

*The Corporation of the  
Municipality of Huron Shores*



May 19, 2020  
via email

**Office of the Mayor**

Dear Mayor and Council

**RE: Regional Broadband**

Following the discharge of the Broadband Task Group under the Huron North Community Economic Alliance (HNCEA), and just prior to the onslaught of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Council of the Municipality of Huron Shores appointed an ad-hoc Broadband Committee to remain active in furthering broadband efforts in the Municipality of Huron Shores.

Now, more than ever, our area is realizing the need for reliable and cost effective rural broadband in our corridor of Northern Ontario. It is our intent to continue to actively seek out effective rural broadband solutions. It has been shown from other areas, such as the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN), that a regional approach will place us in a better position to seek out funding opportunities and provide network opportunities to our most rural/remote areas.

I write to inquire as to your interest in establishing a network along the north shore of Lake Huron, focused on delivering effective broadband that will serve and meet all our needs in all of our communities well into the future. We will not be able to access funding for possibly another 20 years. We need, at minimum, 50 Mbps/10Mbps, which is beyond what has been offered by the big ISP providers. We need to work on furthering our regional broadband efforts for our immediate needs now and in the future.

I will be contacting all Mayors from Echo Bay to Nairn Centre, Elliot Lake, and Espanola to Manitoulin Island, in order to obtain your thoughts. It is my hope that an electronic meeting of all interested parties can be arranged as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Georges Bilodeau'.

Georges Bilodeau  
Mayor

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