

WPS SMART INITIATIVES, STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES, AND PROJECT

Timeframe	Initiative, Strategic Action, Project	Description	Focus
10-12/2020 01-03/2021	Advocacy + awareness	WPS SMART continues to stay abreast of industry trends, technology trends, technology beta (Starlink), participate in seminars as speakers, and conduct municipal deputations	Advocacy
12/2020 01-02 2021	Issue of Request for Proposal Internet	Development of RFP, management of process, vendor meetings, and analysis/assessment of responses for internet projects for Seguin	Infrastructure Funding
08-12/2020 01-04/2021	ISP Funding Requests (UBF & ICON)	Letters of support for several ISPs for projects submitted for funding	Funding Infrastructure Advocacy
10/2020	Story Map	Support to WPSGN providing specifics to the Story Map	Infrastructure Advocacy Administration
08-12/2020 01-04/2021	Infrastructure Projects	Status meetings, develop facts sheets, provision of service coverage, and updates to progress and tract shovel-ready projects	Infrastructure
09/2020	CIRA Project	Project specific to WPS for details on speed tests and data collected since 2015	Administration/Advocacy
08-11/2020	Regional Broadband Initiative	Member participation	Funding/Advocacy
08/2020	Shovel Ready Project advancement	Facilitated progress of shovel-ready projects (4) business terms	Funding Infrastructure
07/2020	Development of 2 Shovel Ready Projects	Facilitated the development of 2 additional Shovel Ready Projects	Funding Infrastructure
05/06/2020	Development of Shovel Ready Projects	Facilitated the development of 3 Shovel Ready Projects – for locations in Archipelago, Seguin, and the Industrial Park	Funding Infrastructure
05/2020	Joined Regional Broadband Initiative	Participated in development of approach for the Riding	Funding
04/2020	Industrial Park Project	Progressed plans for project	Infrastructure/Funding
04/2020	Report: Considerations for Canada Internet Strategy	Collected input from key subject matter experts and developed report with recommendations for the Canada Internet strategy and sent to Parry Sound Muskoka MP	Strategy/Advocacy
03/2020	Report: Canada's Internet Problem	Developed report and sent to Parry Sound Muskoka MP	Strategy/Advocacy
01-04/2020	Update WPS Information Scoping Package	Includes key information such as population density, gaps, speed tests, etc. As required for funding applications	Infrastructure/Funding

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02-2020	AGM	2019 AGM	Administration/Advocacy
01-02/2020	Deputations to Municipalities, Carling Community Meeting	Deputations to Sequin, McKellar & McDougall Presented at Carling Community Meeting regarding pilot	Advocacy
01/2020	Strategy for expansion of CENGN project	Developed Strategy for expanding CENGN project to other communities and contacted 2 funders (MNMD & Infrastructure ON)	Infrastructure Funding
12/2019	Proposal for Industrial Park	Several meetings with proponents and preliminary proposals	Infrastructure
12/2019	Efforts to move back haul project further along	Discussions and next steps with key proponents	Infrastructure
12/2019	CENGN Announcement	Assisted Vianet and CENGN in announcement arrangements & presentation	Funding
09-12/2019	Assist in execution of CENGN pilot in Carling	Assist CENGN and Vianet with the execution & participate in status meetings	Infrastructure Funding
5-8/2019	Develop Plan for Pilot and Phases in support of the CENGN Expression of Interest	Develop Plan for Pilot and Phases	Infrastructure Funding
9/2019	Presentation at District of Parry Sound Municipal Association	Input re current projects and recommendation or readiness for next funding opportunity	Advocacy
6-9/2019	SMART Tower Project	Supported ISP to prepare tower for service & draft coverage area	Infrastructure
6/2019	ISED Survey	Input to Canada's Rural Strategy	Advocacy Funding
03/2019	CENGN Pilot	Expression of Interest for Pilot – 3 to 10 km high capacity middle km solution	Infrastructure Funding
01/2019	Contact with new Minister of Rural Economic Development	Emailed letter to new Minister – Bernadette Jordan and attached Ontario Budget submission as the content is applicable to the Federal Government	Advocacy
01/2019	Input to Ontario 2019 Budget	Developed WPS SMART submission to Ontario 2019 budget, gave testimony at the local Ontario Treasury Ministry event (a by invitation event), and submitted written package to the Ontario Ministry	Advocacy
01/2019	Mobile Internet	Researched and evaluated mobile internet technology options	Infrastructure
9-12/2018	Key Projects	Continue to progress the 2 primary infrastructure projects – timing is contingent on third party efforts	Infrastructure
11/2018	Contacted Minister Bain re National Broadband Strategy	Requested information on plans and timing for the creation of the National Broadband Strategy and offered to assist and provide input	Advocacy

