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RE: WPS SMART Board Endorsement

Dear WPS SMART Board,

I would first like to acknowledge and thank the many volunteers at WPS SMART for the hard work and dedication they have shown over the past 9+ years. As the Member of Parliament for Parry Sound – Muskoka I am well aware of the importance of reliable internet in rural areas of our riding, and the challenges it brings to constituents each and every day.

Thanks to the ambitious research, planning, and execution by WPS SMART members our communities are one step closer to staying connected through reliable and highspeed internet. Specifically, I would like to congratulate WPS SMART on the four successful and two pending fibre and fixed wireless projects already completed in West Parry Sound.

It is exciting to see the connection of our communities through these projects, as well as the partnerships developed between municipalities, the Centre of Excellence in Next Generation Networks and internet service providers. I am excited to see the further development of these relationships, infrastructure and opportunities that come to fruition from WPS SMART's continued work.

In a time such as the COVID-19 pandemic, it is imperative that all Canadian's have access to internet for work, school and safety. I am confident that WPS SMART will facilitate this development and look forward to supporting them in their current and future projects.

Scott Aitchison, MP