# Eastern Ontario Regional Network <br> <br> Recovering the Government Contributions to the <br> <br> Recovering the Government Contributions to the Gig Project through Population Growth and Increased Income and Sales Tax Revenues 

## CONCISE SUMMARY

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This model considers population growth in eastern Ontario over the short-term, the proportion of federal and provincial income and sales taxes paid by the eastern Ontario population, and the increase in tax revenues from population growth that would cover the governments' $\$ 400 \mathrm{~m}$ contributions to the Gig Project.

Eastern Ontario Share of Canadian and Ontario Income and Sales Tax Revenue -2019

| Eastern Ontario - Canadian Personal Tax Revenue Share = | \$5,309m | per capita = | \$4,370.66 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Eastern Ontario - Canadian Sales Tax Revenue Share = | \$1,234.7m | per capita = | \$1,016.53 |
|  |  | Total per capita $=$ | \$5,387.19 |
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| Eastern Ontario - Ontario Personal Tax Revenue Share = | \$2,021.7m | per capita $=$ | \$1,664.38 |
| Eastern Ontario - Ontario Sales Tax Revenue Share = | \$1,594m | per capita = | \$1,312.33 |
|  |  | Total per capita = | \$2,976.71 |
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|  | Grand | Total per capita = | \$8,363.90 |

- from 2016 to 2019 the eastern Ontario population grew at $1.08 \%$, compounded annually
- a rate of $0.78 \%$ would be required to raise $\$ 400 \mathrm{~m}$ more in tax revenue over the next five years.
- if, due to economic decline in the region and/or a decline in the post-COVID-19 population because of the necessity of having reliable, high-speed access to the internet , population growth fell to $0.5 \%$, the increase in income and sales tax revenue by 2024 would be insuffient to recover the $\$ 400$ million - it would take about 8 years
- if, because of reliable access to high-speed broadband in eastern Ontario, led to a higher rate of population growth - e.g., 1.2\% - more revenue would be collected than would be necessary to recover the $\$ 400 \mathrm{~m}$

Tax Revenue Estimates of Various Rates of Population Growth

|  | Five-year | Excess or Deficieny |
| ---: | :--- | :--- |
|  | Cumulative Income | re: $\$ 400 \mathrm{~m}$ Gov't |
| Population Growth | \& Sale Tax Revenue | Investment |
|  |  |  |
| $1.20 \%$ | $\$ 624$ million | $+\$ 224$ million |
| $1.08 \%$ | $\$ 561$ million | $+\$ 161$ million |
| $0.78 \%$ | $\$ 402$ million | $+\$ 2$ million |
| $0.50 \%$ | $\$ 257$ million | $-\$ 143$ million |
| $0.40 \%$ | $\$ 205$ million | $-\$ 195$ million |

