

EASTERN ONTARIO REGIONAL NETWORK

Welcome to the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) newsletter. Below you'll find an update on the Cell Gap Project as well as some other things we are commonly asked about. Please encourage others to <u>sign up</u> for the newsletter as well.

EORN Cell Gap Project progress

The <u>EORN Cell Gap Project</u> aims to have 99 per cent of eastern Ontario where people live, work and travel on major roadways covered with voice calling service, 95 per cent with standard definition coverage and 85 per cent with high definition service. To date there are 121 new cell towers in service as part of the project. These new towers are intended to expand service where there currently is limited or no service. They are often located in areas that are traditionally not covered by telecom service providers because of the limited number of people who live, work or travel on major roadways in these areas. Here are two towers that just went into service in the County of Frontenac. Meanwhile, there are also 63 new co-locations - where telecom service providers share equipment on each others' towers - and existing towers were upgraded.



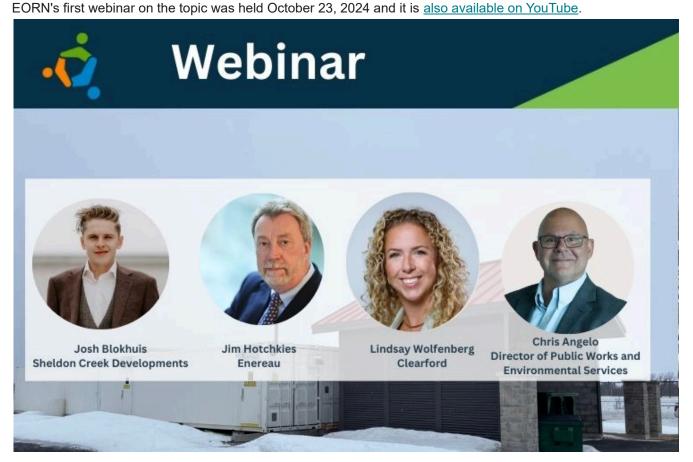
Help EORN and CIRA tell the story of internet speeds

EORN, in partnership with the Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA), wants to measure your internet speeds. By taking the <u>internet performance test</u> you can help inform decision-makers and funders by sharing your internet speed information.



EORN hosted second webinar on decentralized systems

On March 26, 2025, EORN hosted its second webinar on decentralized water and wastewater management systems and their potential to unlock development. It was titled: Decentralized Water and Wastewater Systems: Success Stories in Eastern Ontario and Beyond, and it is now available on our YouTube channel.



♦ Did you know?



EORN serves the area of eastern Ontario, stretching from Durham Region to the Quebec border.

This includes:

- 13 counties
- 10 separated cities and towns
- 1.2 million residents

The area covers approximately 50,000 square kilometres, roughly the same size as Nova Scotia.

Meet our staff

EORN is featuring its staff online. Every month we feature another staff member on LinkedIn. Check out these profiles of our project managers <u>Kristen Myers</u> and <u>Heather Wrightly</u> and policy analyst and Indigenous relations officer <u>Marco Smits</u>. Also, congratulations to our analyst <u>Roger Fitch</u> for completing his MBA.



Kristen Myers Project Manager



Heather Wrightly Project Manager



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Roger Fitch Analyst

Resources

www.eorn.ca features a number of resources for municipalities and residents such as:

- EORN Strategic Plan 2024-2028
- EORN backgrounder (1 MB/PDF)
- General information and FAQ on Cell Gap Project (web page)
- 5G Technology Resource Guide (15 MB/PDF)
- Municipal Tower Siting Resource Guide (10 MB/PDF).