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11/2018	WPS SMART Plan	Commenced re-development of business plan	Administration
11/2018	Local Distribution Projects	Evaluate access to tower and coverage mapping	Infrastructure
10/2018	WPS SMART Board Meeting		
9/2018	Host meeting for Municipal Candidates	Hosted a WPS SMART meeting to create awareness of our mandate, initiatives, and focus and to provide the opportunity for candidates to ask questions	Advocacy
7-9/2018	Private Funding	Development and assessment of several options for funding	Funding Infrastructure
6/2018	Discussions/meeting with WBAFN	Discuss the GSOC project and Northern Gateway project and solicit support for GSOC funders	Advocacy Funding
5/2018	AGM		
3/2018	Meeting with representative of Ontario's Next Generation Network Program	Investigate GSOC project fit with the mandate of the NGNP. Further discussions to be scheduled	Advocacy Funding
1/2018	WPS SMART Board Meeting		Administration
1/2018	Private Funding Discussions	Further detail regarding private funding for the Georgian SMART Optical Corridor	Funding Infrastructure
1/2018	Review of existing infrastructure options	Relating to potential local distribution projects	Infrastructure
12/2017	Meeting with MP Tony Clement	Update on status of Connect to Innovate Project	Advocacy
12/2017	WPS SMART Strategy session	Confirming direction and enhancing plan re Northern Gateway project	Administration
11/2017	Amendment to CRTC NOC2017-112	Further clarification from submitters requested by CRTC	Advocacy Funding
10/2017	Escalation to CRTC	Concerns re fibre availability	Advocacy
9/2017	Submitted response to CRTC NOC2017-0112	Input re structure and conditions for \$750M in funding committed by CRTC	Advocacy
9/2017	Discussions with NOHFC Board Member, Executive Director and team	Provide update on Connect to Innovate project and other activities and solicit recommendations & support	Infrastructure Funding
6-9/2017	Industrial Park Project	Investigate further options for a fibre solution for the Industrial Park and solicit quotes - in the end the fibre source that was found to be unavailable	Infrastructure
5/2017	iCanada Board of Governors Meeting	Panel member & presentation	Advocacy

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6/2017	Georgian SMART Optical Corridor Backbone Project	Obtain funding for and execute SOW for SourceCom for detailed project description and marketing & sales	Infrastructure Funding
1/2017	Georgian SMART Optical Corridor Backbone Project	Solicit support from government entities (MNDM, MP, MPP, etc)	Advocacy Funding
6/2017	Local Distribution	New Proposal for fibre for the Industrial Park	Infrastructure
4/2017	AGM	First Annual AGM and public meeting with guest speaker (Ray Sharma) to create awareness of 5G	Community Engagement Organization
1/2017	Speed test	Promotion of community participation in CIRA speed test	Community Engagement Advocacy
2/2017	Georgian SMART Optical Corridor - Backbone Project	Development of new backbone project – Georgian Optical	Funding Infrastructure
4/2017	Georgian SMART Optical Corridor - Backbone Project	Submitted application to Connect to Innovate Program	Funding Infrastructure
6/2017	CRTC	Submission to CRTC Intervention 1011 NOC 2017-0012	Advocacy Infrastructure Funding
1/2016	CRTC	Input re CRTC Monitoring Report 2016(Internet as an Essential Service)	Advocacy
1/2017	Georgian SMART Optical Corridor Backbone Project	Meetings and deputations to Archipelago Council to gain support as a financial and organizational guarantor for the CTI application	Infrastructure Advocacy Community Engagement Funding
2/2017	Georgian SMART Optical Corridor - Backbone Project	Formal Request to Henvey Wind Inlet Project for revised plan	Infrastructure
10/2016	Backbone Project	Meeting with Connect to Innovate team re input and recommendations for upcoming Broadband Program for Canada	Infrastructure Advocacy
6/2016	Local Distribution	Several Meetings with Airport Commission re plan for fibre	Infrastructure
6/2016	Local Distribution	Request for quote from ISP for fibre to Airiport	Infrastructure
6/2016	Local Distribution	Meeting with Airport Commission re fibre opportunity	Infrastructure
2/2016	Henvey Wind Energy Project	Formal request to Henvey Wind Energy to attach fiber to poles	Infrastructure
3/2015	Federation of Norther Municipalities	Letter and Resolution – Internet as an Essential Service	Advocacy

