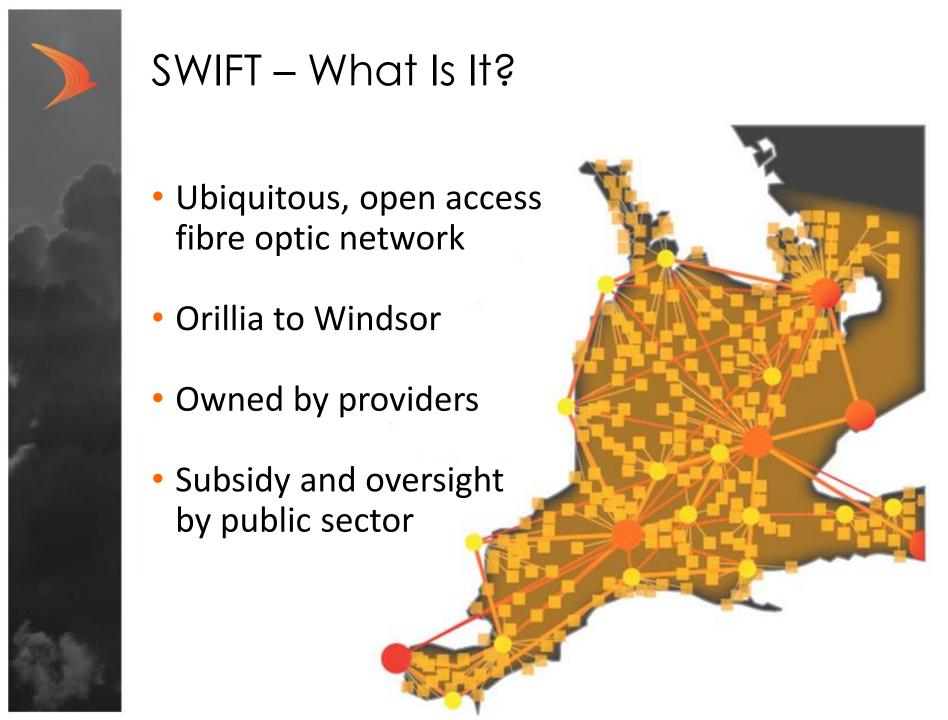
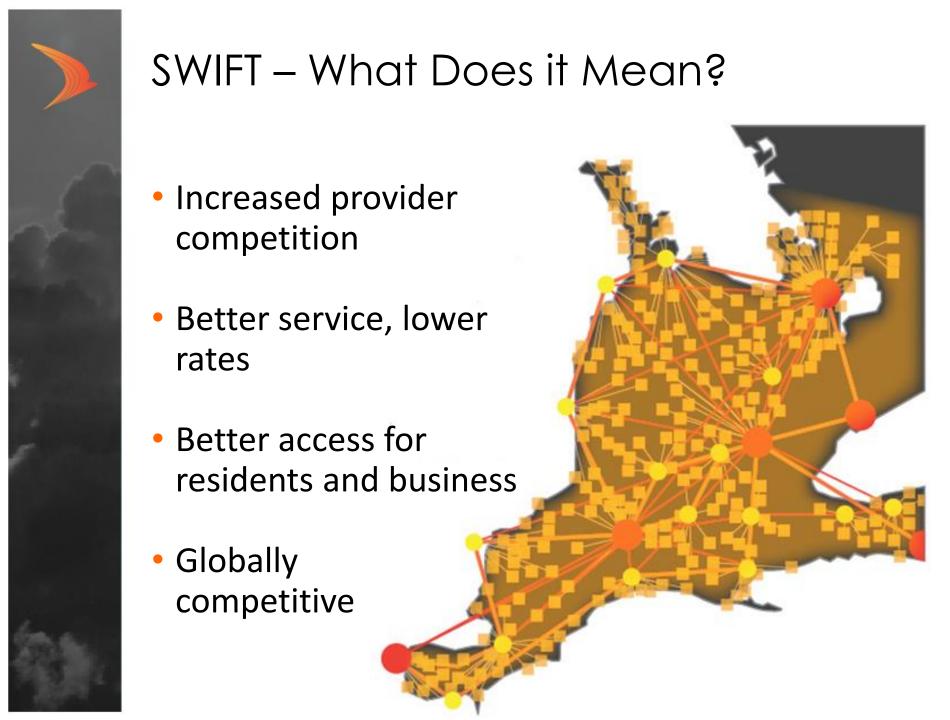


