

XPLORNET HIGH-SPEED INTERNET EXPANSION COMPLETED IN NORTH GLENGARRY

*Fast, affordable, high-speed Internet now available to residents and businesses in Maxville,
Dunvegan, Greenfield and surrounding rural areas*

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Alexandria, ON – Xplornet Internet Services, a division of Barrett Xplore Inc. (BXI), is pleased to announce the completion of their fixed wireless broadband network in the Township of North Glengarry. Xplornet was awarded a contract from the Township to expand rural broadband coverage in the region at the conclusion of a competitive bidding process. In addition to its partnership with the Dunvegan Recreation Association (DRA) and Communities of Eastern Ontario Network (CEONET), Xplornet has also recently expanded coverage in the Alexandria area.

To mark the network completion, the Township's March 25th Council Meeting will be held at the DRA Hall at 7:00 p.m. A live video feed of the meeting will be streamed on the DRA and Township web site. Items on the agenda include the presentation of a commemorative plaque by James Joyce of the DRA and Peter Burpee of CEONET to Township of North Glengarry Mayor Grant Crack and Council to mark the network completion of the Dunvegan Community Broadband Initiative. Bob Davie, General Manager for Xplornet in Ontario, will also be on hand to participate in the presentation and speak briefly about the project.

“Barrett Xplore is proud to partner with the Township of North Glengarry, the DRA, CEONET and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to bring broadband Internet to the residents and businesses in the township's un-served and underserved areas through a combination of wireless and satellite technology,” said CEO John Maduri. “Not only does high-speed Internet level the playing field between urban and rural Ontario, it also brings to the rural areas unprecedented opportunities for business, education, communication and government services.”

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“Residents of North Glengarry and surrounding areas have been waiting for broadband for a long time and we’re excited that the dream is finally becoming a reality,” said James Joyce, president of the DRA. “Broadband will provide a real benefit to residents and businesses in the area, allowing them to explore previously unavailable economic, communication and entertainment opportunities.”

These sentiments are echoed by Peter Burpee of CEONET and Township of North Glengarry Mayor Grant Crack.

“CEONET has worked hard to facilitate broadband expansion in eastern Ontario and we’re glad to see the hard work has paid off,” said Burpee. “Our rural residents deserve the best of what high-speed has to offer and a partnership of community organizations, government and the private sector have worked together to make that happen.”

“Addressing the broadband gap has been a longstanding priority of the Township of North Glengarry,” said Mayor Crack. “Broadband is essential to the ongoing economic development of our region and the Township is eager to see the opportunities that will unfold because of it.”

The Dunvegan Community Broadband Initiative was made possible through a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs’ *Rural Connections Program* (\$42,150) with additional funds to be contributed from the Township (\$4,000) and the DRA and CEONET (\$4,000). Over the first five years of the Dunvegan Community Broadband Initiative, Xplornet will invest close to \$900,000 in the Township. The Township of North Glengarry was one of 18 successful applicants for OMAFRA funding, due to the proven commitment to broadband displayed by both civic leaders and community organizations like the DRA and CEONET.

Barrett Xplore is Canada’s largest and fastest growing wireless broadband service provider. BXI’s mission is to ensure every Canadian has access to fast, affordable and reliable broadband services. BXI has worked with Motorola to complete in excess of 200 wireless broadband deployments in rural Canada, reaching 300 rural communities and covering 350,000 homes and businesses. In addition to its extensive wireless broadband coverage, it has also partnered with Telesat Canada to deliver high-speed Internet access using satellite technology everywhere in Canada.

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