

Courtenay/Campbell River Tour

Monday February 3, 2020

Ministry Contacts: Susan Stanford, ADM ICT Division, 778 698-2349

Meeting with **Strathcona Regional District**

9:30 am – 10:00 am Monday, February 3, 2020

Location:	301-990 Cedar Street Campbell River, BC V9W 7Z8 Parking Lot onsite
Site Contact and cell #:	Edith Watson – 250-830-6712
Attendees:	Minister Kang, Krystal Smith, Susan Stanford, Chair Michele Babchuk, Corporate Services Manager Tom Yates
Regarding:	Meet and Greet/Connected Coast Update. They may raise various aspects of the project including introduction of project scope changes.

SUMMARY:

- The Connected Coast project was announced by the Federal Government in January 2018 and is a multi-year complex undertaking.
 - When it goes into implementation it will involve the installation of over 3,400 km of sub-sea fibre-optic cable stretching from the north of Prince Rupert, to Haida Gwaii (Masset), south of Vancouver and around Vancouver Island.
 - The project does not include last-mile builds, but once landing sites are complete, they will enable increased last-mile internet speeds and reliability.
- The project is co-led by CityWest Cable & Telephone Corporation and the Strathcona Regional District. They will own and operate a new Connected Coast Network.
- Total project investment is \$45.4 million co-shared between the federal and provincial governments
 - Innovation Science and Industry Canada;
 - Indigenous Services Canada;
 - The Province through the Connecting British Columbia program administered by Northern Development Initiative Trust.
- CityWest Cable & Telephone Corporation has executed funding agreements from all three funding partners. We anticipate Strathcona Regional District will execute agreements with Indigenous Service Canada and Northern Development Initiative Trust shortly.
- The federal government views the Connected Coast Network project as one project even though there are two recipients each responsible for their section of cable. The project was originally expected to be completed by March 2021.

SUGGESTED RESPONSE/KEY MESSAGES:

Need for an extension beyond March 2021 to complete the project:

- Strathcona Regional District should work through the existing process with the federal government for any project extension requests.
- The Province would defer to the federal government as the lead project funder for acceptance of project milestone changes.

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Permitting Process:

- I understand that the turnaround time to process applications is a key concern.
- Please continue to work with Network BC and other ministry staff to coordinate applications and expedite the process where possible.

Tax Exemptions:

- The project leads have indicated that they would like to explore tax exemption status.
- The project leads should carefully consider all options to maximize their revenue streams and improve their business case.
- They should also work with Minister staff should they wish support to connect with government offices on specific issues.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Total project investment is \$45.4 million, co-shared between the federal and provincial governments.
 - \$22 million will come from the Connect to Innovate program, administered through Innovation, Science and Industry (Innovation Canada).
 - \$12 million will come from Indigenous Services Canada.
 - \$11.4 million will come from the Province, through the Connecting British Columbia program administered by the Northern Development Initiative Trust (Northern Development).
 - All Nations Trust Company's Pathways to Technology project and Innovation Canada will each contribute an estimated \$187,600 in new funding.

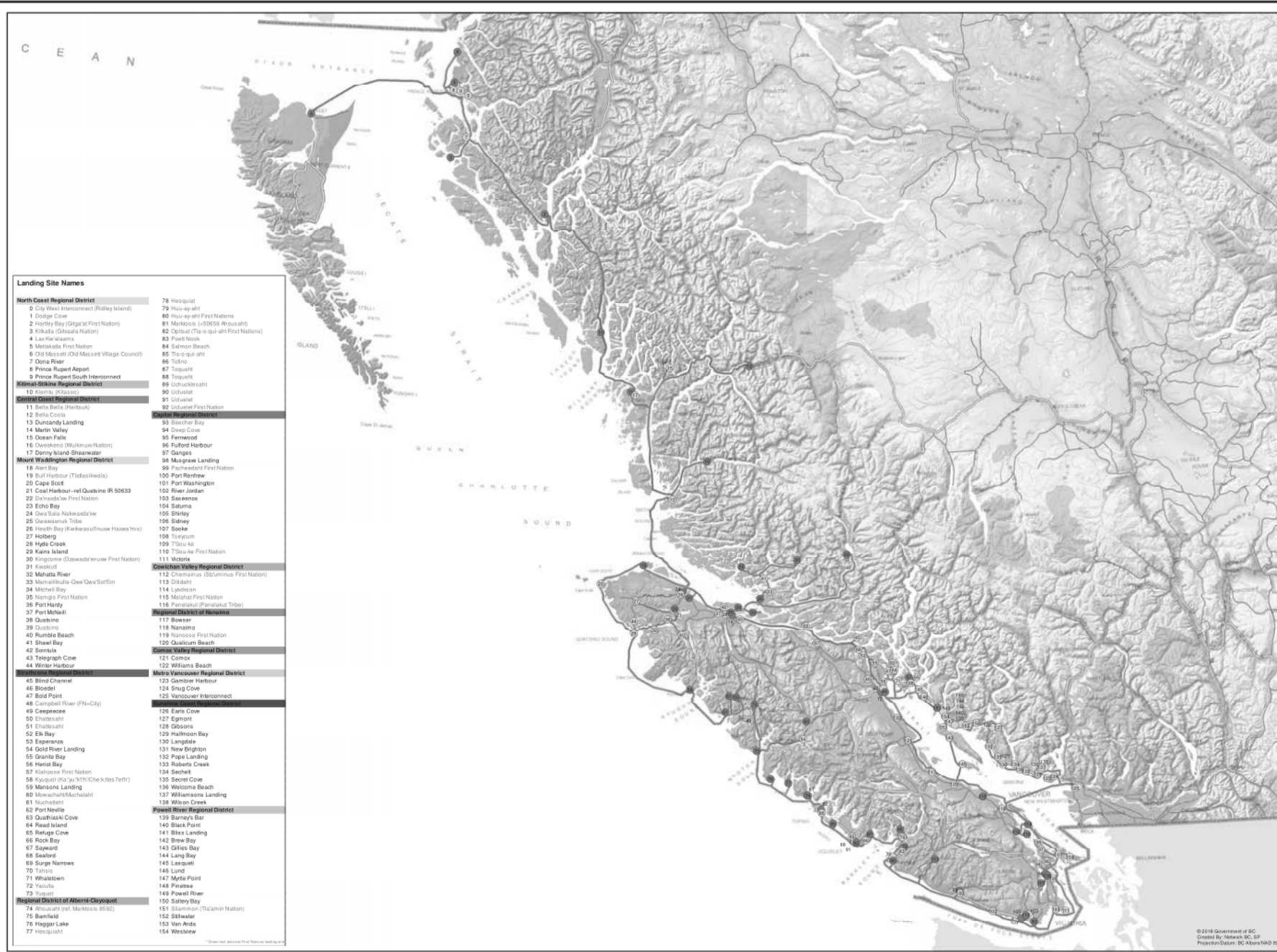
BIO's OF MEETING ATTENDEES:



Michele Babchuk (Chair)

- Was elected Chair of the Board of Directors November 2017 and is in her third term as Chair of the district.
 - It is her responsibility to act as Chief Executive Officer for the Regional District.
- Member of Campbell River City Council since November 2014.
- Member of the board of directors for the Strathcona Regional District in November 2014.

ATTACHMENTS: Map of Connected Coast project



Landing Site Names

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| North Coast Regional District | 78 Hesquilt |
| 2 City West Interconnect (Ridley Island) | 79 Huxquilt |
| 1 Dodge Cove | 80 Huxquilt First Nations |
| 2 Hartley Bay (Gitga'an First Nation) | 81 Marrois (-00659 Aroush) |
| 3 Kildah (Gislaia Nation) | 82 Oshat (Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations) |
| 4 Lax Kw'aleams | 83 Post/Nook |
| 5 Marikade First Nation | 84 Salmon Beach |
| 6 Old Massett (Old Massett Village Council) | 85 Tla-o-qui-aht |
| 7 Ona River | 86 Tolno |
| 8 Prince Rupert Airport | 87 Toquaht |
| 9 Prince Rupert South Interconnect | 88 Toquaht |
| Kootenai-Stikine Regional District | 89 Uchucklesah |
| 10 Kamiks (Klaskan) | 90 Uchuck |
| Central Coast Regional District | 91 Uchuck |
| 11 Bella Bella (Herbuck) | 92 Uchuck First Nation |
| 12 Bella Bella | |
| 13 Dunsen Landing | Capital Regional District |
| 14 Marlin Valley | 93 Beecher Bay |
| 15 Ocean Falls | 94 Deep Cove |
| 16 Ovenskoo (Wukwukw Nation) | 95 Fernwood |
| 17 Denny Island Shorewater | 96 Rutherford Harbour |
| Mount Washington Regional District | 97 Ganges |
| 18 New Bay | 98 Musgrave Landing |
| 19 Bull Harbour (Tasosikwala) | 99 Pechewick First Nation |
| 20 Cape Scott | 100 Port Renfrew |
| 21 Coal Harbour - nel Quabino R 50633 | 101 Port Washington |
| 22 D'Ardes/aw First Nation | 102 River Jordan |
| 23 Echo Bay | 103 Seawoods |
| 24 Giza Sola Nakwax'aw | 104 Sabina |
| 25 Gwaxwaxuk Tribe | 105 Shirley |
| 26 Health Bay (Kwkwawutnuw Haxw'wix) | 106 Sidney |
| 27 Holberg | 107 Sooke |
| 28 Hyde Creek | 108 Tsoyom |
| 29 Kams Island | 109 Tsoyuk |
| 30 Kingsome (Dzawadzi'muw First Nation) | 110 Tsoyuk First Nation |
| 31 Kwikwilt | 111 Victoria |
| 32 Malahat River | Cowichan Valley Regional District |
| 33 Marat/Bella-Qwa-Qwa-Sur'Em | 112 Chemainus (Sticmin First Nation) |
| 34 Mitchell Bay | 113 Dikshat |
| 35 Nampa First Nation | 114 Lynden |
| 36 Port Hardy | 115 Malahat First Nation |
| 37 Port McNeill | 116 Pematuk (Pematuk Tribe) |
| 38 Quabino | Regional District of Nanaimo |
| 39 Quabino | 117 Bower |
| 40 Rumble Beach | 118 Nanaimo |
| 41 Shovel Bay | 119 Nanaimo First Nation |
| 42 Sointuk | 120 Qualicum Beach |
| 43 Telegraph Cove | Comox Valley Regional District |
| 44 Winter Harbour | 121 Comox |
| Westhills Regional District | 122 Williams Beach |
| 45 Blind Channel | Metro Vancouver Regional District |
| 46 Borden | 123 Gambier Harbour |
| 47 Bold Point | 124 Snug Cove |
| 48 Campbell River (N-City) | 125 Vancouver Interconnect |
| 49 Crepesah | Fraser Valley Regional District |
| 50 Ehatesah | 126 Erie Cove |
| 51 Ehatesah | 127 Egmont |
| 52 Ek Bay | 128 Gibsons |
| 53 Expanza | 129 Hultsoun Bay |
| 54 Gold River Landing | 130 Langdale |
| 55 Guntle Bay | 131 New Brighton |
| 56 Harist Bay | 132 Popal Landing |
| 57 Kithoson First Nation | 133 Roberts Creek |
| 58 Kwupat (Kwupat/Kwupat/Kwupat) | 134 Sechelt |
| 59 Mansons Landing | 135 Secret Cove |
| 60 Mowachuk/Muchahat | 136 Welcome Beach |
| 61 Nuchahat | 137 Williams Landing |
| 62 Port Neville | 138 Wilson Creek |
| 63 Quabino Cove | Powell River Regional District |
| 64 Reed Island | 139 Barney's Bay |
| 65 Refuge Cove | 140 Black Point |
| 66 Rock Bay | 141 Bliss Landing |
| 67 Seaward | 142 Bree Bay |
| 68 Seaford | 143 Giffes Bay |
| 69 Surge Narrows | 144 Lang Bay |
| 70 Tolno | 145 Lakwell |
| 71 Whalesdown | 146 Lund |
| 72 Yucite | 147 Mythe Point |
| 73 Yucite | 148 Pavea |
| Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot | 149 Powell River |
| 74 Huxquilt (not Marrois 659) | 150 Sallary Bay |
| 75 Bamfield | 151 Stikmin (Tlamin Nation) |
| 76 Hagger Lake | 152 Stillwater |
| 77 Hesquilt | 153 Van Ards |
| | 154 Westview |

*Download Service First Nations Landing Sites

CONNECTED COAST



Legend

- FN Landing Sites
- nonFN Landing Sites
- CityWest Proposed Sub-Sea Cable
- Strathcona RD Proposed Sub-Sea Cable

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Connected Communities BC

KEY MESSAGES

- **Connectivity has the potential to unlock a new era of economic growth, environmental sustainability and social well-being in our communities.**
- **As we work to connect all British Columbians to high-speed internet, it is critical that we explore how connectivity can improve lives and make our province more competitive.**
- **We have made the Province's largest-ever investment in connectivity with a \$50-million contribution to the Connecting British Columbia program.**
- **This is an incredible opportunity for rural and Indigenous communities to move forward on projects to connect their homes and businesses.**
- **The Province is ready to support communities in this important work, whether they are in the beginning stages of planning or have one final step to be connected.**

Community Information Tool (CIT)