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SWIFT - Stakeholders

- WOWC Caucus 14 Counties and Chatham-Kent
- Region of Niagara, Town of Caledon, City of Stratford, City of Orillia, Grey Bruce Health Services, SCAN and Georgian College have joined with a financial contribution
- Region of Waterloo is part of the feasibility study
- In discussion with 7 other separated municipalities of Barrie, Brantford, Guelph, London, St. Mary's, St. Thomas and Windsor
- LDCC, Chippewa's of the Thames First Nation and Walpole Island First Nation support SWIFT.
- Other partners are educational institutions, healthcare organizations, First Nations, private sector enterprises

Grev Barrie Bruce Dufferin Wellington Huron Guelph Waterloo Stratford Region St. Mary's Brantford Oxford Niagara Middlesex Brant Region London Lambton Norfolk Elgin St. Thomas Chatham Windsor Kent

WOWC's Mission:

"enhance the prosperity and overall well being of our communities" SW Ontario & Niagara has ~3.5 Million people – ~10% of Canada's population



SWIFT Board of Directors

- Gerry Marshall (Simcoe County Warden)
 Chair
- Mitch Twolan (Bruce County Warden)
- Randy Hope (Chatham-Kent Mayor)
- George Bridge (Wellington County Warden)
- Jim Maudsley (Middlesex County Warden)
- Roger Watt (Huron County Councillor)
- Bev MacDougal (Lambton County Warden)
- David Mayberry (Oxford County Warden)
- Harry Schlange (Niagara Region CAO)
- Armando Narvali (Town of Caledon IT Manager)
- 5 non-municipal positions still to be filled



SWIFT Advisory Committee

- Sonya Pritchard, CAO, Dufferin County
- Geoff Hogan, Director of IT, Grey County
- Mike Morgan, IT Manager, Waterloo Region District School Board
- Helen Hambly, Associate Professor, School of Environmental Design and Rural Development, University of Guelph
- Lance Thurston, President & CEO, Grey Bruce Health Services
- Steve Benoit, Manager Media Services & Network Communications Infrastructure, Georgian College
- Stuart Hendrie, CIO, Niagara Region
- Jennifer Whiteye, Southern First Nations Secretariat, London District Chief's Council

History

Milestone	Dates
Presentation to caucus on broadband including EOWC's EORN project	May 6, 2011
Contract awarded for feasibility study to CPC	September 14, 2012
Feasibility study adopted, budget set (\$350K)	October 18, 2013
Stakeholder consultations	
SCF funding application submitted	December 19, 2014
Minister's letter received	April 2, 2015
http://www.r2b2project.ca/ funded by OMAFRA to study economic broadband impact (Helen Hambly, University of Guelph)	April 24, 2015
Very positive 3 rd Party (Dr. Rajabiun) review validating project	July 28, 2015
Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology Inc. incorporated	November 12, 2015

