a business park, called the Cambridge Business Park. This project is expected to connect up to 25 businesses with fibre service.

Eastern Shore

Organization: Sheet Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce

Region: Watt Section

Funding: \$75,000

This project will consist of running 5.5 km of fibre through Watt Section, a small community adjacent to Sheet Harbour. This will provide service to about 62 households, including the local EHS station, the Royal Canadian Legion, and local businesses. The new service will offer speeds of up to 1G download and 20mg upload, up from current internet speeds of 1-1.5 Mbps.

Organization: Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Region: Spanish Ship Bay area

Funding: \$66,922

The project involves installing a tower in the Spanish Ship Bay area, bringing internet to about 35 homes, several businesses, churches and community halls. The infrastructure update will increase speeds to up to 10/1 Mbps, and the LTE equipment being used will support speeds of 25 Mbps in the near future.

Organization: Moser River United Board of Trade

Region: Harrigan Cove

Funding: \$75,000

The project will provide high-speed fibre internet, to be extended from the existing fibre along Highway 7 and to be installed in the neighbouring community of Moser River, offering speeds of up to 1G to about 32 homes in Harrigan Cove.

Organization: Moser River Community Hall Association

Region: Moser River

Funding: \$75,000

This project will extend fibre 34 road kilometers and pass about 120 addresses, including several local businesses, a Canada Post outlet, the local Volunteer Fire Service, and the local Comfort Centre, offering speeds of 1G.

Central HRM

Organization: Halifax Regional Business and Community Economic Development Association with Goffs-Devon Internet Initiative

Region: Goffs-Devon, Old Guysborough Road, HRM

Funding: \$75,000

By extending fibre 5 kms to reach Goffs-Devon, the project will provide service via DSL to about 85 households, and improve access for a fire station, golf course and several small businesses in the area.

Colchester County

Organization: Community Technology Network Association of Nova Scotia

Region: Shortts Lake

Funding: \$75,000

This project aims to connect 100 year-round homes and up to 200 additional summer homes in the Shortts Lake area of Colchester County to high-speed internet. Speeds through this project will reach up to 15 Mbps, up from current speeds of 1.5 Mbps or less, or some with no service at all.

Pictou County

Organization: Lismore and District Recreational Committee

Region: Lismore and area

Funding: \$73,240

This project will bring enhanced internet capacity to the communities of Baileys Brook, Ardness, McArras Brook, The Ponds, Lismore, Lower Barneys River, Big Island and parts of Merigomish. Three hundred households, the local fire department, the community centre and two large employers will benefit. Speeds are expected to range from 5 Mbps to 20 Mbps.

Cape Breton

Organization: Cape Breton Partnership

Region: East Skye Glen and area

Funding: \$54,128

The Cape Breton Partnership's project will increase bandwidth in the Skye Glen region, improving the coverage area to Centreville, Nevada Valley, Brook Village, East Skye Glen, Skye Glen and Stewartdale. An estimated 50 households will benefit from this upgrade. About 400 residents, nine farms and a community hall are in the area.

Organization: Municipality of the County of Victoria

Region: Englishtown and New Campbellton (potential reach includes communities listed below)

Funding: \$68,990

The project involves purchasing and installing equipment at two sites: Englishtown and New Campbellton, increasing internet access speeds in 14 communities and impacting a potential of up to 290 households, as well as businesses. The 14 communities are: Englishtown, Jersey Cove, River Bennett, Indian Brook, South Gut, North Gut, Goose Cove, North River Bridge, St. Ann's, New Harris, New Campbellton, Seal Island, Boularderie East and Big Bras d'Or.