- **The Ministry has created a new Community Information Tool (CIT) that will provide unprecedented opportunities to engage across all levels of government.**
- **Diversifying economies, establishing health and social services, or enabling learning all require communities to integrate digital capabilities and capacity into their plans—especially if they are rural.**
- **We recognize the need for communities to have the information to do this planning at their fingertips.**
- **We've heard from communities that are trying to take advantage of economic opportunities, whether resource-based or through tourism or the growth of technology companies.**
- **The new Community Information Tool (CIT) is one of several tools that will be made available to communities.**

- **What makes it unique is that it brings together rich data sources that will provide helpful information in a visual, or map, format that can inform investment and policy decisions.**
- **The tool was available for delegates to try on the tradeshow floor at UBCM in September 2019.**
- **We plan to launch an online version for all communities next year.**
- **The Ministry of Citizens' Services has also developed a digital planning framework with communities to realize greater value from access to connectivity.**
- **This framework will help BC communities maximize the potential of high-speed internet and achieve greater economic, social and environmental benefits using connectivity.**
- **In this way, we can position our province to be at the forefront of the connected future and ensure British Columbians enjoy all the benefits of the digital era.**

KEY FACTS

- In rural B.C., reliable and affordable high-speed internet is critical to enabling new opportunities, addressing climate change impacts, and improving health, educational and social outcomes.
- Connectivity is fundamental to B.C.'s ability to provide rapid emergency alerting and response services. Early notification is essential for community preparedness to deal with disasters. Connectivity allows for instant communication and access to necessary resources, such as GPS mapping, sharing images and monitoring natural disasters. These resources are needed not only by first responders and front-line workers, but also by citizens and business affected by disasters like wildfires.
- Communities benefit most from access to high-speed connectivity when they take a holistic and integrated planning approach to community development, using digital tools as a catalyst to explore new opportunities.
- Given the Ministry's connectivity mandate, Connected Communities is collaborating with provincial colleagues, local governments, regions and communities to better leverage and optimize digital infrastructure investments; this ensures wellbeing benefits are derived more quickly.
- The need for this initiative was identified during community engagement for the Connecting BC high-speed infrastructure program.
- The Connected Communities planning framework was co-created with B.C. communities who re-envisioned their communities through a digital lens, finding opportunities to achieve more social, economic and environmental benefits that can be propelled by connectivity.
- The planning framework was well received at UBCM 2018. More than 160 community representatives attended the workshop. This work was further showcased at UBCM 2019 as part of the Connected Communities panel discussion, attended by more than 130 delegates.

- Together, these tools position communities to develop community-specific digital action plans that refine and drive their connectivity investments and help them to leverage connectivity to achieve digital benefits more quickly.

BACKGROUND

The Ministry of Citizens' Services Connected Communities program collaborates with all levels of government and Indigenous communities to help communities better leverage and optimize digital infrastructure investments. Connected Communities fills a critical digital-capacity gap by helping communities better understand the changing digital landscape, learn how to leverage connectivity in transformative ways, and build stronger connectivity plans to attract investments. The knowledge, advice, facilitation and tools provided by Connected Communities enables communities to assume a strategic leadership role in local connectivity development and drive local connectivity planning in ways that best address the public goals of the community and region.

BC's Connectivity Status

KEY MESSAGES

- Working to connect all people in British Columbia – regardless of where they live – is a priority for Citizens' Services.
- Everyone in British Columbia deserves to have affordable and reliable high-speed internet access.
- People depend on high-speed internet access to learn, do business, access services and stay in touch with loved ones; it can also help diversify local economies.

Connecting British Columbia:

- In 2019, the Province launched the Connecting British Columbia program's largest-ever funding opportunity for connectivity projects in rural, remote and Indigenous communities.
- This \$50-million expansion, provided for in the 2018/19 budget, is an exciting opportunity for communities to benefit from high-speed internet projects.
- The additional funding, we have committed to this program will move us closer to a future where all people in B.C. have reliable and affordable broadband.
- We have seen the Connecting British Columbia program become a great success by bringing benefits in hundreds of locations all over the province.
- Funds are available right now to help internet service providers bring expanded high-speed internet access to rural, remote and Indigenous communities.
- The program also introduced a temporary short-term opportunity for internet service providers to immediately upgrade equipment on their existing network to improve internet speed as part of the COVID-19 response.

Underserved areas:

- Our government is working towards a future where all people in B.C. enjoy the benefits broadband provides.
- B.C. has some of the most rugged and diverse terrain in Canada and our province is home to many difficult-to-service areas.
- We are working with all levels of government and the private sector to explore opportunities to improve internet access throughout B.C.

Indigenous access to funding:

- Bridging the digital divide for Indigenous peoples is a critical component of our commitment to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).
- Internet connectivity improves access to online education, health care services, economic development and training opportunities.
- A lack of high-speed internet access creates barriers for rural and Indigenous communities to participate in the digital economy.
- The Pathways to Technology project, supported by federal and provincial government funding, has a mandate to expand connectivity for all 203 First Nations in B.C.
- An estimated 38% of rural Indigenous communities have access to 50/10 Mbps.

KEY FACTS

- In June 2019, the federal government announced Canada's Connectivity Strategy. Provincial and territorial governments are working with Canada on new costing models for the expansion of broadband and cellular connectivity.
- The Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness (JEDC) is working with the federal government to coordinate connectivity funds, including:
 - The \$50-million funding expansion of the Connecting British Columbia program, first announced on March 8, 2019, as part of 2018/19 budget; the new funding intake opened on December 2, 2019.
 - The federal Innovation, Science and Industry's 10-year, \$1.7-billion funding plan, announced on March 19, 2019, along with a Universal Broadband Fund that is expected to launch in Spring 2020.
 - The Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission's (CRTC) five-year, \$750-million funding, which opened its second call for applicants on November 13, 2019. The intake closes on June 1, 2020.
 - The All Nations Trust Company's (ANTCO) Pathways to Technology project, which is supporting the expansion of connectivity to Indigenous communities across the province. The program has received a total of \$70 million in federal and provincial funding.
- The ministry does not have a program dedicated to cellular expansion at this time.

BACKGROUND

- Connectivity is the ability to affordably connect to the internet and access the information and services you need when you need them.
- In general, rural and remote communities have less connectivity than the Lower Mainland or Victoria due to lower population densities and higher infrastructure costs than in urban centres.
- The provincially funded Connecting British Columbia program supports the expansion of broadband infrastructure and works to leverage funding opportunities from various national programs and the private sector.
 - In March 2019, the Province committed an historic \$50 million to the program (during Supplementary Estimates), bringing the total investment in the program to \$100 million.
 - In Budget 2017, the Province committed \$40 million to the program.
 - In Budget 2015, the Province committed \$10 million to the program.
 - Since July 2017, the program has invested in projects to improve high-speed internet connectivity benefitting approximately 45,000 households.
 - See ATT-1 for a map illustrating project impacts.
- The federal government has announced the following new internet connectivity target: 95 per cent of Canadian homes and businesses will have access to internet speeds of at least 50/10 Megabits per second (Mbps) by 2026 and 100 per cent by 2030.
- **Digital Infrastructure Facts:**
 - **Broadband:**
 - 36% of rural communities in BC meet the target speed of 50/10 Mbps.
 - 38% of rural Indigenous communities in BC meet the target speed.

- Refer to ATT-2 Status of broadband internet connectivity in BC
- **Cellular:**
 - There are 15,000km primary and secondary highways and major roads in BC.
 - 6,100km (41 per cent) do not have cellular service.
 - Of the 6,100km, approximately 4,100km (67 per cent) do not have access to commercial power.
 - Access to commercial power is a necessary requirement to deploy cellular or other connectivity-related technology (e.g., for WiFi at rest areas).
 - Highway 16 (Highway of Tears) is a 715km corridor between Prince George and Prince Rupert.
 - 537km (75%) have cellular coverage
 - 178km (25%) do not have cellular coverage. Of 178km, 172km do not have available power for connectivity.
 - The main cellular providers in BC are TELUS, Rogers and Shaw.
 - Refer to ATT-3 Status of Cellular Coverage in BC.

Connectivity – Connecting British Columbia Program

KEY MESSAGES

- Working to connect all people in British Columbia – regardless of where they live – is a priority for the Province.
- Everyone in British Columbia deserves to have affordable and reliable high-speed internet access.
- People depend on high-speed internet access to learn, do business, access services and stay in touch with loved ones; it can also help diversify local economies.

Connecting British Columbia Program

- We have launched the Connecting British Columbia program's largest-ever funding opportunity for connectivity projects in rural, remote and Indigenous communities.
- This \$50-million expansion of the program is an exciting opportunity for communities to benefit from high-speed internet projects.
- This funding phase is focused on expanding connectivity to underserved rural, remote and Indigenous communities throughout the province.
- It also allows for some transport fibre funding to help lay the foundation for other technologies, like cellular service.
- We have seen the Connecting British Columbia program become a great success by bringing benefits in hundreds of locations all over the province.

Maintaining momentum:

- Maintaining strong relationships is key to expanding connectivity throughout the province.
- That's why we are working with other levels of government and the private sector, including large and small internet service providers, to:

- **Help British Columbians in underserved rural and remote communities to access affordable high-speed internet services.**

KEY FACTS:**Internet investments:**

- The Connecting British Columbia program is effective at leveraging federal funding and private sector capital investment to expand access to high-speed internet in rural communities. The program is administered by Northern Development Initiative Trust.
- In March 2019, the Province committed an historic \$50 million to the program.
 - In Budget 2017, the Province committed \$40 million to the program.
 - In Budget 2015, the Province committed \$10 million to the program.
- Previously, the Province committed \$40 million in Budget 2017 and \$10 million in Budget 2015.
 - More than \$50 million has been committed to projects since the beginning of the Connecting British Columbia program in 2015. The total value of all projects is nearly \$173 million.
 - Since July 2017, projects to improve high-speed internet connectivity are underway or completed to benefit approximately 45,000 households.
- Summary of \$40 million allocated in Budget 2017:
 - \$40 million committed by the program to date, leveraging approximately \$103 million from other sources, totaling more than \$143 million in partner funding towards internet projects across the province.
 - The program does not provide direct funding for cellular services.
 - Project announcements include:
 - In March 2018, the Province, the federal government and private-sector organizations announced \$38 million in funding for four connectivity projects throughout the province.
 - In November 2018, the Province and the private sector announced nearly \$1 million in funding for three local connectivity projects in the Cariboo region.
 - In March 2019, the Province and the private sector announced nearly \$10.2 million in funding for two connectivity projects in the Kootenay region.
 - In June 2019, the Province, the federal government and the private sector announced approx.\$18 million in funding for four connectivity projects throughout the province.
- Summary of \$10 million allocated in Budget 2015:
 - \$10 million committed by the program, leveraging \$20 million from other sources, totalling \$30 million in partner funding toward internet projects.

Cellular investments:

- The ministry does not have a cellular funding program at this time. It is working with the federal department of Innovation, Science and Industry to develop a financial costing model.
- Cellular coverage on Highway 16 – also known as the Highway of Tears – has been unresolved for years and is an issue directly tied to reconciliation and to the calls to action

under the *Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls* report. The ministry has worked with the private sector over several years to increase cellular coverage along the Highway 16 stretch from Prince Rupert to Prince George, bringing cellular coverage to 75%.

- Separate from the Connecting British Columbia program, the ministry announced the completion of a project to bring cellular service to Witset First Nation along Highway 16. This was a one-time pilot project initiated by the former government and no further funding has been allocated to expand cellular networks.
- The lack of distribution power along the remaining stretches of Highway 16 – and other rural and remote corridors – is a major deterrent for the private sector wanting to expand cellular coverage further. The ministry is exploring additional options toward completing cellular coverage along Highway 16.

2020 UBCM Advice to Minister Kang

Regional District: Strathcona Regional District

Council Attendees: **Michelle Babchuk, Chair**; Brad Unger, Vice Chair; Andy Adams, Director; Dave Leitch, CAO; Jim Abram, Director

MLA: Hon. Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, MLA North Island, BC NDP

Meeting Date: Monday, September 14, 2020

Meeting Time: 4:30 pm – 4:50 pm

Topics: **Connected Coast Broadband Project**

Note on last year's meeting and any follow-up that was done on the issue(s) discussed:

- Minister Sims met with Strathcona Regional District at UBCM 2017 and 2019 about the Connected Coast Project to receive updates on project status.

Advice and Recommended Response:

Background

- The Connected Coast broadband project involves the installation of sub-sea fibre-optic cable, stretching from north of Prince Rupert, to Haida Gwaii (Masset), south to Vancouver and around Vancouver Island.
- The project leads are CityWest Cable & Telephone Corporation (CityWest) and the Strathcona Regional District (Strathcona). They have partnered to operate the fibre-optic cable as one network.
- For more information on the Connected Coast Project see ATT 5.
- Recently CityWest and Strathcona have formally requested an extension, from March 2021 to March 2023, to complete the project.
- The project leads determine the build schedule for the project, which could be impacted by a variety of factors including procurement, permitting, environmental assessments and First Nations consultations.
- The Strathcona Regional District would like to acknowledge the government's continued support for this project and that the Minister be aware of the need for timely project permitting approvals and ongoing support for last-mile applications from ISP's looking for connectivity from the Connected Coast Network.

Response

- The Connected Coast project will bring unprecedented digital capacity to rural and remote communities and position B.C. to better optimize its coastal advantage.
- Acknowledge the extension that was requested and the importance of completing on a timely basis to ensure that the project is completed by the deadline.
- Stress the importance of working together to ensure the successful completion of the project and keeping the lines of communication open between the Province and the SRD.