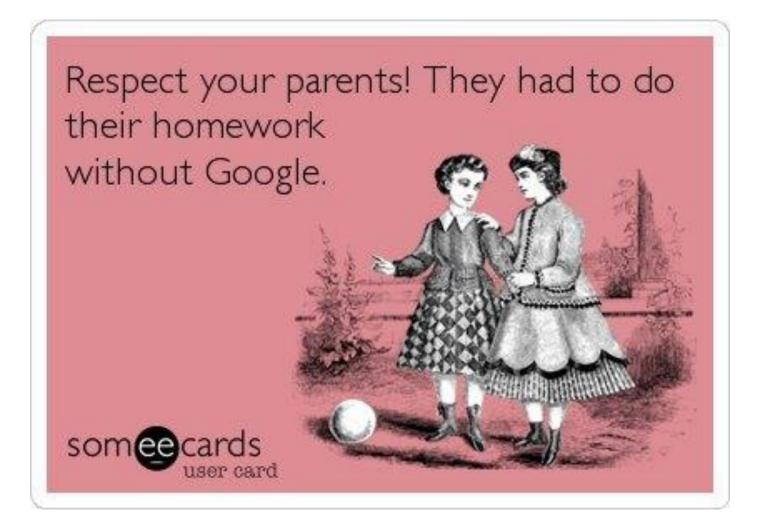


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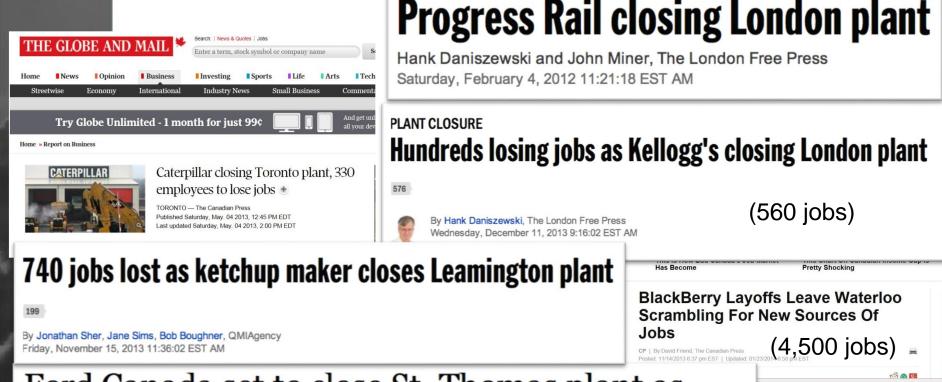
CONTEXT FOR THE PROJECT



The New Reality



Job Loss in Traditional Industry



Ford Canada set to close St. Thomas plant as election looms

When provincial political leaders go to St. Thomas during this fall's election they will see first-hand the economic struggle that lies ahead. (1200 jobs)

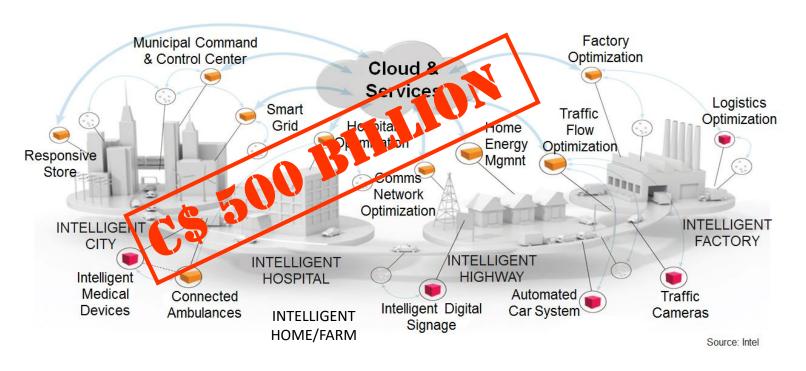


The Internet of Things – Big Data





Regional digital infrastructure enables apps



"The digital foundation and plumbing for applications are needed to enable 21st century applications, economies and societies."

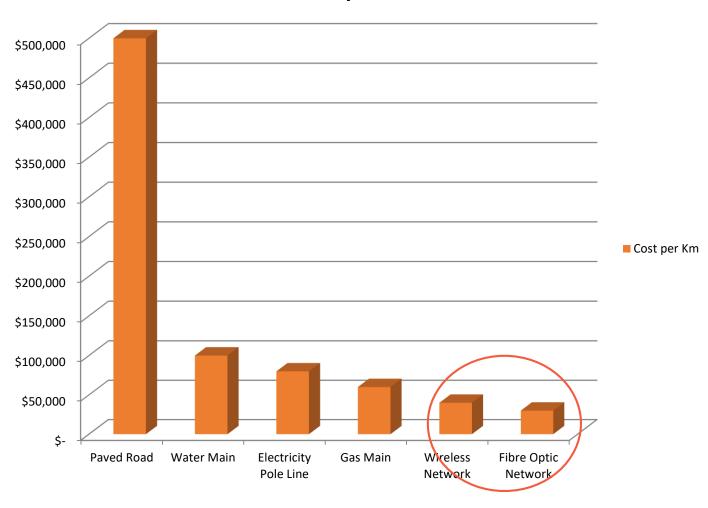
(Source: ITU)

