

High-speed Internet access now available to south rural residents

Rural residents in south Milton can surf the web faster now that high-speed Internet service has been fully implemented in their area.

Xplornet recently placed the last of the new wireless towers serving the southern rural areas into commercial service.

The Town was awarded a provincial grant to help improve Internet access in the rural area. Barrett Xplore Inc. — which Xplornet is a division of — was selected as the high-speed service

provider for the initiative.

"Broadband brings unprecedented opportunities for business, education, health and government services to the rural residents of Milton," said Xplornet CEO John Maduri. "We're excited and proud to be partnering with the Town of Milton on this initiative and will invest approximately \$4.6 million in the community during the first five years of the project."

The technology for the program consists of a fixed wireless broadband

service with communications towers strategically placed to provide approximately 95 per cent coverage of the rural area. For the remaining five per cent, two-way satellite communications will be used.

Tower locations that will serve rural residents in the north have now been selected. Construction of the high-speed network is scheduled to be complete this summer.

"It is exciting to see work progressing towards making broadband service available to all residents of Milton," said Mayor Gord Krantz. "Rural broadband service will help rural businesses and families alike to stay up-to-date with current technology."

To provide residents with more information on the benefits of high-speed Internet the Town is hosting a series of free workshops. The next one will be held tonight at 7 p.m. at the Lions Club Hall in Campbellville. The topic of the evening will be 'Making the Most of your High-Speed Internet for Equine and Agribusiness.'

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