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Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 27th Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Board File Number EB-2008-0214

Letter of Direction - 2009 Incentive Regulation Mechanism (2009 IRM) Rate Application

As directed by the Board's Letter of Direction dated November 25th, 2008, Veridian Connections Inc. is pleased to enclose affidavit evidence confirming that it has published the Notice of Application pertaining to the above application in the highest circulating newspaper in each of Veridian's service areas. The affidavit further confirms that a copy of the application has been made available for public review at the Veridian office, as well as on the Veridian website at <a href="https://www.veridian.on.ca">www.veridian.on.ca</a>.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours trul

George Armstrong

Manager of Regulatory Affairs and Key Projects

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	)	VERIDIAN CONNECTIONS INC.
	,	ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD FILE NO. EB-2008-0214

#### I, Stephen Zebrowski SOLEMNLY DECLARE, that

- 1. I am the Regulatory and Key Projects Analyst, reporting directly to the Manager of Regulatory Affairs and Key Projects of Veridian Connections Inc. (the "Corporation") and as such have personal knowledge of the matters herein deposed.
- 2. The Corporation did arrange for the publication of the Notice attached to this my Affidavit as Attachment "A" in the following newspaper:

Ajax News Advertiser, December 3, 2008
Belleville Intelligencer, December 6, 2008
Brock Citizen, December 5, 2008
Clarington This Week, December 3, 2008
Gravenhurst Banner, December 3, 2008
Northumberland News, December 3, 2008
Pickering News Advertiser, December 3, 2008
Port Perry Star, December 2, 2008
Uxbridge Times Journal, December 2, 2008

- 3. Also, I confirm that the English-language newspaper in which the Notice was published is the newspaper having the highest circulation in the service area, according to the best information available.
- 4. Also, I confirm that a copy of the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, are available for public review at Veridian Connections Inc.'s office and on its website.

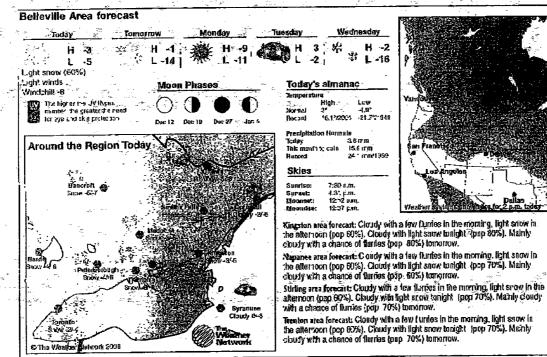
AND I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath.

DECLARED before me at the City of Pickering, in the Province of Ontario, this \8 day of December 2008

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Adriana Assunta Buchan, a Commissioner, e Regional Municipality of Durham, for The Corporation of the City of Pickering. Expires January 20, 2010. Stephen Zebrowski

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al average of 6,3 per cent. Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, who represents an Oshawa-area riding heavily dependent on the auto industry, called it a "devastating occurrence."

The minister said the Conservative government — which has been

under fire for its handling of the dent action to protect the Canadidownturn - already has programs to help displaced workers and he promised new measures on Jan. 27, when he is scheduled to bring down a budget.

"Between now and then, we will work and consult with business leaders, labour representatives, the opposition and our international partners to take the necessary, pru-

an economy," he said in a state-

Liberal finance critic Scott Brison called the response "pathetic," urging Prime Minister Stephen Harper to call back Parliament. which was shut down on Thursday at Harper's request until Jan. 26.

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one is wondering way Stephen Harper shot down Parliament instead of providing a real plan to Canadians," Brison said.

Canadian Auto Workers economist Jim Stanford was also critical of the parliamentary time out, called by Earper to avoid defeat of his minority government at the hands of the Liberais. New Democrais and Bloc Quebeco.s.

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#### Return to \$1 gas in United States?

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With wages stagnant, home prices plummeting and foredosure rates soaring, dollar-a-gallon gas may help mom fill up in the family minivan and cab drivers in and since July 11 when a barrel. New York City, but prices that low also would truly speak to how rotten the economy has become.

