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Request for resolution...see below

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Subject: Regional Broadband Project Update

Hello everyone,

I am hoping that this little update will find you all well and managing to enjoy the sun of summer! It's not our usual summer, but I do hope you are finding ways to enjoy time with family and friends.

I thought I would just bring you "up-to-speed" regarding our regional Broadband application.

As you know Blue Sky Net applied to the CRTC for a regional broadband project that includes each of your communities. We still have not heard about that application, and I don't expect to anytime soon. These wheels turn very slowly.

We will be applying to the newly announced Provincial ICON Broadband Fund. The application will go into their Intake - Phase One and we will see where it goes. The first Phase of this program will only provide 25% of the total funding and requires that applicants have the rest of the 75% already committed. That is not of course the case in our project, as the total project is \$15,786,512. and we need the Federal portion of funding to come in with the Province and the private sector provider.

I thank you for your past letters of support, but I do wonder if it will be possible to reiterate that support for this application to the province. The deadline for the ICON application is very near, on August 21 and I know that many of your Council meetings are reduced during the summer, but if, anyone is able to provide a letter of support on behalf of the community, that would be very helpful.

I have copied our MPP and MP on this update so that we can keep them in the loop.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and as always, if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me.

Stay well,

Susan

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