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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 sign up for the newsletter as well.

EORN Cell Gap Project progress

It is exciting times at EORN as we are getting closer and closer to the completion of the Cell Gap Project. Recently, the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry became the second county in eastern Ontario where all new build towers, co-locations and upgrades as part of the project have been completed following the United Counties of Prescott and Russell. All work in the nine participating separated cities of the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus has also been completed. As of June 1, 215 new build towers, 81 co-locations and all 311 uplifts were completed, meaning that we are now up to 92 per cent project completion with 50 towers remaining. The Cell Gap Project 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.

This is a picture of C8600, that final tower in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry and the Municipality of South Dundas to be put into service.

Paramedic chief speaks about improved connectivity

Frontenac Paramedics Chief Marc Goudie shared this story with us about improved cell service in the north of the County of Frontenac: "When I was doing leadership rounds a few weeks ago, I was on my way up to Robertsville and received a Teams call from one of the Deputy Chiefs. I was just turning north off Highway 7 near Sharbot Lake onto Highway 509. I have a perfectly clear call with them all the way up to the Robertsville paramedic station and when I arrived at the base, I turned my camera on in the parking lot and finished the conversation. I would have never been able to do that before."

EORN board and chair elected

Jennifer Murphy was re-elected Chair and Robert White was elected as Vice Chair of EORN's board of directors at our annual general meeting in Kingston on April 16, 2026. The seven-member board for this term is comprised of four members appointed by the Eastern Ontario warden's Caucus (EOWC), one member of the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC) and two members of the public.

From left to right they are Bonnie Clark, Warden of Peterborough County, Carl Bickerdike, public member, Jennifer Murphy, Warden of Renfrew County, Robert White, public member, John Beddows, Mayor of Gananoque, Toby Randell, Mayor of Carleton Place and Carma Williams, Deputy Mayor of Township of North Glengarry. Special thanks to Frances Smith, Mayor of Central Frontenac Township who after several terms on the board decided not to run this time around.

NEW EORN website

Check out our new website. It has all of our services and ongoing projects in one central location. Designed with a fresh look, improved navigation, and enhanced features including several embedded maps, the new site makes it easier than ever to explore our services, find information about our projects and stay connected with us.

40 New 5G Cell Towers are Now Operational Across Eastern Ontario

The Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) and Rogers Communications announced on May 6 that Rogers 5G mobile services are now available in 14 more communities across eastern Ontario. Since November 30, 2025, 40 new cell towers are completed, and now offer Rogers 5G mobile services to residents, businesses and visitors. Read the full release here.

Meet the team

EORN is a small but mighty team made up of (left to right) Cell Network Analyst Roger Fitch, Chief Financial Officer Zach Drinkwalter, Executive Assistant Brenna Dallaway, Project Manager Heather Wrightly, CEO Jason St.Pierre, Director of Communications Lisa Severson, GIS Analyst Matt Fairfield, Director of Technology Paula Preston, Financial Analyst Bernie Deline and Policy Analyst and Indigenous Lead Marco Smits. Bios of all team members are available here.

We specialize in delivering large-scale regional rural projects by fostering successful partnerships between municipal, provincial, and federal governments and private sector partners. If you have an idea for a project that could benefit your municipality, a group of municipalities or your organization please reach out to us for a discussion.

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 about cell service (web page)
5G Technology Resource Guide (15 MB/PDF)
Municipal Tower Siting Resource Guide (10 MB/PDF).

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