Attachments:

- ATT 1 – Map – Internet Coverage
- ATT 2 – Map – Cellular Coverage
- ATT 3 – Funding Options
- ATT 4 – UBCM Engagement Activities
- ATT 5 – Connect Coast Project Background Information

Region Profile

- The geography of the Strathcona Regional District is diverse: from forested hills, remote inlets, picturesque villages to vibrant urban landscapes.
- The borders extend from the Oyster River in the south to Gold River, Sayward, Tahsis, Zeballos and Kyuquot-Nootka in the north and west, and east to Cortes Island, Quadra Island and the Discovery Islands as well as a portion of the adjacent mainland north of Powell River.
- Primary Industries: Agriculture, Construction, Health Care and Retail Trade

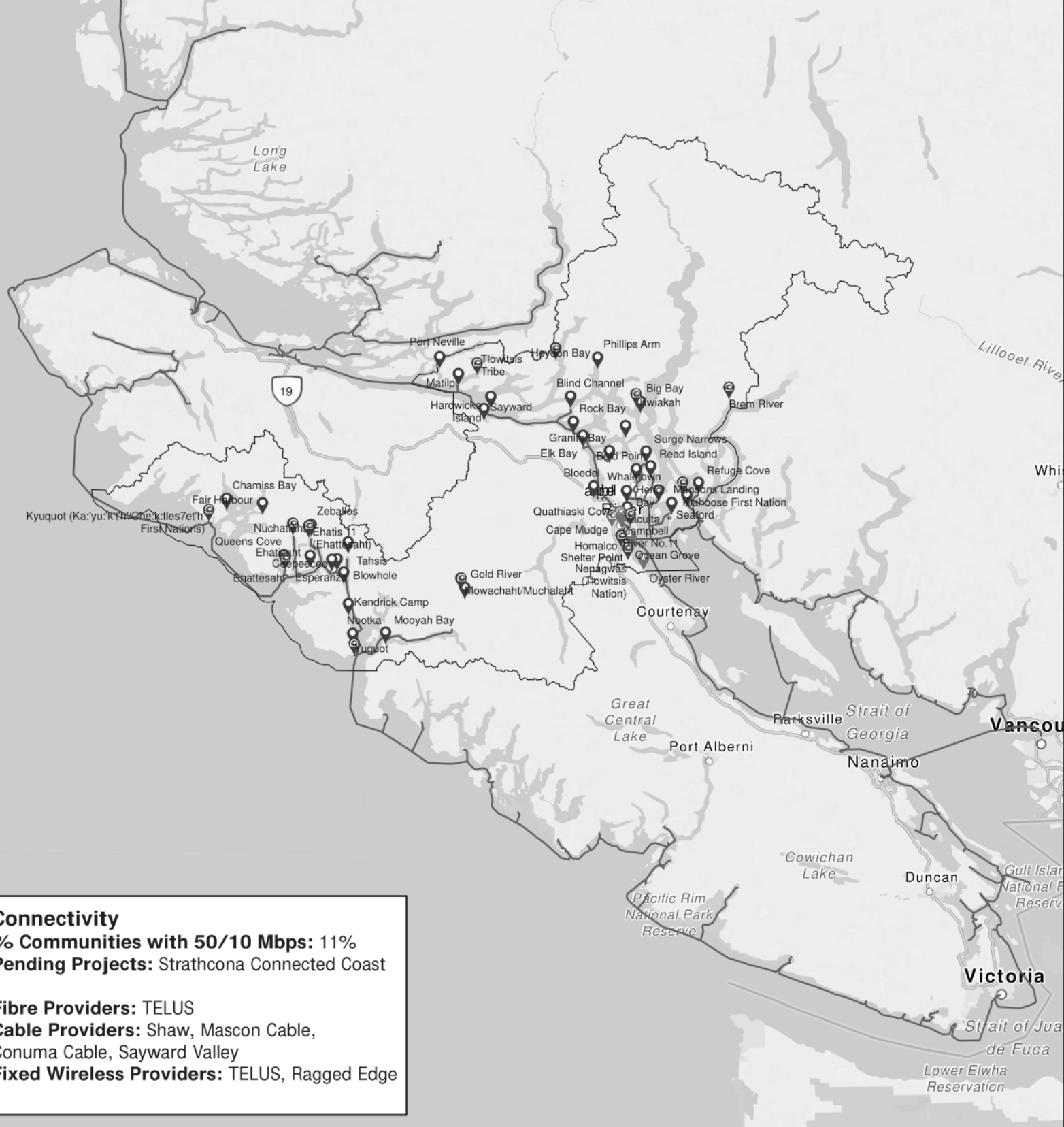
Region Data

- Population: 44,671; Households: 19,610; Median Age: 48
- Municipalities: Campbell River, Gold River, Sayward, Tahsis, Zeballos
- Internet Speeds: Of the 54 communities in the region, 6 (11%) have access to 50/10

Projects Underway:

The total Connected Coast project investment is \$45.4 million, co-shared between the federal and provincial governments. The federal government is lead funder.

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Legend

Community Access to 50/10 Mbps

📍 Underserved (34)

📍 Served (4)

Indigenous Community Access to 50/10 Mbps

📍 Underserved (14)

📍 Served (2)

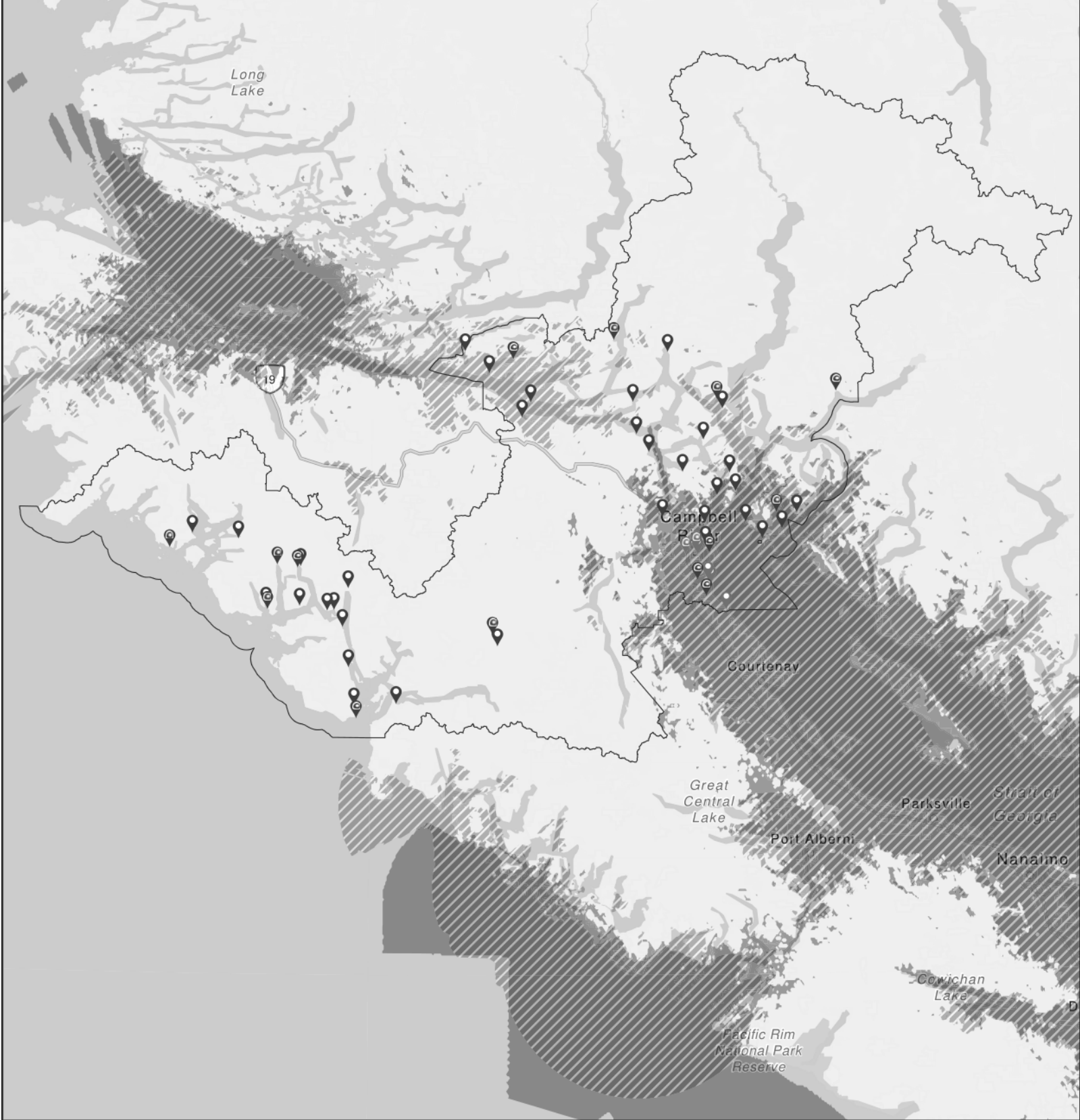


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ATT 1 Internet Coverage



Legend

-  TELUS LTE Cellular Coverage
-  Rogers LTE Cellular Coverage



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ATT 2 Cellular Coverage

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Connected Coast Network Project

What is the project scope?

The Connected Coast Network project involves the installation of sub-sea fibre-optic cable, stretching from north of Prince Rupert, to Haida Gwaii (Masset), south to Vancouver and around Vancouver Island.

The Connected Coast Network does not include last-mile builds, but once the landing sites are complete, the new fibre backbone will enable increased last-mile internet speeds and reliability.

Who are the project leads?

The project leads are CityWest Cable & Telephone Corporation (CityWest) and the Strathcona Regional District (Strathcona). They have partnered to own and operate the fibre-optic cable.

How much funding has been allocated to the project and by whom?

Total project investment is \$45.4 million, co-shared between the federal and provincial governments. The federal government is lead funder.

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How many communities will this project benefit?

During the federal due diligence process, some landing sites were removed from scope and land segments were added to reach communities not adjacent to the coast. Project leads will be validating the landing sites through the engineering and environmental assessments and First Nations consultations. The new number of sites and communities anticipated to benefit from the project: 147 landing sites (revised from the original 154 landing sites). Forty-eight Indigenous communities are anticipated to benefit.

What is the status of the project?

- Federal ISED Minister Bains provided final project approval to CityWest in May 2019 and to Strathcona Regional District in July 2019. Northern Development Initiative Trust agreements were signed in January and February 2020.
- Recently CityWest and Strathcona have formally requested an extension, from March 2021 to March 2023, to complete the project.
- The federal government views the Connected Coast Network as one project even though there are two recipients, each responsible for their portion of the project.
- Chris Marett who was CEO of CityWest has resigned and Bob Long, Chair of CityWest Board of Directors, has taken over as the lead for the CityWest portion.

When will the project be complete? Is there a delay?

- Recently CityWest and Strathcona have formally requested an extension, from March 2021 to March 2023, to complete the project.
- The project leads determine the build schedule for the project, which could be impacted by a variety of factors including procurement, permitting, environmental assessments and First Nations consultations.

What is the federal government's role?

The federal government is lead funder. The department of Innovation, Science and Economic Development has allocated over \$22.2 million and the department of Indigenous Services Canada has allocated \$12 million.

What is the provincial government's role?

The provincial government granted funds to the Northern Development Initiative Trust to administer the Connecting British Columbia program. The Trust is responsible for project funding.

What is Northern Development Initiative Trust's role?

The Trust administers the Connecting British Columbia program. In its role, they accept applications, conduct their own due diligence, approves projects, negotiates agreements with recipients, and monitors the progress of project.

How much funding has been spent to date on the project?

This enquiry should be referred to Northern Development Initiative Trust as the program administrator.

Why is there a need for this project? What will it resolve?

The Connected Coast Network when complete will achieve strategic priorities:

- Enable internet service companies to offer high-speed connectivity in future.
- Create a diverse and reliable path for connectivity to the north to mitigate loss of connectivity should service on the existing routes be interrupted by, for example, extreme weather, wildfire, flooding, slides)
- The Connected Coast Network project will bring unprecedented digital capacity to rural and remote communities and position B.C. to better optimize its coastal advantage.

MEETING NOTE

Advice to Minister Kang

MEETING DATE: February 3, 2020

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ATTENDEES: Honourable Anne Kang, Minister of Citizens' Services (CITZ)
Krystal Smith, Senior Ministerial Assistant
Michelle Babchuk, Chair of the Strathcona Regional District
Susan Stanford, Assistant Deputy Minister, ICT Division, CITZ

ISSUE: Meeting with Strathcona Regional District on Connected Coast Network update

BACKGROUND:

The Connected Coast Network project was announced by the federal government in January 2018 based on a federal conditional letter of support. Since the announcement was made the project has entered a federal due diligence process leading to the execution of funding agreements by various funders.

The Connected Coast Network is in the early planning stages. When it goes to implementation (construction) it will involve the installation of over 3,400 km of sub-sea fibre-optic cable, stretching from north of Prince Rupert, to Haida Gwaii (Masset), south to Vancouver and around Vancouver Island.

The project leads are CityWest Cable & Telephone Corporation (CityWest) and the Strathcona Regional District (Strathcona). They have partnered to own and operate a new Connected Coast Network.

The Connected Coast Network does not include last-mile builds, but once the landing sites are complete, the new fibre backbone will enable increased last-mile internet speeds and reliability.

The project originally envisioned 154 landing sites, including 56 Indigenous communities representing 44 First Nations along the BC coast from north of Prince Rupert, to Haida Gwaii, south to Vancouver, and around Vancouver Island

Total project investment is \$45.4 million, co-shared between the federal and provincial governments.

