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Get ready to move on broadband approvals

Rural communities know firsthand how reliable, high-speed internet is no longer a luxury – it's a necessity. Municipalities should be anticipating and planning for speedy approvals to make broadband a reality for all Ontario residents by 2025.

ROMA played a key role in securing greater broadband investment. Federal and provincial governments committed \$4 billion to deliver high-speed internet access across Ontario by 2025.

Internet service providers (ISPs) have been awarded funds [through several provincial programs to expand broadband infrastructure.](#)

All broadband partners, including municipalities and ISPs, will need to put a focus on broadband rollout to deliver on the province's commitment to connect Ontarians by 2025.

Municipal governments will have to organize resources and capacity to turn around permit approvals quickly to support expanded broadband infrastructure in their communities.

AMO is working with provincial partners to support municipalities

Provincial and AMO staff are educating ISPs on municipal permitting processes, capacity and priorities. Staff are advising ISPs to contact their local governments early to help with broadband project planning.

To help municipalities act quickly, AMO staff are developing tools for municipal governments, such as a streamlined Municipal Access Agreement template to expedite approvals and mitigate municipal risks. This template is anticipated to be ready this summer.

Check out a variety of broadband resources on [ROMA's Broadband webpage](#)

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