

MRC BROME-MISSISQUOI : 100% HIGH SPEED

Cowansville, December 18th 2017 – High Speed Internet will be available throughout the entire MRC Brome-Missisquoi, without exceptions. The news was confirmed today with the announcement of a \$20.5 million subsidy from the provincial and federal governments.

The project, which totals \$27.6 million, will be to install fibre optics along 1 400 km of roads where there is currently no Internet service available by cable or optical fibre. 8000 homes, businesses and farms spread across the MRC's 1 700 squared km territory will be covered by the new network.

The new fibre optics network will be accessible to all Internet distribution companies. With a choice of Internet distributors, consumers will have access to a competitive market and better prices than available to them now. Through the new fibre optics network, companies will be able to offer consumers phone and television services as well.

At today's press conference, Mrs. Sylvie Dionne-Raymond, MRC prefect and mayor of East Farnham, warmly thanked Mr. Stéphane Billette, Minister for Small and Medium Enterprises, Regulatory Streamlining and Regional Economic Development, for the government of Quebec's \$12,4 million subsidy and Mr. Denis Paradis, member of parliament for Brome-Missisquoi and representative for the Canadian government for an \$8.1 million aid.

She expressed her gratitude towards her fellow mayor colleagues, including those who left politics in 2017, for their determination and solidarity. "We asked for and received the collaboration of Brome-Missisquoi's population to document our various studies. The people of Brome-Missisquoi became our accomplices in this project", stated Mrs. Sylvie Dionne-Raymond, in reference to the various speed tests that residents provided to the MRC.

Accessibility to fibre optics throughout the entire region will bring forth a real technological revolution for all Brome-Missisquoi's communities. With enthusiasm, Mrs. Raymond added, "Henceforth, all our citizens, all our entrepreneurs and all our farmers will have access to high speed Internet. With the infinite possibilities with fiber optics, information will stream on the network and adapt to new technologies for the next 10, 20 or 30 years. This wonderful news brings Brome-Missisquoi into the numeric era of the 21st century."

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