

Providing 5G Fixed Wireless Access in Holland Marsh

## **Project Problem Statement**

A technology solution required to provide a high-resilience and high-performance solution to rural Ontario communities located in a valley making access to residential broadband or high-speed internet access difficult.



#### **Selected Service Provider**



Largest Wireless Provider in Canada

#### By The Numbers

1960 Founded

~25,300 Employees

\$15.1B Total Revenue

\$39.0B Total Assets

10.9M Wireless subscribers

2.6M Internet subscribers

#### History of Innovation

- Launch of Rogers Cable TV in 1967
- Introduction of wireless network in 1985
- First to offer Broadband Internet services in Canada in 1995
- Canada's first and only wireless GSM network since 2001
- North America's first HSPA+ Network in 2009
- First LTE wireless network in Canada in 2011
- Launched Gigabit Internet from 2014-15
- We rolled out LTE-M in 2018
- First 5G Network in Canada in 2020



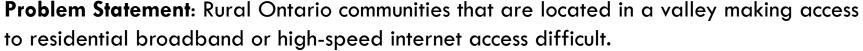
### **Holland Marsh Area**













Big wide valley



Huge drop in elevation from the highway



Demographics – farmers, businesses, migrant workers



Sparse tree cover – wide open space



Properties located on the edge



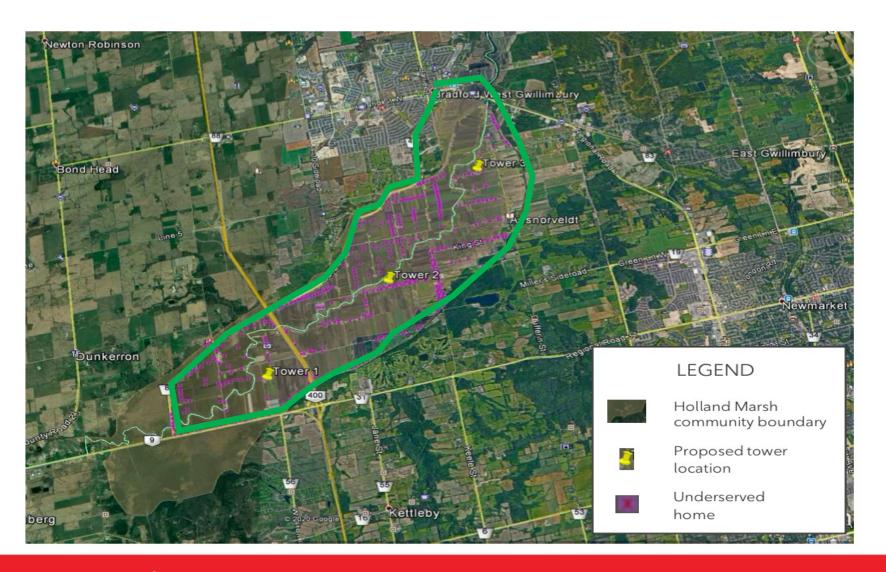
Environmentallysensitive area floodplain, soft soils



Widely underserved

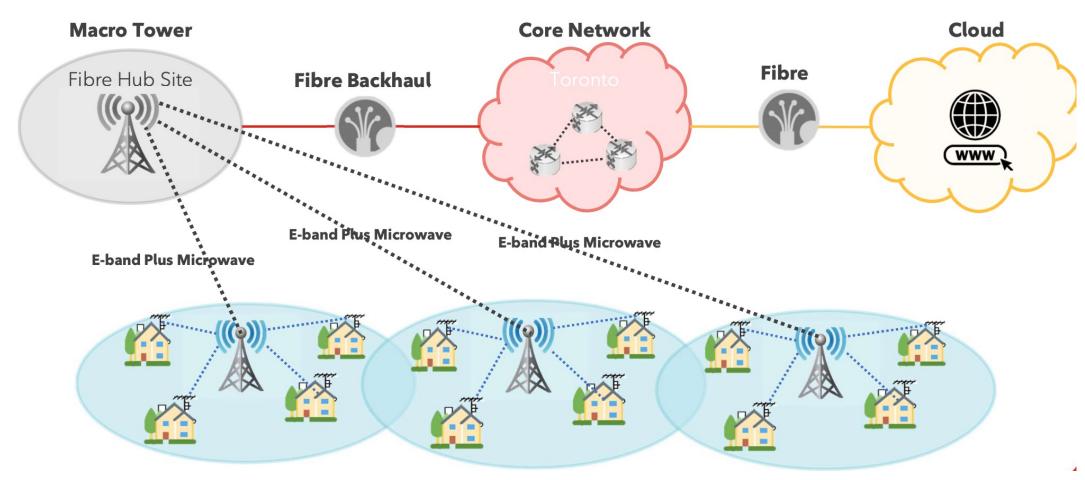


# Proposed High Level Network Design





## Extending broadband to Holland Marsh

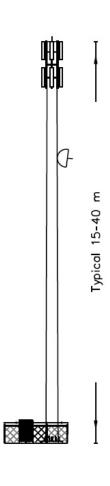


Holland Marsh Area: Three new towers to address ~480 households that will be outfitted with external antennas



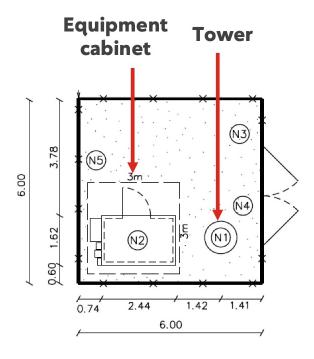
# Typical Monopole Tower Installation





#### **Typical Compound Size**

Range 6 meters x 6 meters to 10 meters x10 meters





## **Technology Innovation**



E Band Plus combines E Band (multi-Gbps) Microwave with high availability traditional lower band Microwave for backhaul solution (up to 10Gbps backhaul)



5G Fixed Wireless Access proposed for last km solution to rural residents



Massive MIMO antennae enable higher spectral efficiency and more capacity



4G cellular services to be added on to address deficit in mobile coverage



Small footprint mono-pole tower design to minimize environmental impact



# Community Benefits of Project



Very high backhaul capacity



Future-proof 5G Fixed Wireless Access for rural residents



Choice of new high performance 25/5 and 50/10 broadband internet access



Significantly improved 4G cellular services in the Holland Marsh area



High Speed internet access for agri-businesses in the Holland Marsh



Access to LTE and LTE-M service for precision farming and IoT devices



## Visualizing Proposed Internet Access Performance Improvements







THANK YOU!