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## **Council Approves First “County Tower”**

Council has approved the High Speed Internet Project Committee’s recommendation to construct the first County subsidized tower. The Bear Hill tower is the first tower to be constructed in rural areas with no other service providers. While the County is investing up to \$260,000 to provide coverage to remote areas, a fee will be charged to customers by the service provider, GPN Wireless Network Solutions Ltd.

The attached map shows GPN’s current coverage of the County in pink. The areas highlighted in green, which includes the Bear Hill tower site north east of LaGlace, are expected to be operational by Spring, 2008. As the towers are constructed, additional maps will be published outlining the exact coverage area.

Towers will be constructed over a period of 18 to 24 months. If you are interested in registering for wireless high speed internet service in your area, please visit [www.cool.ca](http://www.cool.ca) or call GPN at 882-6623.

GPN Wireless Network Solutions Ltd. (GPN) is a locally owned and operated company operating in the County of Grande Prairie since 2005 and under a different name in similar fields of expertise since 1986. Owners and operators of the company have combined experience of 45 years in the fields of computing, networking, electronics and management.

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