



MUNICIPALITY OF SHELBURNE EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER HIGH SPEED INTERNET COMMITMENTS

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SHELBURNE - The Council for the Municipality of Shelburne unanimously expressed concern over the high number of residents who still do not have fair access to high speed Internet, four years after the Nova Scotia Government's commitment that all Nova Scotians will have access to a high speed Internet service.

Today, the Municipality of Shelburne sent a letter to Minister of Economic Development, Percy Paris outlining its frustration with the process and requests that the Province of Nova Scotia intervene to ensure this commitment is fulfilled.

The Government of Nova Scotia made a commitment to rural Nova Scotians four years ago that they would have access to high speed Internet. They then awarded a contract to Eastlink to provide that service to mainland Nova Scotia.

Many residents still have no access to high speed and both residents and the Municipality are frustrated that Eastlink has no plan to complete the project. Eastlink cannot offer solutions or a timeline related to the project. Council has asked Eastlink to appear before Council several times but has been unsuccessful.

As this project is being funded by the Province of Nova Scotia and is a commitment by the Government, the Municipality now feels it is time the Government intervened with Eastlink to ensure our residents receive high speed Internet as soon as possible. The contract between Eastlink and the Government of Nova Scotia must be implemented as soon as possible.

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