- High speed connectivity
- Sensors
- Cloud computing
- Big data

- Smart devices, Applications
- Video
- Wireless access
- Sharing (sensors, data)

Fibre – Smaller Investment, Large Return





















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FINDINGS OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY



Poor Fibre Broadband Penetration

Percentage of fibre connections in total broadband subscriptions, Dec 2014

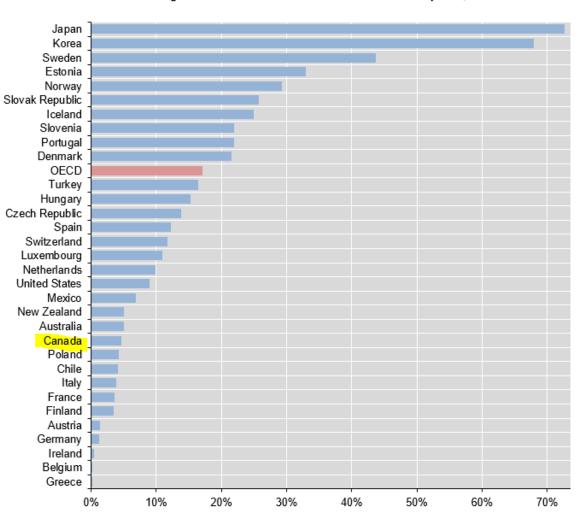
Japan 72.7%

Korea 68.0%

Sweden 43.7% Slovak Republic

Canada 4.7%

OECD Average 17.1%











Providers responsible to shareholders



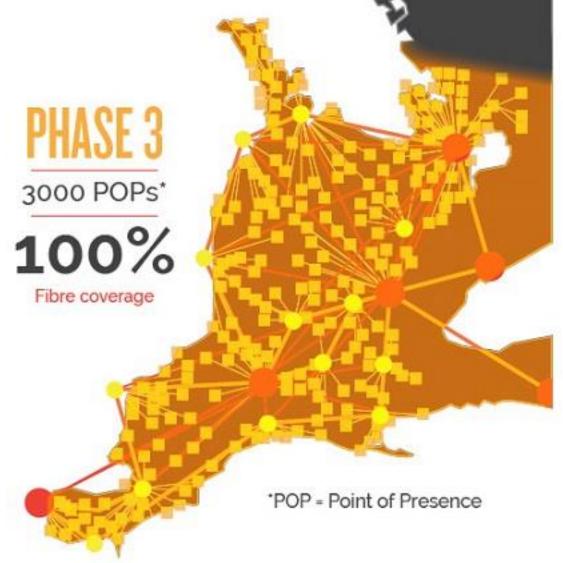
SWIFT network is feasible to build



 Ongoing funding for last mile based on residuals from rates (Broadband Development Fund)



The Plan – BDF funds ongoing builds





Why SWIFT?

- Modern economy (agriculture, home, MUSH, SME) requires fast, reliable broadband
- Fibre is only long term solution that scales to future needs of Internet of Things
- SWO needs a catalyst to spur broadband development to improve service quality / price
- SWIFT improves ROI for providers in rural areas (and many urban areas) to build fibre (due to density and demographics)
- SWIFT will subsidize fibre builds via RFP and has an ongoing subsidy mechanism (including further funding) so everyone gets connected

