





## The Town of Hawkesbury and Village of Grenville announce the roll-out of Bell's broadband fibre network

Internet speeds of up to a gigabit to benefit residents and local businesses alike

HAWKESBURY, Ontario, July 4, 2017 – The Town of Hawkesbury, Ontario and the Village of Grenville, Québec are pleased to announce the roll-out of Bell's fibre network. Nearly 500 kilometres of broadband fibre will be installed in the two municipalities to serve more than 10,000 homes and businesses. Work will begin this year and the first activations will begin in 2018.

"This is good news for both residents, who will now have access to all of Bell's Fibe residential services, and for businesses, government agencies, schools and the Hawkesbury & District General Hospital that will benefit from a faster network," noted Jeanne Charlebois, Mayor of Hawkesbury. "The arrival of this network is a plus for attracting new businesses to Hawkesbury and supports the town's intent to align itself with the smart city concept."

"I was delighted to hear Bell's announcement today regarding the deployment of the Fibe network in our town," said Luc Grondin, Mayor of Grenville. "Our residents have been patiently awaiting this technology for several years now. Our merchants and industries will also benefit from this network. Furthermore, this will allow new investors to settle in Grenville. Bell's investment in our town is right on cue since Grenville's residential and business sectors are currently booming."

"With fibre-to-the-premises, the most advanced network technology in the world is being rolled out in Hawkesbury and Grenville and provides an unprecedented choice of services," explained Charles Gosselin, Director, Municipal Relations and Partnerships for Bell. "We are very pleased to be able to offer these benefits to residents and businesses alike."

The majority of residents in Hawkesbury and Grenville will have access to Bell's Fibe Internet service, which provides download speeds of up to 1 Gigabit per second and enables consumers, for example, to upload 100 photos or songs in 3 seconds, or an entire HD movie in 7 seconds. Fibe TV offers superior picture quality, exclusive viewing features and access to more than 500 channels at home and 400 channels on mobile devices with the Fibe TV app. The Bell fibre network's leading upload speeds also make it the ideal choice for businesses and the education and health sectors.

For more information about Bell fibre services, please visit <u>Bell.ca/Internet</u> or <u>Business.Bell.ca</u>.

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