- \$22 million will come from the Connect to Innovate program, administered through Innovation, Science and Industry (Innovation Canada).
- \$12 million will come from Indigenous Services Canada.
- \$11.4 million will come from the Province, through the Connecting British Columbia program administered by the Northern Development Initiative Trust (Northern Development).
- The total aggregate amounts as committed by the major funders for the CityWest and Strathcona projects is unchanged, apart from the added scope for connecting Tlowitsis First Nation. All Nations Trust Company's Pathways to Technology project and Innovation Canada will each contribute an estimated \$187,600 in new funding.

DISCUSSION:

Strathcona may raise various aspects of the project with Minister Kang noted below, including the introduction of project scope changes.

Funding Agreements:

- CityWest has fully executed funding agreements from all three funding partners. Strathcona has full board authorities to execute agreements and the agreements with Indigenous Services Canada and Northern Development is expected to be executed shortly.
- The federal government views the Connected Coast project as one project even though there are two recipients each responsible for their section of the cable. The federal government expects the project to be completed by March 2021.
- Timing for permitting and other process requirements, including procurement, and contracting will preclude any construction work during the 2020 build season. Project completion as defined in funding agreements with the federal government will not be achieved. Strathcona may raise the need for an extension beyond March 2021, to complete the project. A process exists for the project leads to approach the federal government with their request.

Project Procurement Process

- Once all agreements are fully executed, then the project leads will proceed to an open procurement(s) to select suppliers for the fibre, fibre deployment and for a project manager for the installation.
- Recipients will be expected to use a fair, competitive and transparent process to ensure best value for money when supplies, equipment and services are purchased or personnel are hired.

Tax Implications

- Building a new fibre route with landing sites will have tax implications for each of the project leads as determined by BC Assessment valuation of the new fibre asset and the Ministry of Finance taxation rules. BC Assessment has a 'Permissive Tax Exemption' process and may be a viable route for CityWest, however, may be logistically challenging for Strathcona due to the large number of regional districts.

CONCLUSION:

The Connected Coast Network project is a multi-year complex undertaking.

- Strathcona should work through the existing process for permitting and for any BC Assessment tax exemption process.
- Before considering a project scope change, Strathcona should carefully consider all options, including the addition of new project partners, or as a last resort, the assignment of the project to a new partner.
- The Province can assist Strathcona to find new project partners, including options to assign the project to another partner.
- The Province would not support a change of project scope without all options being carefully reviewed by the project leads and with the support of the federal government as lead funder.

Attachment: Map of Connected Coast Project
 Contact: Susan Stanford, ADM ICT Division, 778 698-2349

INFORMATION NOTE

Advice to Minister Kang

Date: March 5, 2020

CLIFF#: 112771

ISSUE: Connected Coast Events

BACKGROUND:

Connected Coast Project

- The Connected Coast project involves the installation of a new sub-sea backbone transport cable along the west coast of British Columbia.
 - Of the estimated 150 landing sites, almost 50 will benefit First Nations.
- CityWest and Strathcona Regional District have partnered to own and operate the Connected Coast project.

Project Milestones:

- January 2018 - Project approved
- February 2019 - Due diligence completed; all agreements signed
- Connected Coast Milestone celebration opportunities:
 - Vancouver Island celebration – led by Strathcona Regional District (April 2020 - TBD)
 - North Coast celebration – led by Coastal First Nations with CityWest (June 2020 - TBD)

Connected Coast Project Funders

- The provincial government co-funded the project under a federal government program.
- Total project investment is \$45.4 million:
 - \$22 million from the Connect to Innovate program, administered through Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED)
 - \$12 million from Indigenous Services Canada
 - \$11.4 million from the Government of British Columbia, through the Connecting British Columbia program

Strathcona Regional District

- The Strathcona Regional District is a federation of five municipalities and four electoral areas, providing approximately 44,000 residents with a diverse range of services.
- The five municipalities within the regional federation include: Campbell River, Gold River, Sayward, Tahsis, and Zeballos.
- The four electoral areas within the regional federation include: A – Kyuquot/Nootka-Sayward; B – Cortes Island, C – Discovery Islands-Mainland Inlets, D – Oyster Bay-Buttle Lake.
- Ten First Nations fall within the Strathcona Regional District boundary.
- Strathcona Regional District is governed by a 13-member Board of elected officials.
- New or improved broadband and cellular connectivity is the highest strategic priority of the Strathcona Regional District Board.

Coastal First Nations

- Coastal First Nations (CFN) is a unique alliance of nine Nations living on British Columbia's North and Central Coast and Haida Gwaii. Each Nation has its own distinct culture, governance and territory.
- The Ministry of Citizens' Services (CITZ) Connected Communities program has been working with CFN to support its member communities' digital readiness and capacity through comprehensive connectivity planning to support Last Mile priorities and solutions in preparation for the Connected Coast.
- As part of CFN's updated Reconciliation Protocol Agreement with the Province, a Memorandum of Understanding between CFN and CITZ is in draft and will include a Connectivity Schedule.
- As part of the Schedule, CITZ is formalizing a collaborative arrangement, a Joint Connectivity Working Group to accelerate CFN and its member communities' digital readiness to realize the greatest benefits from the Connected Coast project.

DISCUSSION SUMMARY:

- Strathcona Regional District will lead the planning to celebrate their portion of the Connected Coast-Vancouver Island (Regional/Local Government-led celebration).
- CityWest will oversee the First Nation-led celebration with CFN for the North and Central Coast section (First Nations-led celebration).
- Connected Communities is working with CFN to determine the best timing for the signing ceremony with CityWest. Potential dates offered by CFN is during the week of June 15, 2020 in Prince Rupert. Date and location will be confirmed by CFN.

Contact: Colleen McCormick, Director of Connected Communities 250-217-5337

Molyneux, Jennifer CITZ:EX

From: Kot, Jill CITZ:EX
Sent: October 16, 2020 10:50 AM
To: Molyneux, Jennifer CITZ:EX
Subject: FW: FOR REVIEW: KM SRD meeting Connected Coast_DRAFT2
Attachments: KM SRD meeting Connected Coast_DRAFT2.docx; ATT00001.htm

From: Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX
Sent: January 31, 2020 7:10 PM
To: Kot, Jill CITZ:EX
Subject: Fwd: FOR REVIEW: KM SRD meeting Connected Coast_DRAFT2

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX" <Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca>
Date: January 31, 2020 at 5:58:46 PM PST
To: "Lawal, Kassandra CITZ:EX" <Kassandra.Lawal@gov.bc.ca>, "Smith, Krystal CITZ:EX" <Krystal.Smith@gov.bc.ca>, "Fleurant, Kathleen CITZ:EX" <Kathleen.Fleurant@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX" <Kim.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>, "Ingram, Ben GCPE:EX" <Ben.Ingram@gov.bc.ca>, "Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX" <Jeannette.Cook@gov.bc.ca>, "Stanford, Susan CITZ:EX" <Susan.Stanford@gov.bc.ca>, "Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX" <Kim.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>, "Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX" <Kimberly.Rosche@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FOR REVIEW: KM SRD meeting Connected Coast_DRAFT2

Hi All,

Here are the key messages for the Connected Coast/Strathcona Regional District meeting.

Thanks,
Kirsten

From: [Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX](#)
To: [Olid, Cherrie-Len CITZ:EX](#)
Subject: FW: FOR REVIEW: KM SRD meeting Connected Coast_DRAFT2
Date: February 2, 2020 3:21:55 PM
Attachments: [KM SRD meeting Connected Coast_DRAFT2.docx](#)

Hi Cherrie – these can be saved to the LAN with the other tour material. Thx.

From: Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 31, 2020 5:59 PM
To: Lawal, Kassandra CITZ:EX <Kassandra.Lawal@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Krystal CITZ:EX <Krystal.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Fleurant, Kathleen CITZ:EX <Kathleen.Fleurant@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX <Kim.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>; Ingram, Ben GCPE:EX <Ben.Ingram@gov.bc.ca>; Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX <Jeannette.Cook@gov.bc.ca>; Stanford, Susan CITZ:EX <Susan.Stanford@gov.bc.ca>; Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX <Kim.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>; Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX <Kimberly.Rosche@gov.bc.ca>
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Key Messages – Connected Coast meeting with Strathcona Regional District

Feb. 3, 2020

Minister Anne Kang will meet with representatives with the Strathcona Regional District to discuss her new role as Minister of Citizens' Services and to receive updates on the Connected Coast project. Government announced the project in January 2018 and has said it will benefit approximately 154 communities, including 56 Indigenous communities.

Connected Coast is a project co-led by the Strathcona Regional District and internet service provider CityWest Cable & Telephone Corp. to install more than 3,400km of subsea fibre-optic cable servicing B.C.'s West Coast. The route runs between Vancouver and Prince Rupert, to Haida Gwaii and around Vancouver Island.

The total project investment is approximately \$45.4 million, with more than \$11.4 million coming from the Province's Connecting British Columbia program. Innovation Canada's Connect to Innovate program is contributing \$22 million, and Indigenous Services Canada has committed \$12 million. The Pathways to Technology project and Innovation Canada are also each investing an estimated \$187,600 in the work.

Key Messages:

- Everyone in British Columbia deserves to have affordable and reliable high-speed internet access.
- I am so excited to be a part of the work Citizens' Services is doing to encourage the expansion of connectivity into more rural and Indigenous communities in B.C.
- The Connected Coast project is an incredible undertaking that will bring connectivity to more than 150 coastal communities.
- I'm looking forward to being a part of this effort and working with you as we celebrate the progress of Connected Coast.
- Our coastal communities are such beautiful places to live and visit.
- Investing in a connected future ensures that people and businesses have the technology they need to grow the economy and create jobs.

- This project will have a lasting impact on people and businesses along our coastline, including those who live in the 56 Indigenous communities benefitting from the investment.
- Connected Coast shows the power of collaboration and what we can achieve for people in B.C. when we work together.
- Thank you for your commitment to our coastal communities and all of the hard work that has gone into making Connected Coast a reality.
- There are many milestones on the horizon.
- I look forward to celebrating those with you, and with the people that will benefit from finally having connectivity.

Molyneux, Jennifer CITZ:EX

From: Kot, Jill CITZ:EX
Sent: October 16, 2020 10:50 AM
To: Molyneux, Jennifer CITZ:EX
Subject: FW: Large gatherings

-----Original Message-----

From: Stanford, Susan CITZ:EX <Susan.Stanford@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 15, 2020 2:24 PM
To: Kot, Jill CITZ:EX <Jill.Kot@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: CITZ Executive Members <MTICEXMEM@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Large gatherings

Nothing from ICT. The connected coast celebration gatherings will be put on hold.
The only other, not leading but are part of are the regional UBCM forums. I've not heard an update on those yet but assuming they will be cancelled.
Susan

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> On Mar 15, 2020, at 12:39 PM, Kot, Jill CITZ:EX <Jill.Kot@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> Is anyone aware of any large gatherings that we are sponsoring/supporting up to end of July?
> I could only think of:
> Public service week (PSA)
> Tech summit (JEDC)
> Board chair training (Finance)
>
> None of my examples are things we are leading. Please advise if I've missed anything.
> Thanks
>
> Sent from my iPhone

Molyneux, Jennifer CITZ:EX

From: Kot, Jill CITZ:EX
Sent: October 16, 2020 10:50 AM
To: Molyneux, Jennifer CITZ:EX
Subject: FW: MEDIA REQUEST: Williams Lake Tribune Media Request

From: Smith, Krystal CITZ:EX
Sent: May 25, 2020 11:00 AM
To: Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX ; Kot, Jill CITZ:EX
Cc: Lawal, Kassandra CITZ:EX ; Tseng, Eugene CITZ:EX ; Fleurant, Kathleen CITZ:EX ; Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX ; Ingram, Ben GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: MEDIA REQUEST: Williams Lake Tribune Media Request

Hello-

No, and please have the JEDC comms team loop in with DM Mihlar as they spoke about this and the program staff is in JEDC so not appropriate to come from CITZ.

Thanks,
Krystal Smith

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On May 25, 2020, at 10:18 AM, Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi All,

Given the confusion re: connectivity, looping back on this. Krystal – is this ok to go out? Reporter is still waiting and looks like we're still sending stuff out until after Estimates. . . . draft response is below.

Thanks,
Kirsten

From: Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 9:10 AM
To: Smith, Krystal CITZ:EX <Krystal.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Lawal, Kassandra CITZ:EX <Kassandra.Lawal@gov.bc.ca>; Tseng, Eugene CITZ:EX <Eugene.Tseng@gov.bc.ca>; Fleurant, Kathleen CITZ:EX <Kathleen.Fleurant@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX <Kim.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>; Ingram, Ben GCPE:EX <Ben.Ingram@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Williams Lake Tribune Media Request

Hi Krystal,

This has circled back around to us – DM at JEDC suggests they not take on anything connectivity related just yet. My understanding is that CITZ will cover connectivity in Estimates, after which there will be a more formal transfer to JEDC.

In the meantime, we live in the gray area until we can get a formal process in place.

Please have a look at the messaging below. We have pared it down from yesterday, while still covering the key points the reporter is asking for.

Once you've reviewed and approved, we'll get this back to the outlet.

Thanks,
Kirsten

From: Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX <Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 8:44 AM
To: Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca>; Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX <Kim.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Williams Lake Tribune Media Request

Hi Kirsten and Kim,

Our DMO got some clarity from FIN last night and have been advised that we should not take on anything connectivity related in the public sphere until this file is officially transferred to us. I understand some work needs to take place to facilitate this change.

The latest version for the reporter is below.

Thanks for sending.

Lori

Request

Rebecca with the Williams Lake Tribune.

