

Aboriginal relations policy

The Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) is dedicated to working closely with Aboriginal communities and having meaningful relations throughout all of its projects.

EORN acknowledges and respects the unique cultural practices and values possessed by Aboriginal peoples and the way in which these are embedded in their management of the environment. EORN will conduct business in a way that protects the environment and respects Aboriginal traditions, values and resources, and will embrace the opportunity to learn from their connection to the land.

As EORN strives to improve cellular and broadband network coverage and capacity in eastern Ontario, we will collaborate with First Nations and Métis communities, endeavouring that they will benefit from our efforts as much as possible. EORN will actively look for opportunities to align initiatives with the Aboriginal communities in the region in order to support these communities grow and prosper.

EORN looks forward to engaging in consultation on our projects and will do so in the spirit of good faith, mutual respect and honesty. We commit to all aspects of our duty to consult

obligation as required by law and will give notice of projects as early as possible. We will seek guidance from Aboriginal peoples throughout the process.

During EORN's first broadband project (between 2010 and 2015) we developed fruitful and mutually rewarding partnerships with Aboriginal communities and related organizations in eastern Ontario. Our staff worked closely with all communities in the region to help improve access to high-speed internet services and we are dedicated to applying that same approach to all our cell and broadband projects.

Moving forward, EORN will ensure that staff have the skills and resources necessary to develop and maintain these important, meaningful relationships.

This Aboriginal Relations Policy is an integral part of what we do at EORN and will be shared with our staff, board of directors and stakeholders as well as the general public and our customers.



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