



Meeting Date: May 3, 2023

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Report No: CAO-15-2023

Subject: Rogers – Fibre to Home

Recommendation:

THAT Report CAO-15-2023 re: Rogers Fibre to Home be received for information.

Purpose:

To update Council on an investment from Rogers Communications to install Fibre Optic in parts of Middlesex Centre.

Background:

On April 18, 2023, staff met with Rogers Communications to learn about the project to install fibre optic to parts of Middlesex Centre, particularly in the north-eastern quadrant of the Municipality.

The presentation that is appended to this report provides a general overview of the network installation with over 130 kms of install planned which will service in excess of 500 homes.

The essence of the project is to address the internet requirements of rural residents and businesses in Middlesex Centre.

Analysis:

One of the long-standing issues living in rural areas is sustainable internet service and partnerships with telecommunications companies, like Rogers, will be able to service our residents and provide strong internet service.

Schedule

Project Kickoff	April 2023
Construction Phase	May 2023-December 2025
Construction Completed	July 2023-December 2025
Private Property Customer Installs	2023-2026

Staff will assist with coordination to ensure that all permits are in place so that the project remains on-schedule. Residents will begin to receive service upgrades as early as later this year and information will be forthcoming in this regard.

Next Steps

Middlesex Centre will work with Rogers to share information to promote this information to ensure that there is as much community engagement to the service areas as possible to make residents aware – this will be done to compliment the outreach that Rogers will undertake. We may even have information on our municipal website for people to learn more about this project – as staff dialogue with Rogers, more information will become available.

Other News

On April 27, 2023, the Ontario government is launching a [new interactive map](#) that will make it easier for residents and businesses to learn more about provincially funded high-speed internet projects across the province. Users can search the map by address, community or municipality to find project details, including information on construction status and internet service providers that will be delivering reliable high-speed internet in unserved and underserved communities.

Financial Implications:

N/A

Strategic Plan:

This matter aligns with following strategic priorities:

- Sustainable Infrastructure and Services

Having reliable internet is now a necessity and expectation, the telecommunications companies realize this and are now coming forward with the appropriate investments so those living in the rural communities have the same (or better) service as those in an urban settlement area.

Attachments:

Appendix – Municipality of Middlesex Centre Fibre to Home