I am hoping to put together a piece about Internet Connectivity in Indigenous communities. Can the Ministry confirm how many Indigenous communities do not have access to high speed internet?

What is the Ministry currently doing to address that?

What have the challenges been if any in getting them connected?

Is the Ministry working with the First Nations Technology Council in terms of a framework?

My deadline is as soon as possible and I can be reached via email.

RESPONSE

Nearly 93% of households in British Columbia have high-speed internet access as defined by the current standard set by the federal government (50 megabits-per-second download and 10 megabits-per-second upload). This level of connectivity is currently available in only 38% of

non-urban Indigenous communities. Bridging the digital divide for First Nations is a critical component of government's commitment to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

In December 2019, the Province announced a \$50-million expansion of the Connecting British Columbia program, its largest investment yet. This program is currently accepting applications from internet service providers (ISPs) for projects to expand connectivity to underserved rural and Indigenous communities. ISPs can also apply to the Connecting British Columbia program for targeted funding that will help them upgrade existing equipment to quickly respond to the unprecedented demands that the COVID-19 pandemic has placed on internet access.

Since July 2017, Connecting British Columbia projects to improve high-speed internet access (both underway and completed) are benefitting 479 communities, including 83 Indigenous communities.

Other projects that will bring internet connectivity to First Nations and Indigenous communities:

- Connected Coast, a \$45.4-million federal and provincial investment in connectivity access points serving people on Vancouver Island, Haida Gwaii and along the coast. This project will be a critical step towards high-speed internet access for approximately 54 Indigenous communities.
- All Nations Trust, supported by federal and provincial government funding, has available funding to expand connectivity for all 203 First Nations in B.C.
- The B.C. government works extensively with the First Nations Technology Council (FNTC) and appreciates the integration of connectivity into their framework. The Province looks forward to continuing to work with FNTC as they support First Nations throughout the province.

The Province has tools and resources available to help local governments and First Nations support connectivity projects in their regions.

- Connectivity in B.C.: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/connectivity-in-bc>
- Federal Broadband Fund: <https://crtc.gc.ca/eng/internet/internet.htm>

The Province cannot direct where internet service providers make their investments; however, it is working with all levels of government and the private sector to explore opportunities to improve internet access in Indigenous communities.

From: [Hubley, Holly CITZ:EX](#)
To: [Thacker, Rebecca CITZ:EX](#)
Cc: [Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX](#); [Fleurant, Kathleen CITZ:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Minister's Package
Date: September 11, 2020 3:55:08 PM
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[image004.png](#)
[2020 SRD Overview Booklet Web.pdf](#)
[SRD - MoCS Ministers Package.pdf](#)

Hey everyone,

Elaine Popove just called advising that they had material to provide for Minister's Kang meeting with Strathcona Regional District. She advised that this is normally presented in person during UBCM.

If this material is needed for the UBCM binders I can print and add.

-Holly

From: Elaine Popove <epopove@srd.ca>
Sent: September 11, 2020 3:52 PM
To: Hubley, Holly CITZ:EX <Holly.Hubley@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Minister's Package

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Hello Holly,

As per our conversation.

Thanks again for offering to add this to Minister Kang's package for **Strathcona Regional District's September 14, 2020 4:30 pm – 4:50 pm** meeting.

Much appreciated and hope you have a great weekend.



Elaine Popove,
Communications Coordinator
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An Overview of the SRD

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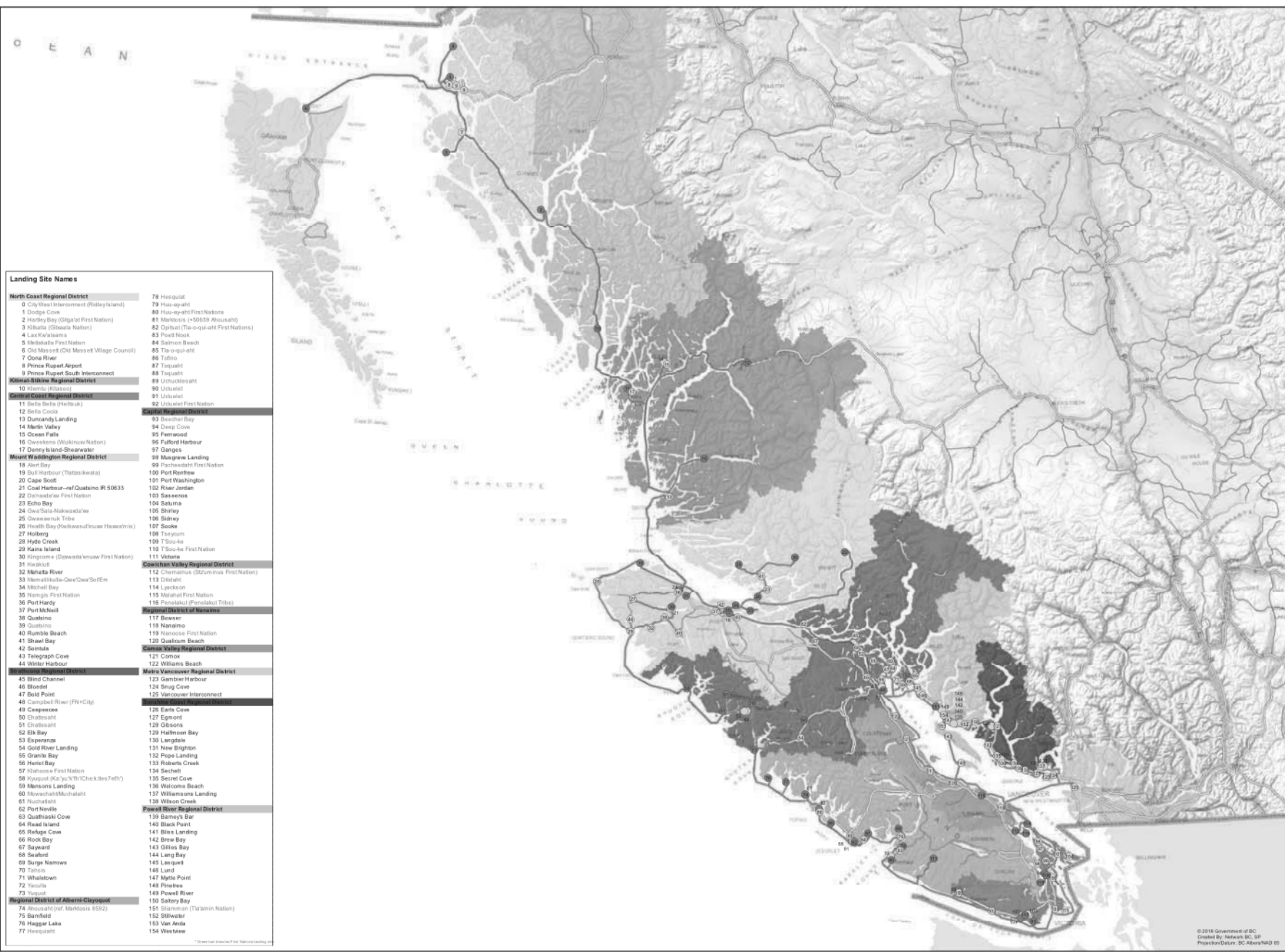
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2020 UBCM CONVENTION

Honourable Anne Kang - Minister of Citizens' Services
September 14, 2020 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm

Connected Coast Project



Landing Site Names			
North Coast Regional District			
0 City West Interconnect (Ridley Island)	78 Hesquiat		
1 Dodge Cove	79 Huxquah		
2 Hartley Bay (Gitga'an First Nation)	80 Huxquah First Nations		
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4 Lax Kw'alems	82 Ojibwa (Tla-o-qa-uk First Nations)		
5 Minkila First Nation	83 Port Nook		
6 Old Massett (Old Massett Village Council)	84 Salmon Beach		
7 Oona River	85 Tla-o-qa-uk		
8 Prince Rupert Airport	86 Tofino		
9 Prince Rupert South Interconnect	87 Tsekuht		
Kootenai-Stikine Regional District			
10 Kamla (Kootenai)	88 Uchuckasht		
Central Coast Regional District			
11 Bella Bella (Heiltsuk)	89 Uchuckasht		
12 Bella Coola	90 Uchuckasht		
13 Oceanside Landing	91 Uchuckasht		
14 Merin Valley	92 Uchuckasht First Nation		
15 Ocean Falls	Central Regional District		
16 Oowekeno (Wukwuk Nation)	93 Seawater Bay	100 Port Renfrew	
17 Denny Island-Shearwater	94 Deep Cove		
Mount Waddington Regional District		101 Port Washington	
18 Aker Bay	95 Fernwood		
19 Bull Harbour (Tlaasikwa)	96 Fathur Harbour	102 River Jordan	
20 Cape Scott	97 Ganges	103 Seawater	
21 Coal Harbour-Quatino R 50633	98 Mowat Landing	104 Salmo	
22 Doherty's First Nation	99 Pechawatch First Nation	105 Shirley	
23 Eddy Bay	100 Port Renfrew	106 Sidney	
24 Gwa'Sala-Nakwax'ew	101 Port Washington	107 Sooke	
25 Gwa'samuk Tribe	102 River Jordan	108 Tsekuht	
26 Health Bay (Heiltsuk/Inuvik Heiltsuk)	103 Seawater	109 T'Sou-ka	
27 Holberg	104 Salmo	110 T'Sou-ka First Nation	
28 Hyde Creek	105 Shirley	111 Victoria	
29 Kama Island	106 Sidney	Coastal Valley Regional District	
30 Kongsco (Dowdalen/Inuvik First Nation)	107 Sooke	112 Chehalis (Stikine First Nation)	113 Dildart
31 Kootenai	108 Tsekuht	113 Dildart	
32 Kootenai	109 T'Sou-ka	114 Jackson	115 Metlakot First Nation
33 Minkila-Quatino R 50633	110 T'Sou-ka First Nation	115 Metlakot First Nation	
34 Mitchell Bay	111 Victoria	116 Penakot (Penakot Tribe)	117 Bower
35 Nampk First Nation	Regional District of Nanaimo		
36 Port Hardy	117 Bower	118 Nanaimo	119 Nanaimo First Nation
37 Port Muel	118 Nanaimo	119 Nanaimo First Nation	
38 Quatino	119 Nanaimo First Nation	120 Qualicum Beach	121 Comox
39 Rumble Beach	120 Qualicum Beach	121 Comox	
40 Shovel Bay	121 Comox	122 Williams Beach	123 Gamber Harbour
41 Telegraph Cove	122 Williams Beach	123 Gamber Harbour	
42 Winter Harbour	123 Gamber Harbour	124 Group Cove	125 Vancouver Interconnect
Metropolitan Regional District		124 Group Cove	
43 Blind Channel	125 Vancouver Interconnect	Central Regional District	
44 Bould	126 Delta Cove	126 Delta Cove	127 Egmont
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PROJECT **PROFILE**PROJECT
QUICK FACTS**Start date:**

November 2018

Completion date:

June 2020

Project cost:

\$60,000

Project funding:

\$30,000 - Island Coastal
Economic Trust
Economic Development
Readiness Program

\$30,000 - Strathcona
Regional District

COMMUNITY BROADBAND PLANS

Improved broadband connectivity for rural and remote communities has been a strategic priority of the Strathcona Regional District (SRD) for several years. There is a significant gap between broadband service levels and affordability in urban areas versus rural areas in British Columbia (Connected Communities in BC, NDIT, 2018). Indeed, many communities within the SRD do not meet basic service levels, if they have any service at all. Addressing this 'digital divide' will require intensive collaborative effort and multiple funding sources but the benefits are undeniable. It will increase the live-ability of rural and remote communities on Vancouver Island, enabling them to sustain their communities, attract investment and participate directly in social and economic initiatives.

The SRD has taken a proactive approach to this issue and in 2017, launched a broadband strategy. This document explains the existing connectivity landscape and key principles to improve connectivity at the regional level. Some of the principles identified in this strategy have led to key initiatives now underway. An example is the Connected Coast project (www.connectedcoast.ca), a \$46M initiative funded through the federal Connect to Innovate Program, the provincial Connecting BC program as well as Indigenous Services Canada and the project proponents. Connected Coast will bring a new source of connectivity to as many as 154 rural and remote communities along the BC Coast.

Community Broadband Plans (CBP) were developed through this project which will enhance the SRD's Broadband Strategy by providing detailed planning at the individual community level. The CBP's identified last-mile solutions for broadband connectivity in each community that importantly, is guided first and foremost by each community's unique digital aspirations alongside technical infrastructure considerations (e.g. topography, wireless vs wired, vegetation).

The project methodology was founded on design principles set-out by Connected Communities BC. It is a unique methodology weaving together a combination of diverse skill-sets; technical network engineers with community facilitators. This pilot project and the results were shared with other rural and remote communities that are also rising to similar challenges, as well as potential service providers in the hope of increasing market capacity.

