

Dear Sheila,

Further to previous discussions concerning the Federal Government's "CONNECT TO INNOVATE" funding program, MCSNet would like to proceed with it's application to install Fiber Optic Backbones within the County of St. Paul to the eligible community of "**Spedden**" with the Communities of Mallaig & Ashmont being connected along the way. These new fiber backbones will help MCSNet to enhance broadband services to approximately **835** households throughout the County and help us in meeting current and future bandwidth demands for County ratepayers.

The Connect to Innovate program is designed to provide 75% funding of approved projects. MCSNet would be covering the entire 25% shortfall thereby requiring no financial commitment from the County.

In order to strengthen our application for funding, we feel it is essential that our application displays our commitment to enhancing high speed internet services to the rural communities within the County and as such have the full support of Council to serve their ratepayers. MCSNet would therefore appreciate some form of Letter of Support from the County to demonstrate it's support for this project.

I'm therefore enclosing a sample "Letter of Support" in MS Word format that the County can use as a template and/or modify or edit as they see fit.

Please note that the deadline for the funding application is **APRIL 20th**. If we can count on your support for this funding application, we would need the LOS from the County no later than April 17th so that we can complete and finalize our submission to ISED.

Thanking you for your kind attention in this matter and hoping we can count on your support.

NOTE: Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience via email or on my cell at 780-210-8500.

Regards,

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