
Eastern Ontario Broadband Network Backgrounder

- The broadband network will deliver high-speed, high-capacity Internet service to an estimated 95 per cent of the residents and businesses in Eastern Ontario.
- The construction of the network's fibre-backbone will occur in stages over the next two years. A schedule projecting when service is expected to be ready for Internet Service Providers in each county and municipality will be available at the [Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus \(EOWC\) website](#) in the near future.
- Since unveiling the project in mid-summer 2009, EOWC has undertaken: engineering plans, regional gap studies, public presentations, and tendered the construction of the project.
- Bell Aliant and Bell have been chosen by EOWC to build the fibre-backbone of the broadband network project. Local Internet Service Providers will connect to the backbone infrastructure to bring high-speed Internet service to customers.
- Barrett Xplore Inc. has been chosen by EOWC as the preferred proponent to provide satellite services for remote and terrain challenging locations where no other technology options are feasible.
- Through the Building Canada Fund – Major Infrastructure Component, the governments of Canada and Ontario are jointly providing two-thirds of the total eligible costs of the project, to a maximum combined contribution of \$110 million or \$55 million each. EOWC Inc. will contribute up to \$10 million to the project.
- Bell Aliant and Bell, who have been contracted by EOWC to build the physical infrastructure, will contribute \$27 million as well as in-kind services. Barrett Xplore Inc. is also contributing in-kind services.
- The total cost of this project, including future investment by local Internet Service Providers, is estimated to be \$170 million.
- The service area for this broadband network project includes the counties of Hastings, Peterborough, Renfrew, Northumberland, Haliburton, Frontenac, Lanark, Prince Edward, Lennox & Addington, the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry, the United Counties of Prescott & Russell and the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville as well as the City of Kawartha Lakes.