

Status of Report – Satellite Residential Internet – Grant or Rebate Program**Report Purpose**

To request a time extension for a report to provide further information regarding a residential internet grant or rebate program.

Recommendation

THAT the Satellite Residential Internet – Grant or Rebate Program be brought back to Council on the revised date of October 25, 2022.

Original Due Date: Q3 2022

Revised Due Date: October 25, 2022

Council and Committee History

June 14, 2022

Council directed Administration to provide a report, for Council's consideration by the end of the third quarter of 2022, including:

- an estimate of the number of residential homes outside the Urban Service area and within the urban areas west of Highway 21 that do not have access to broadband internet speeds of at least 50MB for downloads and 10MB for uploads;
- the feasibility of, and cost of a municipal grant or rebate program that would provide up to 50% of the equipment cost, with a set maximum of \$350 per residential home towards the set up for residential satellite internet service (such as Starlink) for County residents that do not have access to broadband internet speeds of at least 50MB for downloads and 10MB for uploads; and
- proposed criteria to apply for the rebate or grant program, such as not having access to fibre optic networks now or in the near future.

Rationale

An extension to this item is requested as administration is in the process of gathering information to provide a report to Council.