

**AGENDA**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK**  
**Tuesday, January 6, 2015; 1:30 pm**  
**Council Chambers**

- A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
  
- B. CCI WIRELESS – LETTER OF SUPPORT REQUEST  
- Email from CCI Wireless, dated November 4, 2014
  
- C. IN CAMERA
  - (1) Legal
  - (2) Legal
  
- D. ADJOURNMENT

## MDInfo

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**From:** Graham Fleet <GrahamF@corp.cciwireless.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 4, 2014 11:40 AM  
**To:** MDInfo  
**Subject:** CCI Wireless - Request for Letter of Support for Connecting Canadians Grant Support  
**Attachments:** Connecting Canadians Federal Grant Program.doc; Pincher creek\_existing sites\_Coverage map.pptx; MD of Pincher Creek LOS template.doc

**Importance:** High

Ms. Wendy Kay  
CAO – MD of Pincher Creek

Ms. Kay,

CCI Wireless is currently working to update coverage maps for Alberta showing areas of un-served and under-served high speed internet service. We have attached a map which shows current CCI Wireless coverage in MD of Pincher Creek. CCI Wireless has created a business case to update our current network capacity in MD of Pincher Creek.

Currently, Industry Canada identifies your county as having robust (consistent speeds of greater than 5 Mbps) service, but based on feedback from CCI customers, county citizens and businesses as well as wireless industry information, CCI Wireless is confident that this is not the case. These Industry Canada maps could form part of the basis for the allocation of funding under the Connecting Canadians program and your assistance in identifying these areas as un-served or under-served will help with bringing better coverage to your county. Your county has been identified by CCI Wireless, as an area in Alberta which could benefit from the Connecting Canadians program. CCI Wireless would also welcome any additional feedback MD of Pincher Creek may have with regards to other poorly served areas in the county.

**\*\*\*CCI Wireless would like to request a letter of support from your county for inclusion in our application for the Connecting Canadians grant. We have provided a sample template for this letter and included in this sample letter, Schedule A, which identifies the Industry Canada Mapping hexagons that would benefit from the proposed new coverage and upgrades to the CCI Network. Identifying these hexagons in your letter of support as un-served or under-served will greatly help with the grant application to support the CCI Wireless business case.\*\*\***

Please note that in **NO** way does this letter of support constitute a commitment by MD of Pincher Creek to actively support the efforts of CCI Wireless to provide improved high speed internet service to your MD, although we would welcome active MD involvement in the project. **Declaring these areas as underserved or unserved will help ANY ISP to bring more robust service to your MD.** If successful in the grant application, CCI Wireless would provide the 50/50 grant contribution requirements.

Should you have any questions with regard to our request, please contact:

Graham Fleet  
Marketing Manager - CCI Wireless  
[grahamf@corp.cciwireless.ca](mailto:grahamf@corp.cciwireless.ca)  
Phone: 403 250 9324 (direct)  
Cell: 403 771 4713

CCI Wireless looks forward to your support and continuing their efforts to bring world class internet access to your county. A synopsis of the Connecting Canadians grant and CCI Wireless is also attached for your reference. Either Gerry Hoar or Graham Fleet will be following up this email with a phone call to answer any questions and determine your counties level of support. Letters of support should be printed on county letterhead and forwarded to Graham Fleet at the above email address for inclusion in the CCI Wireless grant application.

Regards,

Graham Fleet

<http://www.cciwireless.ca>

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## Connecting Canadians - Federal Grant Program

### The Program

The 2014 Federal Budget announced the Connecting Canadians Grant which will invest \$305 million between now and 2017 to identify and address gaps in the delivery of high speed internet at 5 megabits per second to rural communities across Canada.

Through Connecting Canadians the Government will work with provincial governments and Internet Service Providers to extend internet services to a targeted 280,000 rural households.

The program will provide incentives to the private sector to provide improved internet services in areas of the country that currently do not have high speed internet service.