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WHERE WE GO FROM HERE



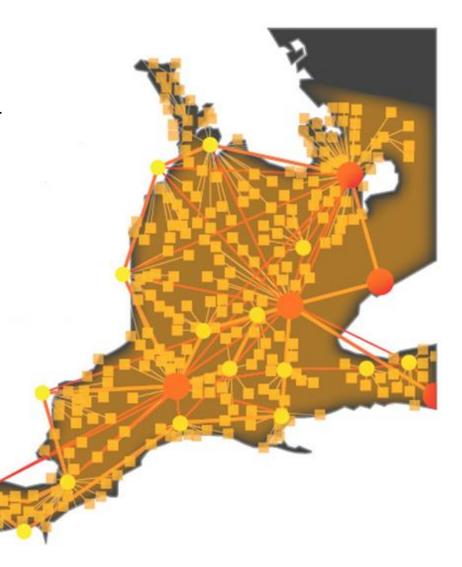
SWIFT Organizational Structure

- SWIFT Not-for-profit, non-share capital corporation
- Governed by board of directors (10 municipal, 5 other public sector)
- Providers build, own and run network SWIFT oversees compliance with principles and subsidy
- Existing fibre assets employed wherever available, new fibre assets built to fill gaps
- SWIFT is funded ongoing by residuals from rates from providers

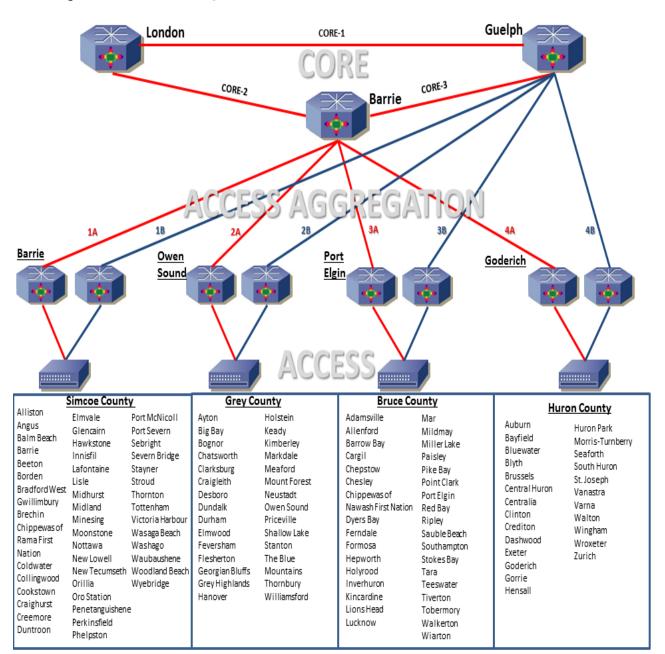
The SWIFT Network Design

Phase 1 Features

- Up to 1 Gbps access for under \$100/ month (target) for all business & residents
- IXP's like 151 Front St.,
 Toronto, Windsor / Detroit,
 350 Main St., Buffalo
- Path & electronics diversity from all POPs to 151 Front Street
- 350 Communities fibre optic access to as low as 4 person / km²
- Design does not duplicate existing fibre optic infrastructure



Not just ubiquitous and fast, **BETTER** Internet





Project Capital Costs

Costs

- Current Project Cost \$269M*
- SWIFT only subsidizes scalable fibre
- Partners have invested over \$800K on project to date

Funding

Federal	\$94.3M	1/3	
Provincial	\$94.3M	1/3	700/
 Municipal 	\$18.0M		72%
Private	\$80.4M	1/3	

^{*} Does not include communities over 100K population - Numbers are best estimates based on current knowledge (total project \$281M)



Barrie's Opportunity

 Get involved: Largest city in northern area of project

 Current location of one of three core network sites

 Help your local region grow and prosper – "a rising tide floats all boats"



Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi

"Cities in the past were built on riverbanks. They are now built along highways. But in the future, they will be built based on availability of optical fiber networks and next-generation infrastructure."



Questions?

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Background Information



Why SWIFT?

- 1. SWIFT is a non-profit corporation whose primary concern is the public interest.
- 2. SWIFT is a large buying group of users, giving it clout with telecom service providers on behalf of everyone in Southwestern Ontario.
- 3. An open network means you will have a wider selection of providers, creating competition, better services, and lower rates.
- 4. Regardless of population density or economic status, telecom providers will connect everyone with fibre using subsidies from SWIFT.
- 5. Telecom service providers will build, own, and operate the SWIFT Network so we don't have to reinvent the wheel.
- 6. The SWIFT board of directors will hold providers accountable for delivering on their promises as spelled out in the contracts for the project.



