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Village of Point Edward Partners with Bluewater Regional Network

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Fibre-optic Internet access and public wi-fi is coming to the Village of Point Edward.

The Village of Point Edward is proud to announce that they have entered into an agreement with Bluewater Regional Network to install a backbone for Fibre Internet Connectivity in the Commercial areas for the Village. The agreement guarantees the Village a world class connection to the internet at an affordable cost for the next ten years and lays the groundwork for economic growth in the community.

"The agreement we have entered into today allows all Village facilities to have access to a world class fibre Internet System," says Mayor Bev Hand, "This will also enable us to develop a vision for the delivery of public access wi-fi along Michigan Avenue right down to Waterfront Park, as well as the Point Edward Memorial Arena."

On top of serving the Village's facilities, and perhaps more importantly, this world class technology will be available to businesses along the route carrying the fibre and the level of connectivity will attract economic development to the area.

"This is an investment in infrastructure, while not visible, like an international bridge, arena or park space, it is an important step forward in laying the foundation for economic competitiveness. This investment in world-class technology infrastructure creates a positive climate for attracting businesses, inspiring innovation and entrepreneurship in Point Edward. It has become increasingly important for communities to recognize the importance of investments in technology infrastructure and to position themselves for future growth." said Stephen Thompson, CEO, Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership.

Engineering and design work is under way currently and the hope is to have the work fully completed during the Summer of 2018.

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Bluewater Regional Networks was launched in 2016 to bring fibre-optic internet services throughout Lambton County, including the Village of Point Edward. "One of the primary goals at Bluewater Regional Networks is to continuously expand our reach by seeking opportunities to work with our local communities, to serve their needs and those of the businesses along the route." says Chris Gould, COO of Bluewater Regional Networks. "We are very proud to further enhance our relationship with Point Edward, and we believe this agreement opens up exciting economic growth opportunities for all Village stakeholders." says Janice McMichael-Dennis, CEO Bluewater Group of Companies.

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