

Rural Internet



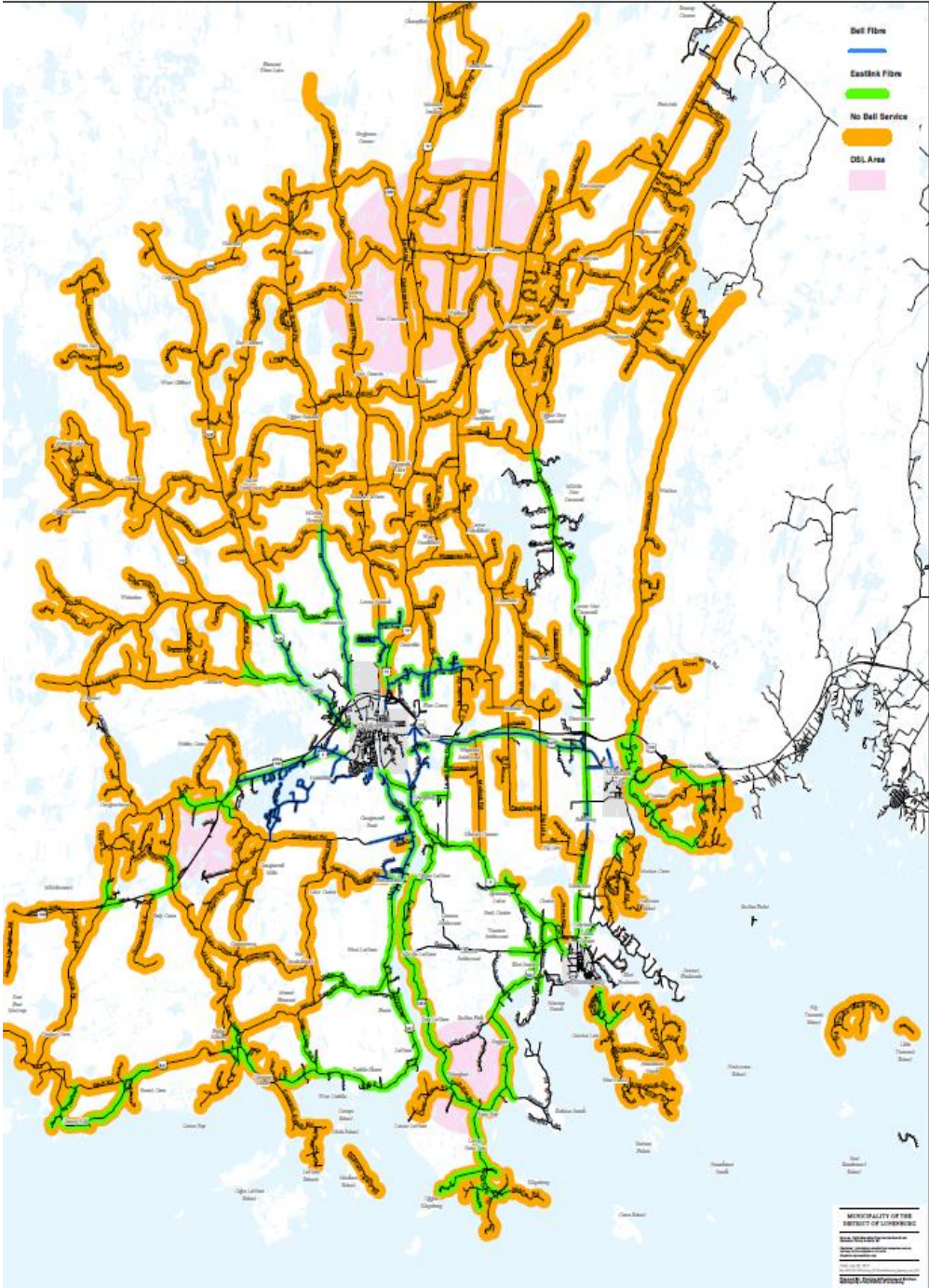
**Municipality of the District of
Lunenburg**

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Issue

- Lack of connection to high speed
 - Business require high speed internet to operate and grow
 - Out migration due to lack of high speed
- Lack of information





- Bell Fibre
- Eastlink Fibre
- No Bell Service
- DSL Area

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Where to start?

- Community-led initiative
- Pilot Project - Sweetland
- Model - public ownership, private management



Successes

- Completed close to on time and on budget
- Partnership with small ISP and landowner
- Connecting customers
- Technology continues to improve



Challenges

- Short application window
- Regulation on telecom towers
- Difficulty getting fibre
- Issues procuring installation



Connect to Innovate

- Joint application
- Endorsed applications
- Issues with eligibility map and timeline



A Strategic Approach

Partnership with Queens and Chester

- Identify full build out plan
- Identify solutions for representative communities (alternative if full buildout not financially viable)
- Will guide Council in developing multi-year strategy



Key Conclusions

- Backbone buildout not feasible without significant federal and provincial investment
- Stable, multi-year funding needed
- Communities are ready to mobilize and work with us to secure service