RFPQ / RFP

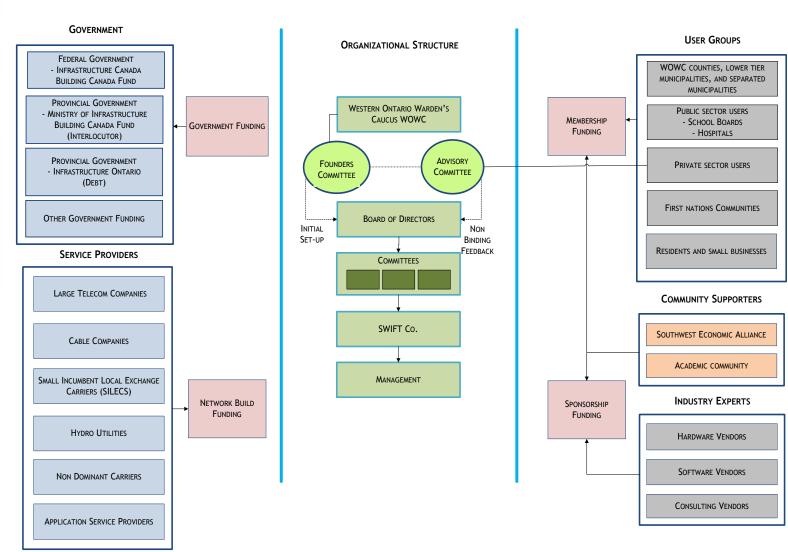
- Funding announcement
- RFPQ
 - Pre-Qualifies Financial, Insurance and Indemnity
 - Requires location of providers fibre and points of presence
- Analysis of RFPQ data
- Provider / user consultation
- Construction Plan developed
- Business case finalized
- SWIFT member Council's approval
- RFP's released



Municipal Capital Contribution

- Municipal contribution based on formula
 - Need
 - Land area
 - Population
 - Capacity (FIR)
- Total annual contributions* vary
 - Low: Brant County \$69,400
 - High: Simcoe County \$491,500
- Calculated Barrie contribution \$ 54,285
- · Values are subject to change
- Annual contributions happen for five (5) years
- · Separated municipalities have been asked to contribute capital

Organization structure





Point of Presence (POP) "Orange Box"



