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STARLINK is Here for Some!

WPS SMART are enthused that we have many residents that have signed up for STARLINK and ordered the service on beta. This gives us the opportunity to assess STARLINK as a service. We are following the STARLINK Facebook groups and watching posts...some are positive, some are not. This is expected as STARLINK service is still in BETA.

In the meantime, we do not recommend STARLINK for commercial or other business establishments. We look forward to keeping you posted.

Making recommendations that counter existing projects are not warranted. These projects will provide a solution for many within a very short period of time.

- STARLINK is not a commercial solution at this time
- We do not have control over the timeline of actual service and support in the event of problems
- There is a significant waiting list and there is no way of knowing when they may get serviced
- STARLINK is not without its issues or vulnerabilities

Existing projects in play that have been funded, these will bring high speed internet at CRTC's service standards:

- Carling project for Fibre to the Home/Premise and fixed wireless for 300 residents – project in delivery
- SMART Tower that will provide fixed wireless up to 100 residents - spring 2021.
- Industrial Park project which will provide Fixed Wireless to businesses within the park and up to 80 surrounding residents – Spring 2021.
- Point au Baril project will provide fixed wireless to over 100 residents – Spring 2021.
- Two Seguin Otter Lake and Humphrey projects that will provide fixed wireless service to over 1800 - for fall 2021.

In addition, there are 4 new projects that have currently been submitted for funding under the Federal and Provincial funding programs.

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The West Parry Sound SMART Community Network is committed to the ultimate goal of bringing Fibre to the Premise (FTTP) internet connectivity to our area. This future proof network is required for our economic growth, the provision of world class digitally based services such as healthcare and education, the attraction and retention of talent and investment, and to enable social well being. Until financial resource are available for the fibre backbone, we will continue to focus one off fibre based projects that will address our under-served communities.