

Item 10.3.1



BRIEFING:

Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative

HRM Community Planning &

Economic Development Standing

Committee Meeting

April 21, 2022

Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative – Approach

- Original target 95% NS homes and businesses, now 100%
- Focus on outcomes, not technology
- Exceed CRTC target minimum speeds (50Mbps/10Mbps wired)
- Hold ISPs accountable for service delivery over time



15 Pre-Qualified Providers

































Progress – Nova Scotia

- 102,000 underserved NS homes/businesses at project start
- 92,000/102,000 of those now have DNS projects underway or complete
- ~60,000/92,000 projects now complete (March 2022)
- 2 new contracts today (Bell and Eastlink) will reach additional 400
- Once DNS projects underway complete, 98% of NS homes and businesses will have access
- Work continues to reach remaining un/underserved



Progress - HRM

- In 2020, 5,600 homes and businesses un/underserved in HRM
- 4,810/5,600 of those now have DNS projects underway or complete
- Announcement today covers 7 additional HUs in HRM (2023)
- ~790 un/underserved homes and businesses in HRM remain to solve



Where We Are - Timeline

- Estimated completion date for overall project end of 2023
- On time and budget overall
- Recent estimated timeline changes (HRM impacts):
 - o 7 earlier
 - o 2 same
 - o 2 later
- Seeking solutions for remaining underserved (\sim 4,000 HUs)



Investment Summary to Date

- Nova Scotia Internet Funding Trust opening: \$193M
- Funding committed: \$164.7M
- Leveraged funding: \$137.5M
 - \$118.5M private sector investment
 - \$19M other public investment



Performance

10-year Service Delivery Agreement that covers:

- Network Performance
- Customer Service
- Network Scalability
- Pricing to Consumers



Information & Updates

Stakeholder + community update sessions ongoing Information, project pages, FAQs are available: internet.developns.ca info@developns.ca 1-833-422-6591



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PROJECT BACKGROUND WHERE WE ARE ZONE MAP NEWS & EVENTS ➤ FAQS RESOURCES

Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative Postal Code Area (first 3 characters) **Community name** Find your community: **SEARCH** e.g. A1B and / or **Where We Are** Connection matters. Delivering Internet for Nova Scotians is a priority and we're making good progress. With projects announced to date, approximately 52,000* of 90,000 homes and businesses now have access to connections, with more happening daily. We're not done yet. We're working with qualified providers, with a variety of technologies, to reach as many remaining underserved, and as close to 100%, as possible.



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Argyle

Postal Code Areas: **BOW**

Provider: Technology:

Status:

Anticipated Completion:

Bell Canada

Fibre to home/business

Underway

February-April 2022*

Communities included:

Abbotts Dyke, Argyle, Argyle Head, Argyle River, Back River Brook, Beach Cove, Burrills Point, Cat Island, Central Argyle, Crowell Point, Dyes Island, Eagle Island, East Goose Lake, Eds Ponds, Fox Point, Frostfish Lake, Frosts Pond, Glenwood, Glenwood Bay, Glenwood Provincial Park, Globe Island, Gordons Island, Harts Island, High Head, Kenny Cove, Lower Argyle, McKinnon Neck, Morton Neck, Nanny Island, Nanny Island Reef, North Roberts Hill, Old Point, Old Point Channel, Pitmans Island, Ram Islands, Rankins Island, Rickers Lake, Roberts Hill, Roberts Island, Ryders Island, Spinney Hill, The Bar, The Billy Hole, The Guaygus, The Narrows, Upper Frost Island, Websters Point

Argyle

 View Map



Information last updated: November 2021

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