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Further Chances to Apply for High Speed Internet Service Available

Residents in the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 who do not yet have access to wireless High Speed Internet have another chance to apply to the County for funding the installation of a tower that can pick up the signal.

Phase 2 of the High Speed Rural Internet Project is well underway with the project's committee reviewing approximately 150 applications for funding. GPN Wireless Networks Solutions Ltd., a local Internet service provider, would be responsible for surveying and installing receivers that would pick up the signal from existing distribution towers.

“We want to make sure we are fulfilling all aspects of our mandate, which is to provide service to every resident in the County that requests it,” said Councillor Leanne Beaupre, who is a member of the High Speed Internet Committee. “We recognize wireless High Speed Internet provides a valuable communication tool for farming and other local rural businesses, one that will help them be competitive in local, national and international markets.”

On-line forms are available on the County website's home page under Quick Links, High Speed Internet Project. Residents can also apply by phone the County at (780) 532-9722 or pick up written forms available at the front desk of the County Office in Clairmont.

Applicants will be asked to check with existing Internet service providers to see if they may be already operating in the area. A list of providers with contact information is posted on the County website under High Speed Internet Project. Further background information can be found on same web page.

Cut-off date for the second round of applications is August 31, 2009.

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