



Notice of Public Information Centre

Internet Service Providers

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

Virtual – Online format using Microsoft Teams

Open House Overview

Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains created the Rural Access to Broadband Internet Technology ("RABIT") Task Force to review and explore "matters related to the development, implementation and progress monitoring of sustainable solutions for Rural Access Broadband Internet in the Town of The Blue Mountains".

To this purpose, Council has approved a Task Force-led Public Information Centre wherein competent and qualified Internet Service Providers can attend virtually to introduce their respective capabilities. The goal of this meeting is for the Town to be introduced to Internet Service Providers and understand the opportunities that currently exist, opportunities that may be available in the future, and to help inform the members of the task force, Council, staff, and members of the public. Internet Service Providers will be asked to provide suggestions to the RABIT Task Force on how to promote provision of broadband internet services to all the underserved areas within the Town. Ideally, this introductory session initiates a process that results in our rural areas being provided with affordable and reliable internet in the near future.

An overview of the meeting format was provided to Council at the January 11, 2021 meeting through a Task Force Report which is linked here: <https://pub-bluemountains.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=1334>

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Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

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Format for Public Engagement Session

Public Information Centres are currently being held virtually due to COVID-19.

The Public Information Centre will be moderated by the RABIT Task Force Chair and will include:

- Brief RABIT Task Force Introduction
- Community Profile and Mapping
- Short Presentations by Internet Service Providers

How do I get involved as a member of the public?

For members of the public who are interested, the Public Information Centre will be livestreamed and recorded.

Watch Public Information Centre live online:

<https://www.thebluemountains.ca/council-meeting-live-stream.cfm>

At this time, the Public Information Centre is being limited to participation and comments by Internet Service Providers and Members of Council. The Town is hoping to understand the capabilities of the various Providers and then provide additional information to members of the public in a subsequent publicly held RABIT Task Force meeting.

Additional information regarding the public RABIT Task Force meeting that will be held following the Public Information Centre will be released when available.

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