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Archipelago Residents,

The Township of The Archipelago is committed to supporting initiatives to bring high-speed internet to homes and businesses throughout the region.

Efforts to bring high-speed internet to our neighbourhoods have accelerated recently as Bell Canada (the contractor) works to complete the Provincial and Federal government-subsidized high-speed internet program. This funded initiative will bring advanced fibre-optic communication infrastructure to unserved communities across Ontario. You can learn more about the program through this [link](#).

Bell Canada's approved vendors for work in the Township of The Archipelago are [Pickard Construction](#), [UTS Consultants](#), [Mike's Communications](#) and [Kene Pro](#). Questions about this work should be submitted to these vendors directly.

The 'Work'

New fibre-optic infrastructure is being deployed to eligible properties through several new cabling means, including aerial attachments (on existing utility poles), buried along the roadways, and submersible (along the lake bottom). Properties benefiting from new fibre-optic infrastructure will likely see the following activities over several months.

Activities and Progression

Work stages will advance throughout the Township via a south-to-north progression with several activity phases.

- Design crews are the first to canvas the area, leaving behind orange ribbons and wooden stakes to denote landing areas for new cable or equipment.
- Weeks to months afterwards, property owners generally receive a mail notice from Bell advising of forthcoming work and requesting the owner to confirm acceptance. *NOTE: This is a fully funded infrastructure build that **does not require the property owner's commitment for future internet subscription**. Council for the Township of The Archipelago encourages property owners to engage in the program with Bell and its contractors to benefit from the province-funded connectivity infrastructure buildout.*



- In the latter activity phases, contractor vehicles and vessels deploying new fibre-optic cable will be visible performing two aspects of field work. The first is the placement of new cable infrastructure at the property boundary. The second aspect of field work (often done in a separate instance and possibly by a different subcontractor) will be connecting the property structure to the newly deposited fibre-optic infrastructure (cable or equipment box).

With much of the infrastructure being built in various stages, work under this project can span several seasons. Only once the network is built out can an internet service be offered. Residents are reminded that Bell is responsible for the service timing and availability of any new infrastructure and internet service offerings.

Happening Now

South Archipelago

- Healey, Kapikog, Crane, and Blackstone areas have new fibre-optic infrastructure deployed to property boundaries, and contractors are completing the build to property residences.
- Georgian Bay – South Channel (2-7mile area) properties are receiving via mail Bell construction notices while simultaneously seeing new submersible cable deposited on the shoreline.
- Georgian Bay – Woods Bay to Amanda Island, properties are being visited by design crews flagging and marking design preferences.

North Archipelago

- Sturgeon Bay, properties are being visited by design crews flagging and marking design preferences.
- Pointe au Baril mainland/road access, properties are being flagged, and several major roads are seeing property owners receive mail regarding Bell's Construction Notice (to provide fibre).

Note, other areas not mentioned are without news and not necessarily omitted from the project focus. Only through third-party reports and observations is the Township able to communicate work progress associated with this project.

While the Provincial and Federal government-subsidized high-speed internet program carried out through Bell has the broadest reach, other internet service providers continue to work in our region. Stay connected to our webpage, referencing connectivity [news](#) in our township.