

Municipality of Lakeshore – Report to Council

Chief Administrative Officer

Digital Transformation and Cloud Services



To: Mayor & Members of Council
From: Michael Martin, Division Leader – Digital Transformation & Cloud Services
Date: July 27, 2023
Subject: Lakeshore – Public WiFi

Recommendation

Direct the Clerk to prepare, and the Mayor to execute, a Letter of Support to Gosfield North Communications supporting the deployment of Free Public WiFi at eight (8) Lakeshore public locations, as presented at the August 15, 2023 Council meeting.

Background

As part of a federal telecommunication grant awarded to Connecting Windsor Essex, Gosfield North Communications received approval to deploy the required infrastructure to provide public WiFi service, free of charge, to eight (8) public locations within the Municipality of Lakeshore. This includes installing conduit, fiber and all required hardware at each respective location at no cost to the Municipality.

The parks in this scope of work include:

- Optimist Park
 - 775 Tecumseh Rd, Belle River, N0R 1A0
- Town Hall
 - 419 Notre Dame St., Belle River, N0R 1A0
 - Covering downtown corridor
- Ladouceur/Lions Park
 - 245 Ouellette St., Belle River, N0R 1A0
- Duck Creek Park
 - 130 Duck Creek Blvd, Belle River, N0R 1A0
- Lakeview Park
 - 492 Lakeview Drive, Belle River, N0R 1A0
 - Covering trail area
 - 535 Lakeview Drive, Belle River, N0R 1A0
 - 600 Lake Drive, Belle River, N0R 1A0
- Millen Park
 - 1925 South Middle Road. Woodslee, N0R 1V0

- Comber Community Centre
 - 6211 McCallister St., Comber, N0P 1J0

Comments

This free public service will be operated by Gosfield including ongoing support and maintenance. Signage will be included to promote the service as well as service contact information.

As part of the quarterly check-in process associated with the supporting FedDev grant, Gosfield requires the Municipality to provide a Letter of Support for the work and services to be provided. This Letter of Support does not supersede any required permits which will be separately obtained by Gosfield via normal municipal processes. The Letter of Support does not preclude other telecommunications companies from making similar requests for support in the future.

Financial Impacts

There are no financial impacts to the Municipality of Lakeshore, this project is FedDev grant funded. Furthermore, it will be provided to residents and park users free of charge.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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