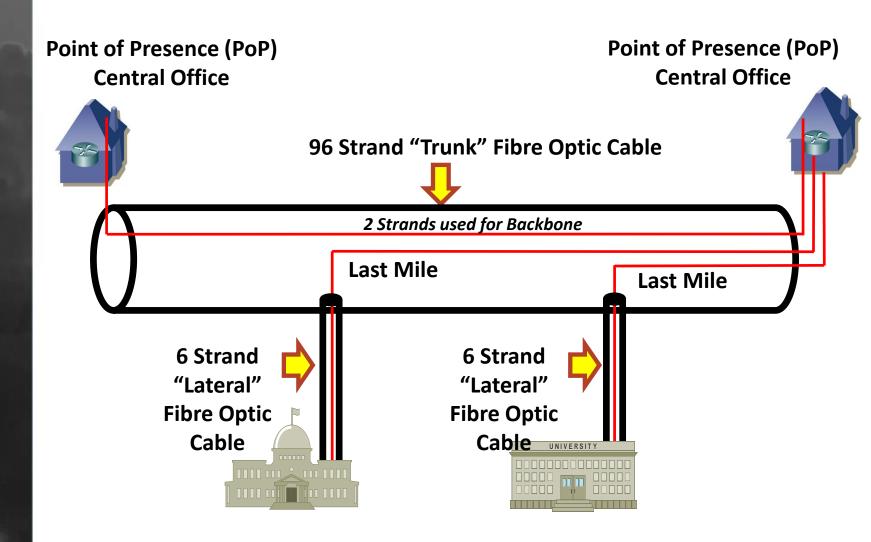




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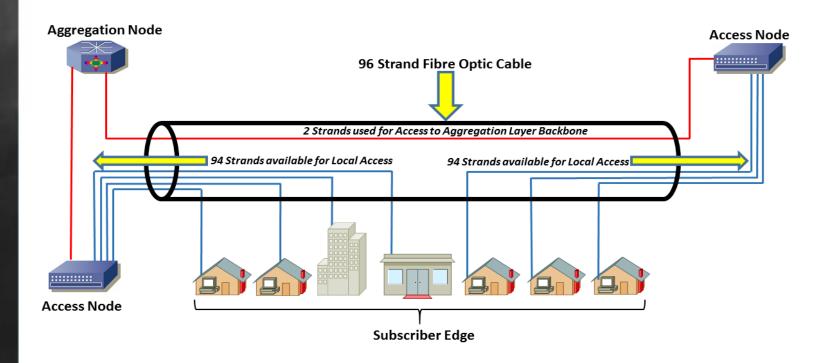
SOLVING THE LAST MILE PROBLEM

What is "Last Mile?"





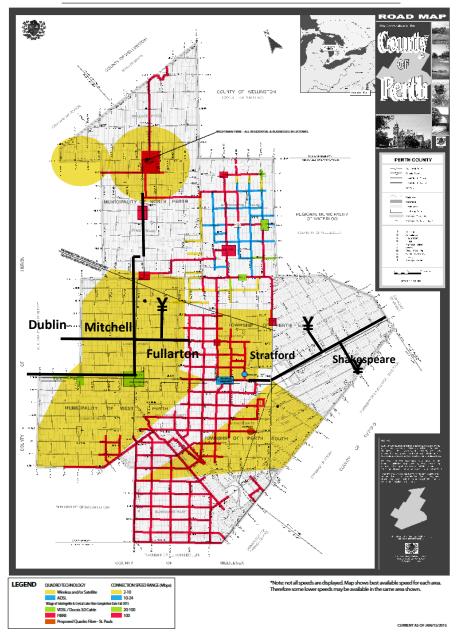
- Residual capacity from 500 km of backbone cable construction
- Residual capacity from 2,200 km of aggregation network cable construction

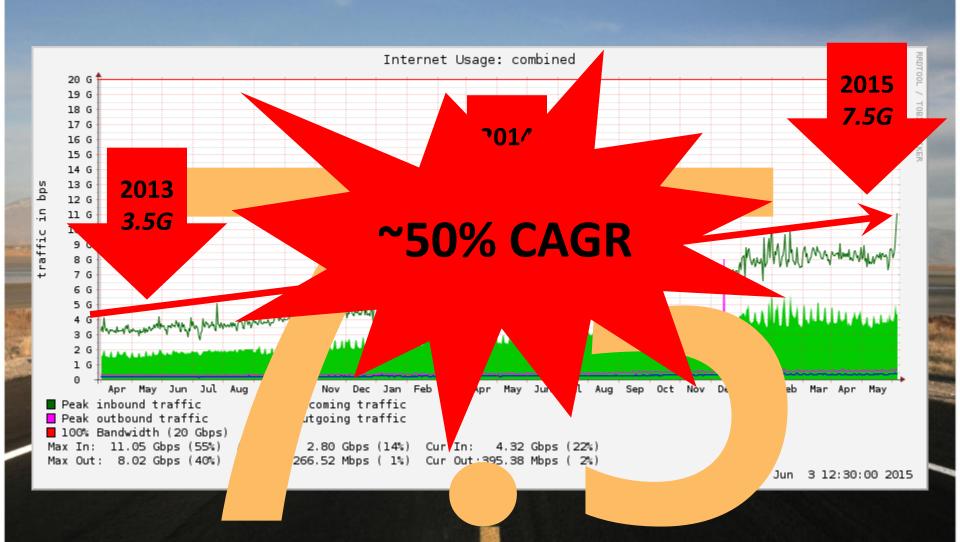




- 120 km fibre build for core and aggregation
- Mitchell, Dublin, Fullarton,
 Shakespeare now have
 Points of Presence
- Substantial residual capacity exists to support further last mile build out
- Barrier to last mile investment has been substantially reduced
 - Rural Schools connected (plus other MUSH)
 - Over 2000 MUSH sector sites