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PROJECT BENEFITS

- Increase awareness of community development opportunities (economic, social and environmental) that can be made possible through new or improved broadband access
- Understand and proactively address community concerns about broadband infrastructure and digital literacy
- Increase potential to attract future grant funding for broadband infrastructure into the region
- Increase potential for intelligent community applications
- Increase potential to attract investment from major carriers and last mile infrastructure providers such as smaller ISP's
- Increase potential to attract new business to the area
- Increase ability to sustain rural and remote community populations
- Increased regional collaboration and cooperation on critical services

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THIS PROJECT

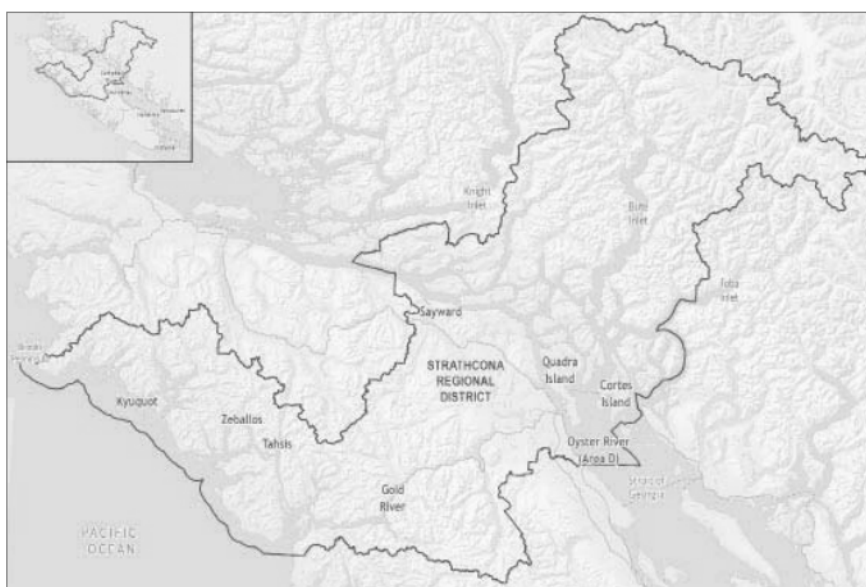
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PROJECT METHODOLOGY

Workshops were held in 7 of the SRD's communities with presentations from guest speakers, videos that showcased possibilities for a digital future and ideas were gathered from the community about their current state of use as well as plans for housing, economic, environmental and social developments. Combined, this information created a unique snapshot of the community's digital readiness and aspirations.

This snapshot is key input to last-mile broadband infrastructure solution designers. Designers will develop a plan for local last-mile infrastructure solutions based on the community snapshot along with analysis of the community's topography, climate, housing density, location of key institutions. In this way, the infrastructure is informed by the community aspirations amongst other important technical considerations.



SRD COMMUNITY-LED WORKSHOPS

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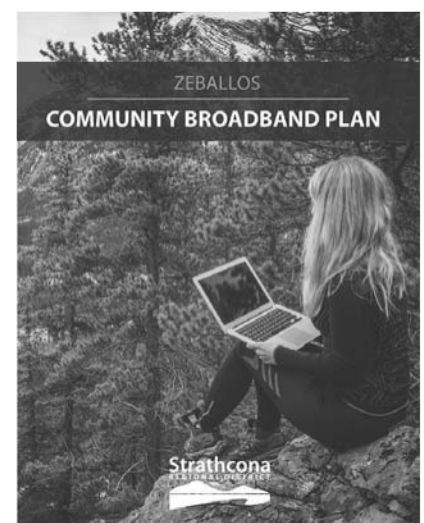
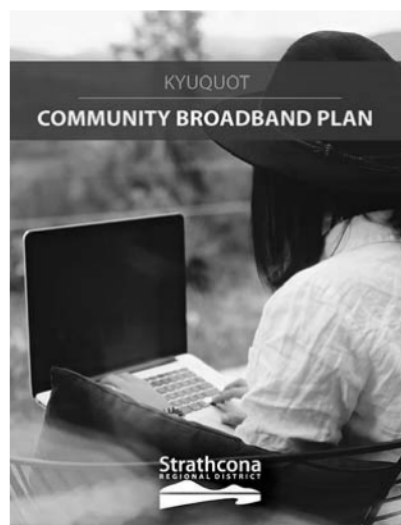
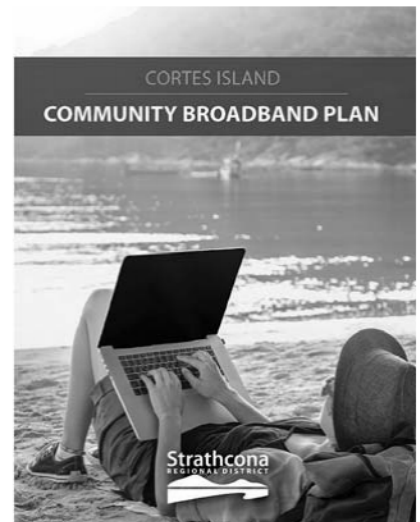
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SRD COMMUNITY BROADBAND PLANS

All 7 Broadband Plans may be viewed at
www.srd.ca/community-broadband-plans





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Molyneux, Jennifer CITZ:EX

From: Kot, Jill CITZ:EX
Sent: October 16, 2020 10:50 AM
To: Molyneux, Jennifer CITZ:EX
Subject: FW: SRD meeting with MAK

From: Stanford, Susan CITZ:EX
Sent: January 30, 2020 10:16 AM
To: Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX
Cc: Kot, Jill CITZ:EX ; Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX
Subject: SRD meeting with MAK

Approved.

EVENT:	Meeting with Strathcona Regional District Michelle
DATE & TIME:	February 3, 2020
THEME/TOPIC:	Meet and Greet/Connected Coast
LOCATION:	Strathcona Regional District, Campbell River BC
MINISTRY RECOMMENDATION ON EVENT **DMO TO ENSURE ALL INFORMATION BELOW IS COMPLETE**	
SHOULD MINISTER ATTEND THIS MEETING YES / NO?	Yes, meeting would be an initial meet and greet.
Background	<p>Primary relationship with Strathcona Regional District is related to the Connected Coast project.</p> <p>Connected Coast is a \$45.4 million project co-funded between the federal and provincial (through the Connected British Columbia Program) governments. The project is co-led by CityWest Cable & Telephone Corporation and the Strathcona Regional District. They will own and operate a new Connected Coast Network.</p> <p>The Ministry works extensively with Strathcona Regional District as they navigate the stages of the project. Their agreement with the Federal Government is signed and the Provincial agreement, with Northern Development Initiative Trust (the program administrator for the Province) is expected to be signed soon.</p> <p>As with all projects of this size and complexity, the Ministry supports both proponents to navigate issues and opportunities. One ongoing opportunity has been BC Assessment's recommendation to Strathcona Regional District to pursue the permissive exemption process to reduce taxes. Issues related to BC Assessment are within the mandate of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.</p>

Potential Issues	<p>Ministry staff continue to support the Strathcona Regional District on areas of concern including the need for an extension to the time allocated for the project with the Federal Government, and other measures to reduce costs and increase the viability of the project.</p> <p>The noted issues are not new, or out of the ordinary for any connectivity project. Given Strathcona Regional District's lack of experience in this space, Ministry staff support the regional district navigating government organizations to resolve issues as they arise.</p>
Media Opportunities	None at this time – we anticipate the regional district will execute agreements with Northern Development Initiative Trust (Connected BC Program) soon. Once signed, a celebratory event could be considered.
LIST OF MINISTRY STAFF <u>CRITICAL</u> TO ATTEND THIS EVENT WITH MINISTER:	Susan Stanford

Susan

Susan Stanford MBA MAL
 ADM Information Communication Technologies (ICT) Division
 Ministry of Citizens' Services
 Victoria, BC | T 250.580.7459

Molyneux, Jennifer CITZ:EX

From: Kot, Jill CITZ:EX
Sent: October 16, 2020 10:50 AM
To: Molyneux, Jennifer CITZ:EX
Subject: FW: Williams Lake Tribune Media Request

From: Smith, Krystal CITZ:EX
Sent: May 21, 2020 10:27 AM
To: Kot, Jill CITZ:EX
Subject: Fwd: Williams Lake Tribune Media Request

I thought the staff have already moved over to JEDC?

This is confusing.

Krystal

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX" <Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca>
Date: May 21, 2020 at 9:09:40 AM PDT
To: "Smith, Krystal CITZ:EX" <Krystal.Smith@gov.bc.ca>, "Lawal, Cassandra CITZ:EX" <Cassandra.Lawal@gov.bc.ca>, "Tseng, Eugene CITZ:EX" <Eugene.Tseng@gov.bc.ca>, "Fleurant, Kathleen CITZ:EX" <Kathleen.Fleurant@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX" <Kim.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>, "Ingram, Ben GCPE:EX" <Ben.Ingram@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Williams Lake Tribune Media Request

Hi Krystal,

This has circled back around to us – DM at JEDC suggests they not take on anything connectivity related just yet. My understanding is that CITZ will cover connectivity in Estimates, after which there will be a more formal transfer to JEDC.

In the meantime, we live in the gray area until we can get a formal process in place.

Please have a look at the messaging below. We have pared it down from yesterday, while still covering the key points the reporter is asking for.

Once you've reviewed and approved, we'll get this back to the outlet.

Thanks,
Kirsten

From: Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX <Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 8:44 AM
To: Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca>; Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX <Kim.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Williams Lake Tribune Media Request

Hi Kirsten and Kim,

Our DMO got some clarity from FIN last night and have been advised that we should not take on anything connectivity related in the public sphere until this file is officially transferred to us. I understand some work needs to take place to facilitate this change.

The latest version for the reporter is below.

Thanks for sending.

Lori

Request

Rebecca with the Williams Lake Tribune.

I am hoping to put together a piece about Internet Connectivity in Indigenous communities. Can the Ministry confirm how many Indigenous communities do not have access to high speed internet?

What is the Ministry currently doing to address that?

What have the challenges been if any in getting them connected?

Is the Ministry working with the First Nations Technology Council in terms of a framework?

My deadline is as soon as possible and I can be reached via email.

RESPONSE

Nearly 93% of households in British Columbia have high-speed internet access as defined by the current standard set by the federal government (50 megabits-per-second download and 10 megabits-per-second upload). This level of connectivity is currently available in only 38% of non-urban Indigenous communities. Bridging the digital divide for First Nations is a critical component of government's commitment to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

In December 2019, the Province announced a \$50-million expansion of the Connecting British Columbia program, its largest investment yet. This program is currently accepting applications from internet service providers (ISPs) for projects to expand connectivity to underserved rural and Indigenous communities. ISPs can also apply to the Connecting British Columbia program for targeted funding that will help them upgrade existing equipment to quickly respond to the unprecedented demands that the COVID-19 pandemic has placed on internet access.

Since July 2017, Connecting British Columbia projects to improve high-speed internet access (both underway and completed) are benefitting 479 communities, including 83 Indigenous communities.

Other projects that will bring internet connectivity to First Nations and Indigenous communities:

- Connected Coast, a \$45.4-million federal and provincial investment in connectivity access points serving people on Vancouver Island, Haida Gwaii and along the coast. This project will be a critical step towards high-speed internet access for approximately 54 Indigenous communities.
- All Nations Trust, supported by federal and provincial government funding, has available funding to expand connectivity for all 203 First Nations in B.C.
- The B.C. government works extensively with the First Nations Technology Council (FNTC) and appreciates the integration of connectivity into their framework. The Province looks forward to continuing to work with FNTC as they support First Nations throughout the province.

The Province has tools and resources available to help local governments and First Nations support connectivity projects in their regions.

- Connectivity in B.C.: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/connectivity-in-bc>
- Federal Broadband Fund: <https://crtc.gc.ca/eng/internet/internet.htm>

The Province cannot direct where internet service providers make their investments; however, it is working with all levels of government and the private sector to explore opportunities to improve internet access in Indigenous communities.

From: [Stanford, Susan JEDC:EX](#)
To: [Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Williams Lake Tribune Media Request
Date: May 21, 2020 5:24:52 PM

No idea about who at finance, sorry.
Susan

Susan

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From: "Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX" <Jeannette.Cook@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 5:22 PM
To: Susan Stanford <Susan.Stanford@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Williams Lake Tribune Media Request

Hi Susan,

I mentioned our convo to Jill today in my touch base. She wanted to have a further conversation has asked us to pull together a call with JEDC re process (Jill, Fazil, you, Monica, me). Jennifer will be reaching out to the JEDC DMO to schedule something.

She also wanted to know who the Finance person was that JEDC was talking to. Was it Doug F?

Thanks.
JC

From: Stanford, Susan JEDC:EX <Susan.Stanford@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 21, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX <Jeannette.Cook@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Williams Lake Tribune Media Request

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Susan

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From: "Jang, Monica JEDC:EX" <Monica.Jang@gov.bc.ca>

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 8:33 AM

To: "Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX" <Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca>, "Szabo, Maria JEDC:EX" <Maria.Szabo@gov.bc.ca>, "Monroe, Danielle JEDC:EX" <Danielle.Monroe@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Fazil Mihlar <Fazil.Mihlar@gov.bc.ca>, "Hammond, Danika S JEDC:EX" <Danika.Hammond@gov.bc.ca>, "Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX" <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>, Susan Stanford <Susan.Stanford@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Williams Lake Tribune Media Request

Hi Lori,

We got some clarity from FIN last night and have been advised that that we should not take on anything connectivity related in the public sphere until after the supply bill is passed and we can facilitate an OIC to officially transfer the program/function etc.

We can work on an MOU to allow for policy direction to come from Fazil/Susan to the team but that all public facing connectivity related items should remain with CITZ at this time.

FYI,

Monica.