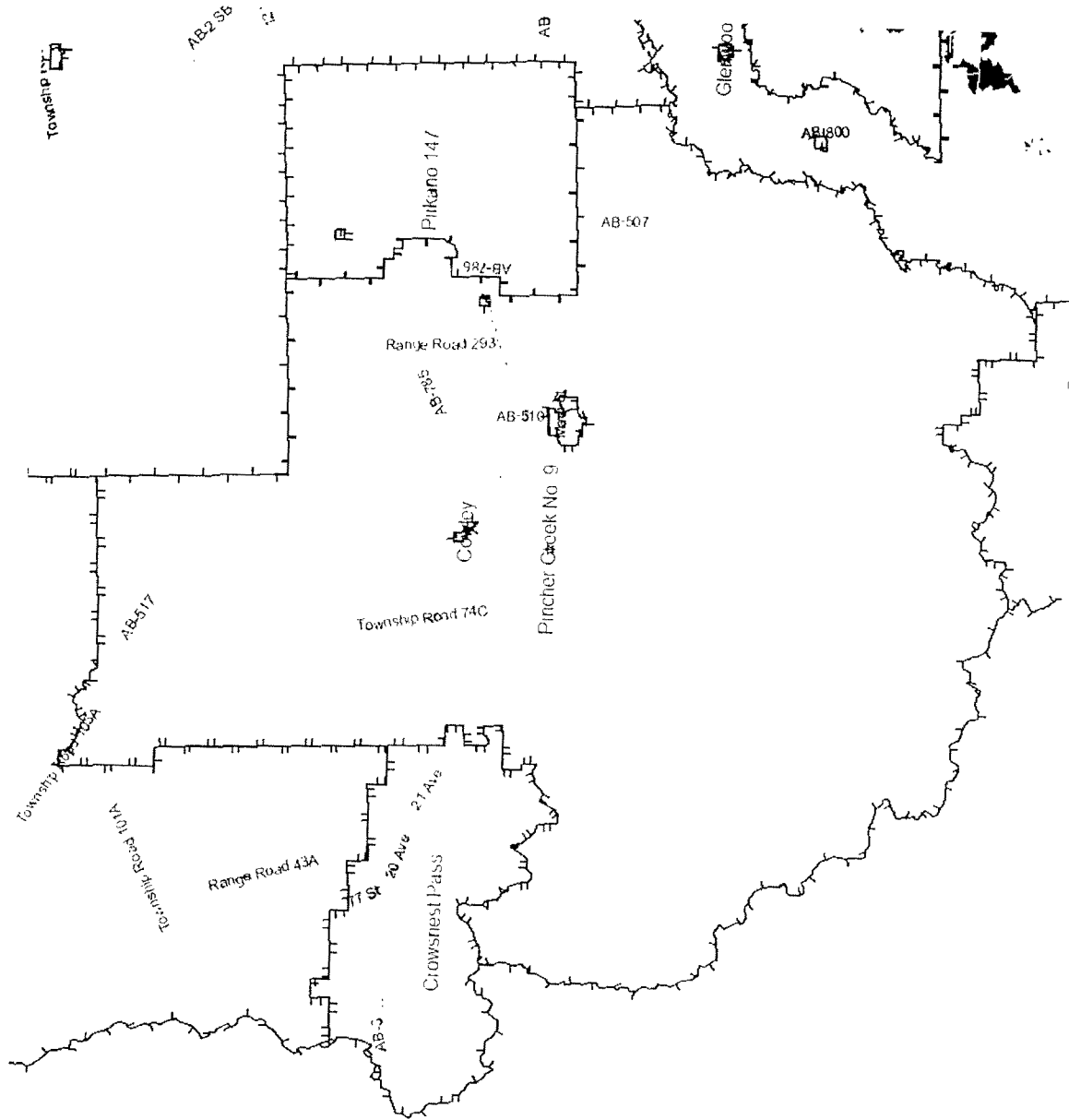
### Eligible Recipients

Eligible recipients of the program are legal entities, incorporated in Canada, that *operate broadband infrastructure* and that meet the program's assessment criteria.

### CCI Wireless

CCI Wireless is an ISP currently providing enhanced internet service across Alberta. CCI Wireless was formed in 2007 with the goal of eliminating the digital divide between rural and urban Alberta. To date they have installed over 150 carrier grade towers and are in partnership with 20 Alberta gas coops, municipalities, MD's and REA's. CCI Wireless is currently upgrading their network to LTE and is serving over 14,000 rural Albertans. Growth continues at a rate of 3-4% per month.

CCI-Existing Sites Coverage Map



Ms. Susan Hart  
Director General, Broadband  
Industry Canada, S I T T  
300 Slater Street, 20<sup>th</sup> floor,  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0C8

Dear Ms Hart:

MD of Pincher Creek is excited about enhancing broadband services to our rural communities through the "Connecting Canadians" program administered by Industry Canada. Bringing and enhancing broadband connectivity to the rural communities within MD of Pincher Creek will facilitate prosperity and economic growth to our rate payers across the MD.

MD of Pincher Creek fully supports CCI Wireless' application for the "Connecting Canadians" Grant. In the last five years, CCI Wireless has deployed an advanced, Alberta-owned, rural high-speed Internet network across the province of Alberta. The grass-roots support of CCI Wireless by natural Gas Co-ops, Municipalities and rural communities will guarantee the sustainability and success of CCI Wireless for years to come.

MD of Pincher Creek has identified the hexagons on the Industry Canada map as currently underserved. Current network access in these areas does not meet the standard of a consistent 5 Mbps download speed. These hexagons are captured in Schedule 'A'.

We are very excited about the deployed network by CCI Wireless and the overwhelming positive feedback generated within communities served. The biggest comment we receive from our rural residents and businesses indicates the need for more speed and coverage across MD of Pincher Creek and we look forward to CCI Wireless fulfilling this MD requirement.

Your name

Your Organization

Schedule 'A'

This Schedule captures the hexagons that are identified as unserved/underserved. The lists of hexagons are:

AB49151139	AB49461136	AB49331137	AB49201138	AB49431136
AB49231138	AB49171138	AB49331138	AB49281137	AB49431137
AB49301138	AB49251138	AB49411136	AB49281138	
AB49381137	AB49251139	AB49411138	AB49351138	