

January 8, 2015

Ms. Susan Hart, Director General
Connecting Canadians Branch
Industry Canada
20th Floor, 300 Slater Street,
Ottawa, ON K1A 0C8

Dear Ms. Hart:

RE: Connecting Canadians Program

The County of St. Paul is very pleased to hear about the new Federal “Connecting Canadians Program” to enhance rural high speed internet services in rural communities.

As a growing Municipality, we see first-hand the ever increasing demand and necessity for reliable and fast broadband services. MCSNet has played a major role in providing these essential services to our ratepayers and we fully support MCSNet’s application for the “Connecting Canadians” grant program.

MCSNet’s model of erecting many lower profile, less intrusive and environmentally friendly towers to serve each area is in our opinion, the most effective model in providing better quality services, coverage and scalability to meet the growing future demands and new opportunities.

MCSNet, with the support of the County of St. Paul, wishes to enhance the current broadband services being offered within the County via the addition of necessary towers, broadband infrastructure and possible fiber optic backbones that will scale accordingly to future demands.

MCSNet currently services many of our ratepayers and under this new Connecting Canadians funding program we can see this number increasing significantly while at the same time enhancing performance drastically throughout the County.

Yours truly,

Sheila Kitz, CLGM
Chief Administrative Officer