From: Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX <Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: May 20, 2020 4:36 PM

To: Szabo, Maria JEDC:EX <Maria.Szabo@gov.bc.ca>; Monroe, Danielle JEDC:EX <Danielle.Monroe@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Mihlar, Fazil JEDC:EX <Fazil.Mihlar@gov.bc.ca>; Jang, Monica JEDC:EX <Monica.Jang@gov.bc.ca>; Hammond, Danika S JEDC:EX <Danika.Hammond@gov.bc.ca>; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>; Stanford, Susan JEDC:EX <Susan.Stanford@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Williams Lake Tribune Media Request

Importance: High

Hi Danielle & Maria,

We have the below media request from Williams Lake Tribune around internet connectivity in Indigenous communities. While we understand that there has not been a briefing on the connectivity file, the DMO suggests that we respond so we can start making the shift around file responsibility. Susan would be available to answer any questions on the response if needed.

Response was due today, and I realize it's very late in the day for us to be requesting approval. Any chance of feedback for around 10:00 a.m. tomorrow?

Thanks,

Lori

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Subject: FW: Williams Lake Tribune Media Request
Date: May 21, 2020 3:06:24 PM

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Susan

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From: "Jang, Monica JEDC:EX"

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 3:02 PM

To: "Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX"

Cc: "Hammond, Danika S JEDC:EX" , Susan Stanford , "Monroe, Danielle JEDC:EX" , "Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX" , "Szabo, Maria JEDC:EX"

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Correct.

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Sent: May 21, 2020 3:00 PM

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- CITZ program is responsible for reviewing/approving KMs and quotes.
- JEDC program is responsible for reviewing/approving background material.

Minister Kang will continue to be the public spokesperson until the program is officially transferred to JEDC?

Thank you

Brad

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Thanks for this update Monica.

Danielle Monroe

Senior Ministerial Assistant to

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Thanks Susan. Really appreciate the info.

JC

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Subject: FW: Sample questions for prep session
Date: July 8, 2020 11:06:13 AM

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From: Rosche, Kimberly JEDC:EX <Kimberly.Rosche@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 8, 2020 10:48 AM
To: Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX <Jeannette.Cook@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Sample questions for prep session

Questions for today's session

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Stanford, Susan JEDC:EX" <Susan.Stanford@gov.bc.ca>
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- Can you explain how you report on connectivity? In one instance you state 479 communities will benefit from the program, but you say that only 36% of communities are connected. When the 479 communities are completed, what will the number of remaining communities that need connectivity?
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Can you explain how many projects are required to fully connect a community?

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To: [Hold - 200921 - Lawal, Kassandra CITZ:EX](#)
Cc: [Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX](#); [Ingram, Ben GCPE:EX](#); [Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX](#)
Subject: Meeting with SRD - Feb 2-4 in Courtenay?
Date: January 27, 2020 4:57:09 PM

Hi Kass,

It looks like a meeting with the Strathcona Regional District isn't recommended at this time. Program's rationale is below. Suggest if you have follow-up questions that they be directed to Susan's team via Jeannette.

Thanks,
Kirsten

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Subject: RE: Meeting with SRD - Feb 2-4 in Courtenay?

Hi Kirsten –

Following from NWBC:

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Please let me know if we will be meeting and I'll get everything pulled together. I have another ask to see if there are any community partners we could meet with.

Thanks!

Kim

CONNECTED COAST

Landing Sites and Communities

- 📍 Ahousaht
- 📍 Alert Bay
- 📍 Bamfield
- 📍 Barney's Bar
- 📍 Beecher Bay
- 📍 Bella Bella (Heiltsuk)
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- 📍 Klemtu (Kitasoo)
- 📍 Kwakiutl
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- 📍 Lang Bay
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- 📍 Lund
- 📍 Lyackson
- 📍 Mahatta River
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- 📍 Mansons Landing
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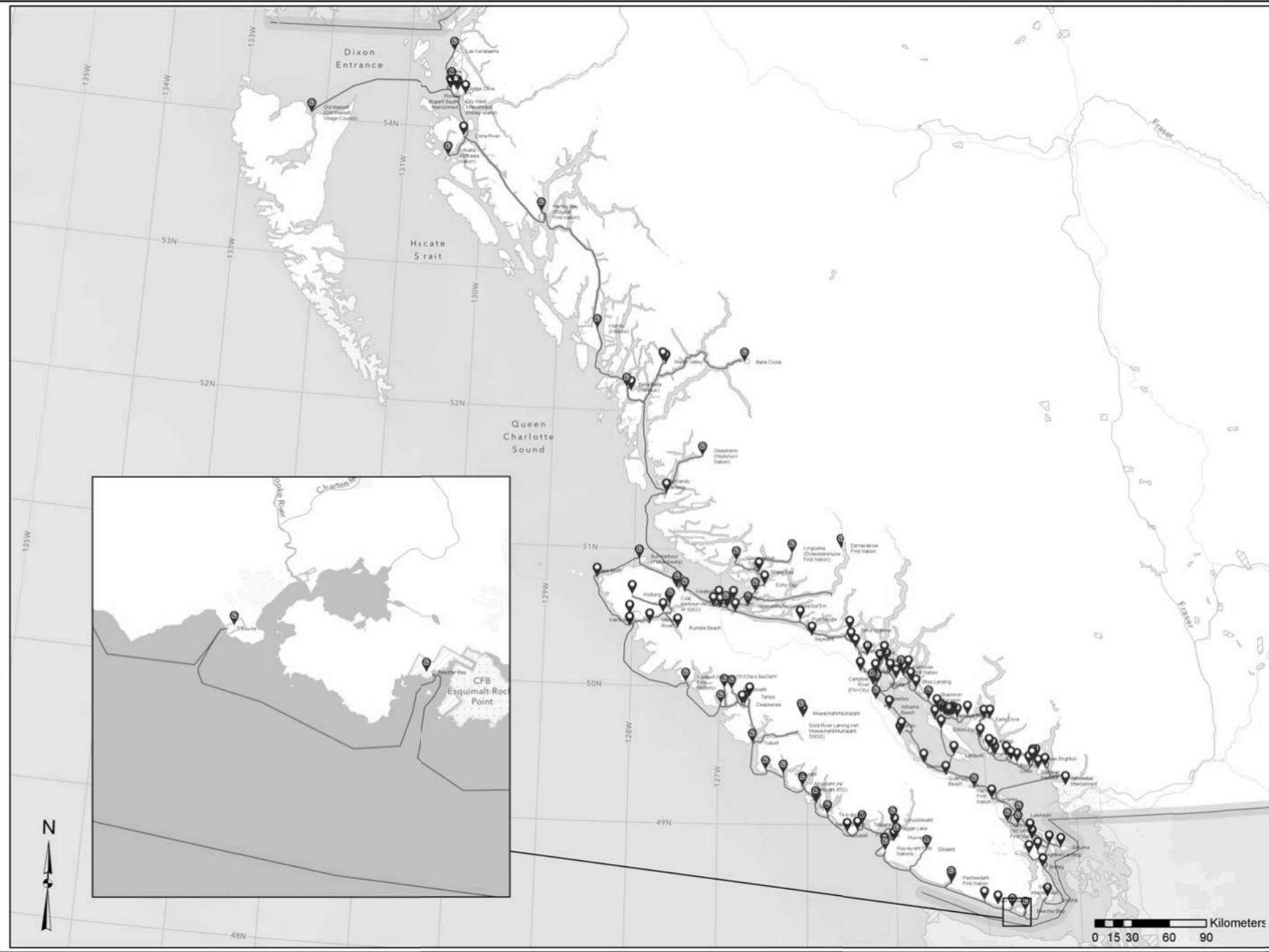
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Legend

- CityWest - Proposed Sub-Sea Fibre
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- 📍 Landing Site
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Connected Coast Project

Background

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- The project is co-owned by CityWest and Strathcona Regional District.
- Strathcona Regional District is responsible for the Vancouver Island portion of the project.
- The project co-leads have established a website where members of the public may be kept up to date as the project progresses. Please refer to the link at www.connectedcoast.ca.

Funding

- The provincial government co-funded the project under a federal government program
- Total project investment is \$45.4 million:
 - \$22 million will come from the Connect to Innovate program, administered through Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED)
 - \$12 million will come from Indigenous Services Canada
 - \$11.4 million will come from the Government of British Columbia, through the Connecting British Columbia program.

Project Scope

- Since the original Connected Coast announcement in 2018, the project has undergone a federal due diligence process that has resulted in a reduction of the number of anticipated landing sites from 154 to 148:
 - Based on information provided by the project leads there are 148 landing sites, of which 48 will benefit First Nations (***As of Feb.13, 2020 these updates have not been publicly released***).
- The Connected Coast project does not include last-mile builds, but once the landing sites under the Connected Coast are completed, the new fibre backbone will provide capacity to support existing and new last mile builds.
- Last-mile builds would be considered separate projects and may have different project leads and different timelines (i.e., local internet service providers or local governments).

From: [Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX](#)
To: [Rosche, Kimberly JEDC:EX](#)
Cc: [Boudhane, Nouria CITZ:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Request
Date: February 18, 2020 4:12:25 PM

Fantastic. Thank you.

From: Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX <Kimberly.Rosche@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 18, 2020 3:31 PM
To: Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX <Jeannette.Cook@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Boudhane, Nouria CITZ:EX <Nouria.Boudhane@gov.bc.ca>
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Cc: Boudhane, Nouria CITZ:EX <Nouria.Boudhane@gov.bc.ca>
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I was wondering about that. I'll pass that along to Krystal. Thanks very much.

From: Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX <Kimberly.Rosche@gov.bc.ca>
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Cc: Boudhane, Nouria CITZ:EX <Nouria.Boudhane@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Request

Hi Jeannette –

We're try to get a response back to you as quick as possible, but both Susan and Howard are enroute to Ottawa and we may not receive a response this afternoon.

Thanks,

Kim

From: Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX <Jeannette.Cook@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 18, 2020 2:46 PM
To: Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX <Kimberly.Rosche@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Boudhane, Nouria CITZ:EX <Nouria.Boudhane@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Request
Importance: High

Hi Kim – can you please confirm if the info provided is public and can be shared?

Thanks.
JC

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Sent: February 18, 2020 1:53 PM
To: Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX <Jeannette.Cook@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Request

Hello Jeannette,

As per Shannon's question - is this information public and shareable?

Thanks,
Krystal

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Subject: Request

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Thanks,

Krystal Smith

Senior Ministerial Assistant

Ministry of Citizens' Services

Krystal.Smith@gov.bc.ca | 250-361-7096

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Date: February 12, 2020 at 5:41:00 PM PST

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From: Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX
Sent: February 13, 2020 4:58 PM
To: Smith, Krystal CITZ:EX
Cc: Hubley, Holly CITZ:EX
Subject: FW: Request
Attachments: Connected Coast Update_Feb13.docx; CONNECTED COAST MAP - 11x17 - 13FEB2020.pdf; CONNECTED COAST - List of Landing Sites.pdf

Hi Krystal,

Here's the material for Shannon's request. Approved by Jill.

Thanks and have a good evening.

JC

Jeannette Cook | Director, Executive Operations
Deputy Minister's Office | Ministry of Citizens' Services
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From: Smith, Krystal CITZ:EX
Sent: February 13, 2020 7:47 AM
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Sent: February 13, 2020 8:13 AM
To: Stanford, Susan CITZ:EX
Cc: Kot, Jill CITZ:EX; Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX; Boudhane, Nouria CITZ:EX; Olid, Cherrie-Len CITZ:EX
Subject: Fwd: RUSH for PO: Request

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Hi Susan - please see rush request below for the PO. Possible to get something back today?

Thanks
JC

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To: "Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX" <Jeannette.Cook@gov.bc.ca>
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To: [Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX](#)
Cc: [Boudhane, Nouria CITZ:EX](#); [Olid, Cherrie-Len CITZ:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Connected Coast - Briefing request
Date: March 2, 2020 12:31:02 PM

Given the dates for the tour the 9th makes the most sense to me. We'll do our best to turn materials around as quickly as possible.

From: Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX <Jeannette.Cook@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 2, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX <Kimberly.Rosche@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Boudhane, Nouria CITZ:EX <Nouria.Boudhane@gov.bc.ca>; Olid, Cherrie-Len CITZ:EX <CherrieLen.Olid@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Connected Coast - Briefing request

Hi Kim –

Would Susan want to put this on the March 9 RT for discussion in addition to the connectivity / tour briefing per Kirsten's note?

Let us know and Cherrie can send an eApp for material. Thanks.

JC

From: Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 28, 2020 3:24 PM
To: Stanford, Susan CITZ:EX <Susan.Stanford@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX <Kimberly.Rosche@gov.bc.ca>; Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX <Jeannette.Cook@gov.bc.ca>; Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX <Kim.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Connected Coast - Briefing request

Hi All,

Another request from MO. . . . likely best covered via a briefing with MAK and MO staff, but a briefing note may work as well.

Talked about Connected Coast and the suggestion about having two events – one led by Coastal First Nations and one led by the Province for the Island communities. Some questions they have include:

- Is the MOU being signed between government and the nine Coastal First Nations, or are separate MOUs being signed with each Coastal First Nation?
- Who prompted the MOU? Province or CFN?
- How does the MOU tie to the contribution agreements for the Connected Coast? What role does it define/encourage in terms of planning and moving projects forward?

They will require an in-depth discussion/briefing note on the nuances of the MOU. This will also help my team prep appropriate Q&As for the event.

Thanks,

Kirsten Lauvaas

Government Communications and Public Engagement

Ministry of Citizens' Services

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From: [Rosche, Kimberly JEDC:EX](#)
To: [Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Feb 3rd tours/meetings
Date: January 30, 2020 5:39:37 PM

Perfect – started up the SP binder [here](#). Times are tbc, but added in travel time as if they were going from the Kingfisher for each meeting.

Happy to turn this into an e-binder.

Chat tomorrow!