BROADBAND CONNECTION SPEEDS IN PERTH COUNTY



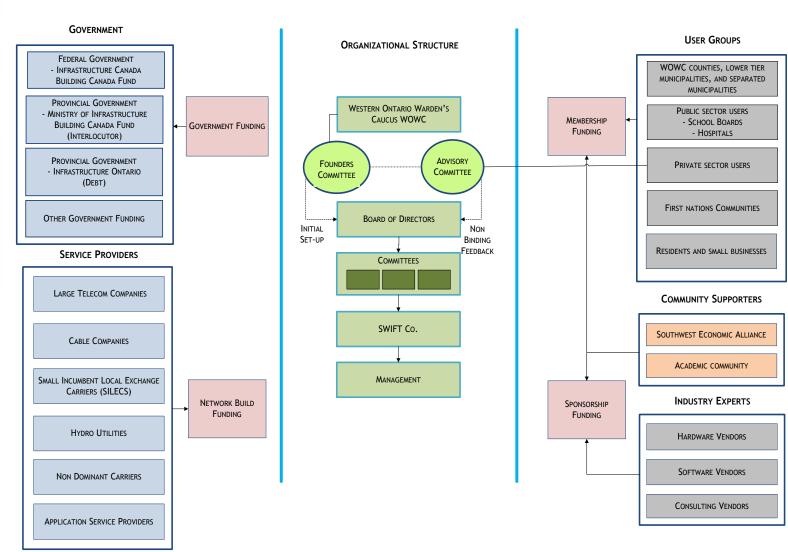


2013 Study with a 10-year Dataset

50% > 75GiB

	Predicted Range (GiB)			
	Mean	Median		
October 2013	43.14-44.89	20.79-22.29		
October 2014	59.53-61.94	28.69-33.00		
October 2015	82.15-85.48	39.59-48.83		
October 2016	113.36-117.96	54 63-72 27		
October 2017	156.44-162.79	75.39-106.96		

Organization structure





Broadband Development Fund (BDF)

 \$281 M* does not give everyone access to fibre – need ongoing funding/subsidy

 SWIFT partner provider pays a small (~3.5%) percentage of revenue back to SWIFT for each connection

 Funds are allocated by SWIFT board periodically to continue to subsidize providers until all of SWO has access to fibre based broadband

^{* \$4}B-\$7B to fibre everyone in SWO and Niagara



Residents – Families, Seniors, Students

- 1.Cut down on travel expenses with better connected healthcare services.
- 2.Go to school anywhere in the world with access to online education programs.
- 3. Government services, taxes, permits, and licenses will all be available at home. No more line-ups.
- 4. Gain access to endless forms of entertainment providers.
- 5. Shop online for products you just can't find locally.
- 6.Collaborate on ideas and causes, make a difference around the world.
- 7.Be ready for the Internet of Things, when everything is controlled from a smart device.



Small and Medium Sized Businesses

- 1.Improve communications with suppliers and customers.
- 2. Connect your remote offices and centralize your business applications.
- 3. Utilize low-cost and robust cloud-based apps to streamline day-to-day business.
- 4.Be prepared for the Internet of Things to ensure your business survives the new era of technology.
- 5. Accomplish more with fewer resources, and level the playing field with your bigger competitors.
- 6.Increase your profit margins and see a shorter return on investment paybacks.



- 1. Having highly available and low latency connectivity with your offices and customers around the globe supports high-frequency, secure transactions.
- 2.Outsource data management and enterprise applications to the cloud with confidence.
- 3. Become future proof by embracing Big Data.
- 4. Focus on your core business, which leads to improved products and services, as well as customer satisfaction.
- 5. Reduce operating costs and increase productivity.
- 6.See more attractive profit margins and a shorter return on investment paybacks.
- 7.Strengthen the global presence and competitiveness of your local operation.