

Alberta SuperNet First Mile Rural Task Force Recommendations Report Released

The final approvals were recently given to release the *Alberta SuperNet First Mile Rural Task Force Recommendations* Report, which can be found [here](#).

The report's purpose was two-fold:

- To develop strategies to leverage the Alberta SuperNet investment in serving the needs of municipal district and county government end users.
- To develop strategies and solutions to leverage the Alberta SuperNet investment in holistically serving business and resident high-speed Internet needs within municipal districts and counties.

In all, the report puts forward seven recommendations for municipalities, the provincial government and Axia Net Media Corporation to advance on:

1. Provide tools to municipalities that would assist them in deciding what type of funding solution will work best. The AAMDC's [ISP Toolkit](#) is a good example of a tool that municipalities may access to determine the best option available to them.
2. Service Alberta to work with the Wireless ISP association and respective municipalities that have deployed holistic solutions to define and document best practices for deploying a high-speed Internet solution on a holistic basis within a Municipality.
3. Municipalities to research grants and funding programs that may be applicable for rural economic development and the implementation of a holistic high-speed Internet solution.
4. Axia SuperNet Ltd. to encourage the Internet service provider community to review the potential of serving rural Alberta, including those areas that have a distributed population.
5. Bell Canada and Axia SuperNet Ltd. to review the opportunity to provide encouragement and programs for those service providers that are willing to serve the more rural areas of Alberta.
6. Service Alberta and Axia SuperNet to investigate the opportunity to create alternate SuperNet access points for ISPs to lower initial capital investment.

7. Service Alberta to work with TELUS to leverage, to the extent possible, the “deferral account funds” to provide high-speed Internet service to rural Alberta.

The AAMDC looks forward to working with our members, the provincial government and all stakeholders in ensuring all Albertans have access to rural broadband.

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