From: Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX <Jeannette.Cook@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 30, 2020 4:52 PM
To: Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX <Kimberly.Rosche@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Feb 3rd tours/meetings

Hi –

Here's Minister's hotel info for the night of the 3rd.

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I'll confirm who is travelling with her.

JC

From: Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX <Kimberly.Rosche@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 30, 2020 4:42 PM
To: Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX <Jeannette.Cook@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Feb 3rd tours/meetings

Hi –

Do you happen to know where the Minister is staying? Is Krystal, or Cassandra or both joining for support?

Once I have that I will finalize the agenda with travel time etc.

Thanks!

Kim

From: Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX
Sent: January 29, 2020 6:52 PM
To: Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX <Jeannette.Cook@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Feb 3rd tours/meetings

Hi Jeannette –

Here is what we are looking at so far –

Meeting Topic Material Status Anticipated timing Staff Support
ServiceBC Meet and Greet W/ ADM for review -anticipate receiving tomorrow AM AM
Bev Dicks
Adriana Poveda
Strathcona Regional District Meet and Greet/Connected Coast Update. They may raise various aspects of the project including introduction of project scope changes. W/ ADM for review – anticipate receiving tomorrow morning PM Susan Stanford
Howard Randell

Strathcona Regional District is in Campbell River (30-45 min drive) and Service BC is downtown Courtenay. Depending on where she is staying it likely makes more sense for the Service BC visit to be in the morning and the Strathcona Regional District in the afternoon to allow more time for the drive.

Hoping this is what you are looking for. I have reached out to the SRD for availability and hope to confirm exact time of the meeting early tomorrow. Once all times are confirmed full agenda for the day will be provided.

Thanks,

Kim

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Sent: January 29, 2020 5:47 PM
To: Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX <Kimberly.Rosche@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Feb 3rd tours/meetings
Importance: High

Hi Kim – could you kindly share the summary / template that we discussed yesterday? Would like to be able to provide Kass with an update on where we are with the tours early tomorrow

if possible. I'm sure to get questions on the morning call with Jill. Appreciate any update you can provide.

As discussed today, the Strathcona item has been added to tomorrow's briefing (MO looking for material); and 15 mins has been added to Friday's meeting for a brief SBC visit briefing. Still looking for that material as well.

MO figures 45 minutes to an hour for the Service BC visit and 30 minutes for the SRD visit on Feb 3. Minister is unavailable between 11:30 and 1:30pm (the end time has not confirmed yet so may go a bit longer). She will be in Comox. They are looking to do one visit in the morning and one in the afternoon. Which ever we do in the morning, the MO would like it to begin early morning.

Thanks.

JC

From: Fleurant, Kathleen CITZ:EX <Kathleen.Fleurant@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: January 29, 2020 5:34 PM

To: Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX <Jeannette.Cook@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Molyneux, Jennifer CITZ:EX <Jennifer.Molyneux@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Feb 3rd tours/meetings

Hi Jeannette,

Just wanted to touch base on the Courtenay Service BC and the Strathcona Regional District in Campbell River visits on February 3rd.

I understand we are looking at 45 minutes to an hour for the Service BC visit and 30 minutes for the SRD visit. As Minister has a some outreach between 11:30 and 1:30pm (the end time has not confirmed) in Comox we'll have to do one visit in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Which ever we do in the morning, we'd like it to begin early morning.

Has a plan been started on your end for these?

Thanks,

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Cc: [Boudhane, Nouria CITZ:EX](#); [Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting with SRD - Feb 2-4 in Courtenay?
Date: January 28, 2020 3:01:51 PM

Okay, thanks Kirsten. Just let me know if I need to build it into the briefing agenda. Do we need a briefing for SBC as well for their office visit? Bev would not be able to do that during her SBC briefing as it's scheduled for Feb 5.

JC

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Subject: Re: Meeting with SRD - Feb 2-4 in Courtenay?

Great! We will check with MO on timing so we have a few windows of opportunity to work with.

Kirsten Lauvaas
250 213-5572
Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 28, 2020, at 1:56 PM, Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX <Kimberly.Rosche@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Kirsten –

Direction is changing on this. We will be recommending a meeting with the SRD. Susan and/or Howard will accompany. Do you have time this afternoon to touch base of timing for meetings and then I can begin the process of reaching out to various groups and set a schedule?

Jeannette - We're recommending a special briefing – possibly during our ICT overview time?

Thanks!

Kim

From: Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX
Sent: January 27, 2020 2:27 PM
To: Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca>; Boudhane, Nouria CITZ:EX

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Cc: Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX <Kim.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>; Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX
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Subject: RE: Meeting with SRD - Feb 2-4 in Courtenay?

Hi Kirsten –

Following from NWBC:

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Please let me know if we will be meeting and I'll get everything pulled together. I have another ask to see if there are any community partners we could meet with.

Thanks!

Kim

From: Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: January 27, 2020 11:16 AM

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Cc: Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX <Kim.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>; Cook, Jeannette CITZ:EX
<Jeannette.Cook@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Meeting with SRD - Feb 2-4 in Courtenay?

Amazing – thank you.

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Sent: January 27, 2020 11:01 AM

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Subject: RE: Meeting with SRD - Feb 2-4 in Courtenay?

Hi Kirsten –

Working on getting some detailed bullets pulled together, have you checked out the Connected Coast webpage yet? <https://connectedcoast.ca/>

They have a detailed FAQ page and an up to date project map.

Looking into a meeting with SRD and any other potential meetings in the area and hope to have options to you shortly.

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Subject: RE: Meeting with SRD - Feb 2-4 in Courtenay?
Importance: High

Hi Kim,

Thanks for working on this one. MO is hoping to reach out this morning to talk to PO about event options, so anything we can provide re: potential opportunities with the SRD is appreciated.

In the meantime, does your team have any BNs or other background on Connected Coast you can share with us? We will pass it along to MO and we will also work on some KMs specific to the project and status ahead of Session as well.

Thank you,
Kirsten

From: Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX <Kimberly.Rosche@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 24, 2020 7:03 PM
To: Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting with SRD - Feb 2-4 in Courtenay?

We'll make it work!

I'll connect with team first thing Monday and circle back with ideas that aft

From: Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 24, 2020 7:02 PM
To: Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX <Kimberly.Rosche@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: Meeting with SRD - Feb 2-4 in Courtenay?

Yes please. Service BC should be fairly straightforward, but not sure about SRD.

Thanks!

:)

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On Jan 24, 2020, at 6:58 PM, Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX <Kimberly.Rosche@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Ignore my earlier note

I was reading from top down.

Are you free to connect next Monday/Tuesday to discuss tour plan?

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Subject: Meeting with SRD - Feb 2-4 in Courtenay?

Hi Kim,

Minister Kang will be in the Courtenay area from Feb. 2-4 for a Caucus retreat. While she's up there, hoping to find an opportunity for her to meet with the Strathcona Regional District re: Connected Coast.

Do you know if there's an outstanding meeting request from SRD that we should know about going in to this? I understand that the Connect Coast agreements are partially signed, but not quite ready to launch yet. Are there any opportunities to have a 'signing ceremony' or other type of photo op/event to celebrate the work going on up there?

Any information/suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

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Subject: Re: Ministers Tour - Courtenay - February 2-4, 2020
Date: January 28, 2020 9:32:03 PM

Any chance Susan could get a quick call with the MO (and Kirsten) tomorrow to chat SRD?

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On Jan 28, 2020, at 4:36 PM, Rosche, Kimberly CITZ:EX <Kimberly.Rosche@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Sounds good on chambers

On SRD this would be a meeting in advance of any celebration and be more of an meet and greet and pre emptive discussion on SRDs interests on taxation.

Anticipate there will be a signing celebration in the near future that we will want to attend.

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On Jan 28, 2020, at 4:27 PM, Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thanks, Kim.

Answer re: Chambers is not yet. These will be around procurement and she'll need to be fully briefed for that.

SRD: The signing with NDIT – is there a role for the Province in this when the time comes – signing event/celebration/media opportunity? If MAK goes up the week before. . . . we want to ensure there is no missed opportunity.

MO needs to know all about the MOU, Province's role, potential announcement/event opportunities around the signing and Connected Coast. Background, opportunities, flags. . . . like a BN/meeting advice note. They're looking for a document that outlines all of this so they have a clear picture of what's coming. They would like a decision note.

Thanks,
Kirsten

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Subject: Ministers Tour - Courtenay - February 2-4, 2020

Hi –

Just wanted to circle back on potential meetings so far. On previous tours there has been an ask to meet with Chambers of Commerce so I have included them as an option. Once I have an idea of timelines I will work to schedule and have materials prepared.

Potential Meeting	Topic
Service BC – Courtenay	Meet and Greet with SBC staff
Strathcona Regional District	Meet and Greet – this is also a pre-emptive meeting on SRD's position on tax exemptions related to the fibre aspect of their project. In addition, we anticipate they will be signing the agreement with NDIT following their board meeting (which should be next week)
Courtenay Chamber of Commerce	Procurement Strategy

Depending on how many meetings the Minister is looking to do I can reach out to Mayor's offices and community partners to schedule general meetings to discuss procurement and/or connectivity.

Thanks!

Kim

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Subject: RE: Mtg ID 492 - Strathcona RD (edit request)
Date: September 10, 2020 9:42:55 AM
Attachments: [492 - Regional District of Strathcona - UBCM2020.docx](#)

Updated note attached.

Thanks,

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Subject: Mtg ID 492 - Strathcona RD (edit request)

Hi Ashley,

The MO has asked that Minister's speaking notes be updated to include comments made today by Susan / Howard at the briefing. I've paraphrased them below:

- Looking forward to keeping lines of communication open
- Working together to keep things moving forward

Thank you.

JC

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2020 UBCM Advice to Minister Kang

Regional District: Strathcona Regional District

Council Attendees: **Michelle Babchuk, Chair**; Brad Unger, Vice Chair; Andy Adams, Director; Dave Leitch, CAO; Jim Abram, Director

MLA: Hon. Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, MLA North Island, BC NDP

Meeting Date: Day, September XX, 2020
Meeting Time: X:XX am – X:XX am
Location:

Topics: **Connected Coast Broadband Project**

Note on last year's meeting and any follow-up that was done on the issue(s) discussed:

- Minister Sims met with Strathcona Regional District at UBCM 2017 and 2019 about the Connected Coast Project to receive updates on project status.

Advice and Recommended Response:

Background

- The Connected Coast broadband project involves the installation of sub-sea fibre-optic cable, stretching from north of Prince Rupert, to Haida Gwaii (Masset), south to Vancouver and around Vancouver Island.
- The project leads are CityWest Cable & Telephone Corporation (CityWest) and the Strathcona Regional District (Strathcona). They have partnered to operate the fibre-optic cable as one network.
- For more information on the Connected Coast Project see ATT 5.
- Recently CityWest and Strathcona have formally requested an extension, from March 2021 to March 2023, to complete the project.
- The project leads determine the build schedule for the project, which could be impacted by a variety of factors including procurement, permitting, environmental assessments and First Nations consultations.
- The Strathcona Regional District would like to acknowledge the government's continued support for this project and that the Minister be aware of the need for timely project permitting approvals and ongoing support for last-mile applications from ISP's looking for connectivity from the Connected Coast Network.

Response

- The Connected Coast project ~~that~~ will bring unprecedented digital capacity to rural and remote communities and position B.C. to better optimize its coastal advantage.
- Acknowledge the extension that was requested and the importance of completing on a timely basis to ensure that the project is completed by the deadline.
- Stress the importance of working together to ensure the successful completion of the project and keeping the lines of communication open between the Province and the SRD.

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Attachments:

- ATT 1 – Map – Internet Coverage
- ATT 2 – Map – Cellular Coverage
- ATT 3 – Funding Options
- ATT 4 – UBCM Engagement Activities
- ATT 5 – Connect Coast Project Background Information

Region Profile

- The geography of the Strathcona Regional District is diverse: from forested hills, remote inlets, picturesque villages to vibrant urban landscapes.
- The borders extend from the Oyster River in the south to Gold River, Sayward, Tahsis, Zeballos and Kyuquot-Nootka in the north and west, and east to Cortes Island, Quadra Island and the Discovery Islands as well as a portion of the adjacent mainland north of Powell River.
- Primary Industries: Agriculture, Construction, Health Care and Retail Trade

Region Data

- Population: 44,671; Households: 19,610; Median Age: 48
- Municipalities: Campbell River, Gold River, Sayward, Tahsis, Zeballos
- Internet Speeds: Of the 54 communities in the region, 6 (11%) have access to 50/10

Projects Underway:

The total Connected Coast project investment is \$45.4 million, co-shared between the federal and provincial governments. The federal government is lead funder.

- \$22.2 million will come from the Connect to Innovate program, administered through Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED).
- \$12.0 million will come from Indigenous Services Canada.
- \$11.2 million will come from the Connecting British Columbia program administered by the Northern Development Initiative Trust (Northern Development).
- The total aggregate amounts as committed by the major funders for the CityWest and Strathcona projects is unchanged, apart from the added scope for connecting Tlowitsis First Nation. All Nations Trust Company's Pathways to Technology project and ISED will each contribute an estimated \$187,600 in new funding.

From: [Thacker, Rebecca CITZ:EX](#)
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Subject: Strathcona Regional District - Sept 14 at 4:30 pm
Date: September 11, 2020 3:59:05 PM
Attachments: [2020 SRD Overview Booklet Web.pdf](#)
[SRD - MoCS Ministers Package.pdf](#)

Hi Ashley,

Our Minister's office received this material just now for the meeting with Strathcona at 4:30 pm on Monday. Could you please ensure that Susan and Howard have copies of this material?

Thank you and have a great weekend!

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