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1/2016	Media Release	WPS Update	Community Engagement Advocacy
12/2015	Local Distribution Plan	Issued RFP for Industrial Park	Infrastructure Funding
12/2015	NFP	Received Letters of Patent for West Parry Sound Community Network Inc.	Organization
12/2015	Henvey Wind Energy Project	Recommendation to Municipalities to use leverage	Infrastructure
11/2015	Local Distribution Plan	Industrial Park Survey	Infrastructure
11/2015	Local Distribution Plan	Develop local distribution projects (Nurse's Station- Pointe au Baril, Industrial Park, MNR Tower	Infrastructure
2/2015	Backbone Project	Completion of WPS SMART Business Plan	Infrastructure Organization Funding
9/2015	Connect with Northern Policy Institute	Meeting with Charles Cirtwell	Advocacy
9/2015	Ontario Small Community Fund	Responded to the Expression of Interest for funding under the Ontario Small Community Fund	Funding Advocacy
9/2015	NFP	Submitted documents for NFP incorporation	Organization
6/2015	Move Ontario Forward Consultation	Submission to "Moving Ontario Forward" Consultation on Infrastructure Priorities	Advocacy Infrastructure
6/2015	Open Data	Partnered with WPSGN for Open Data Pilot	Research
6/2015	CRTC Notice of Consultation 2015-134	Provided Submission to CRTC 2015-134	Advocacy
6/2015	Local Distribution Plan	Develop plan for wireless distribution throughout WPS	Infrastructure
12/2014	Backbone Project	Market Assessment of WPS – number of households,	Research
2/2015	Speed test	Reached out to WPS SMART Community to participate in internet speed test	Research Infrastructure Community Engagement
6/2014	NFP	Resolution from WPS Municipalities to support NFP application and provide funding to set up	Organization
6/2015	i-Canada Summit	Presentation and participation at i-Canada Summit	Advocacy
5/2015	Stakeholder Meeting	Provide update and details on backbone project	Community Engagement

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1/2015	Backbone Project	Connected Canadians Application	Funding Infrastructure
12/2014	Backbone Project	Letters of Support for Municipalities, businesses, institutions	Infrastructure Community Engagement
11/2014	Backbone Project	Development of Terms Sheet and LOI for the 175 km backbone (Vianet)	Infrastructure
9/2014	Backbone Project	Develop Backbone project throughout WPS (Vianet)	Infrastructure
9/2014	Media Release	Community Engagement & Update	Community Engagement
6/2014	RFP	RFP to ISPs for a P3 partner	Research, Infrastructure
5/2014	Stakeholder Meeting	Review outcome of Feasibility Study and plan (i-Canada)	Community Engagement
2/2014	RFI and Meetings with ISPs	Issued RFI and follow up with meetings with 15 ISPs to describe WPS SMART project, solicit their engagement in an RFP and obtain information on their plans for WPS (i-Canada)	Research Infrastructure
01/2014	Segment Workshops	Workshop with Healthcare, Education, Government, Business & Tourism to develop projects (PowerNoodle/i-Canada)	Community Engagement
11/2014	Current State Survey	Issue Survey to gain insight on “current state” of WPS in relation to SMART community criteria – (Cohn Consulting/iCanada)	Community Engagement
03/2014	WPS SMART Visioning	Community session to develop the WPS SMART Vision (PowerNoodle/iCanada)	Community Engagement
02/2014	Develop and Issue RFP	RFP for consulting service for feasibility study	Business Development
09/2013	Grant Application	Received confirmation of funding	Funding
01/2012	Stakeholder Meeting	Stakeholder meeting to gain consensus and financial support to apply for grant to develop WPS SMART feasibility study and plan	Community Engagement
12/2012	Grant application	Grant application through CBDC for funding for feasibility study and plan	Funding
5/2011	RFI	RFI to Bell for quote for high speed internet to all of WPS	Business development
9/2011	Awareness Session	Stakeholder meeting to articulate value of a SMART community	Community Engagement