



Welcome to the first edition of the *OmniGlobe Broadband* newsletter – a quarterly newsletter designed to bring the latest update on the Broadband for Rural Nova Scotia initiative directly to your inbox.



On behalf of the OmniGlobe team, I would like to start by wishing you a HAPPY NEW YEAR! I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued interest and support. Our customer service team has been corresponding with you over the past few months, either by telephone or email, and we do realize that you have been waiting for widespread broadband availability for a long time. Our commitment is always to keep you updated on our progress, and more information will be posted on our website www.omniglobebroadband.com as we move forward with this exciting project.

A New Broadband Network Within Your Reach

Many aspects have to be considered in the design of a wireless network that can provide coverage in unserved areas and ultimately connect everyone throughout the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM). Extensive preliminary site evaluations and analysis have to be performed. Sites have to be selected based on local topography, demographic data and, most importantly, the ability to effectively provide coverage while

minimizing environmental impact. In addition, building permits need to be obtained from the local authorities, and equipment shipped and delivered for installation.

OmniGlobe Broadband identified early in the process that it would need 10 new towers, and the use of 6 existing tower infrastructures in order to achieve full coverage to locations that currently cannot be served with high speed Internet service in the HRM region.

Tower upgrading was required to prepare for the new wireless network; our dedicated team has worked diligently with the Nova Scotia government over the past few months and tower upgrades are nearing completion in the Chaplin and New Chester Rd. areas.

Regulatory processes, public consultation and land acquisition are always a lengthy process but we are now in the advanced stages of closing on the land acquisition for two of our sites. Lease agreements for an additional 8 sites should follow shortly.

Finally, our team is also preparing to install equipment on the Province of Nova Scotia towers which have been made available to OmniGlobe. This represents the bulk of the preparation work and now we can focus on delivering high speed to you over the next few months.



Proven Wireless technologies Suited for Remote and Rural Areas

Due to its ability to cover wide geographic areas efficiently, wireless technology is one of the most efficient solutions for innovative and high-speed broadband services to consumers in remote and underserved areas.

BRNS Communications, Liaison and Development Activities

Along with its partners, the Broadband for Rural Nova Scotia (BRNS) team is committed to supporting organizations and individuals who want to grow dynamic,

thriving communities. To meet this goal, BRNS staff members are working to help communities plan for a high speed future.

Planning for a High Speed Future

Planning for a High Speed Future is a community-based facilitated workshop that offers groups an opportunity to identify goals and priorities to help to make the most of broadband access in the community.

The initiative will be launched across the province in early 2009, with workshops being held later in the Spring. So, please stay tuned for further updates...

Once again, I would like to thank you for your support, and I look forward to serving you all very soon!

On behalf of the *OmniGlobe Broadband* team,

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