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High-Speed Internet Moving Into Hard-to-Service Areas of County

The County of Grande Prairie has nearly covered all easy-to-service areas of the municipality and is now moving into hard-to-service areas.

The County has set up ten Internet towers in agreement with GPN Wireless Network Solutions Ltd, a local internet service provider. The towers are located at Bear Hill Park, the Mountview Curling Club site in Elmworth, the Town of Beaverlodge, the Teepee Creek Fire Station, Clairmont, Goodfare, Richmond Hill, South Protective Services Building, and at two sites in the Demmitt area.

County Internet Committee Chairperson Richard Harpe said the project will now focus on getting high-speed Internet to areas that cannot receive a proper signal due to isolated locations or unique geographical features,

“The mandate of the County is to provide high-speed Internet service to all residents,” he said. “Regardless of areas that have logistical or geographical challenges, we will make the effort through our agreement with GPN to provide everyone access to the service.”

The County has initially budgeted \$260,000 into providing the service and to date has spent just over \$82,000 installing the eight towers that cover the easy-to-service areas.

For information on current Internet coverage areas, visit the County’s web site at www.countygp.ab.ca and to go Quick Links, Wireless High Speed Project.

For information on registering for wireless high speed internet service in your area and related customer user fees, please visit www.cool.ca or call GPN at (780) 882-6623.

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