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#### How to Participate in the Hate Proceeding

You may perculpate in this proceeding to one of three ways:

#### . Send a Letter with your Connuerts to the Board

Your letter with comments will be provided to the Board members deciding the application, and will be part of the public record for the application. You letter must be received by the Board on later then January 5, 2009. The Beard accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail at the actiresses below.

#### 2. Bacome en Observer

Observers do not actively participate is the proceedings but munitor the progress of the proceeding by receiving documents issued by the Board You may request observer status in order to receive documents issued by the Board in this proceeding, it you become an observer, you need to contact the applicant and others in order to reselve departments that they file in this preceeding and they may charge you for this. Alcot documents filed in this application will also be available on the Board's website. Your request for observer status must be practed in writing and be received by the Board no later them December 12, 2008. The Board accepts observer request inters by either post or a-med at the addresses halful; however had petter copies are also required, how must also provide a copyr of your letter to the applicant.

#### 3. Become an intervenor

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Your request for intervenor status roust ter made by letter of intervention and he received by the Board no later than Quoember 12, 2008. Your latter of intervention roust inchese a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the nutrices of this proceeding; and if you represent a group, a description of the group and its memberst to. The Board may order costs in this proceeding in relation to Verician Connections' request for the recovery of Lost Relvenue Adjustment Machanism and Ehered Sadings Merkarism amounts. You must Indicate in your letter of Intervention (whether you expect to seek costs from

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**Ontario Energy** 

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### Relay for Life may be coming to Brock

By Scott Howard CITIZEN EDITOR

If Brock Township council has its way, the fifth annual North coming a little farther north.

Since its introduction in North Durham in 2005, Relay For Life has raised more than \$300,000 for cancer research. The first two events were held in Uxbridge, while the 2007 and 2008 events were held in Port Perry.

moving it to Brock in 2009.

Durham Relay for Life will be Durham municipalities to be involved," said Mayor Larry O'Connor.

> "It's been in Port Perry for two years and Uxbridge for two years, so I think it's time for Brock Township to get more involved."

Mayor O'Connor said the Sunderland fairgrounds would

Council has asked the event's be a "perfect" site for the event, organizing committee to consider which sees teams participate in a 12-hour relay. Township council "It's important for all North entered a team in last year's event -- dubbed the Council Crusaders.

> "There's a lot of support for the event locally and I'm sure that residents would support and embrace it if it moved to Brock," Mayor O'Connor said, adding that he recently gave members of the event's organizing committee a tour of the fairgrounds.

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# Blow-up over fireworks

Council seeking a loophole to support Courtice Rotary event

By Jennifer Stone

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**CLARINGTON** -- Municipal grants funding will be short \$5,000 if council moves forward with a proposal to continue to fund the Courtice Rotary's Canada Day event.

The group's annual fireworks event, held for the last three years in Bowmanville, has since 2005 received municipal grants to help offset costs.

Each year, the Municipality doles out the equivalent of \$1 per resident to various groups. In 2008, that amounted to about \$80,000, with Rotary receiving the top allowable grant of \$5,000.

But, under Municipal rules, Rotary shouldn't have received any funds. The rules stipulated grants aren't to go to "organizations that make donations."

In fact, during the last round of grants, at least one organization, the Running Maniacs, was turned down for funding because its major event raises

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money for the Purina Walk for Dog Guides.

Just weeks after grants were doled out last year, the Courtice Rotary completed its five-year, \$25,000 pledge to the Durham Region Cancer Centre, which ought to have rendered the group ineligible for a grant.

While some councillors argued to maintain fund-

ing for the fireworks event until this council's term ends in 2010, Community Services Director Joe Caruana advised against continuing to do so as had been done last year.

"It would compromise the grant policy," Mr. Caruana said. "The stipulation is there's no funding to a service group."

There aren't a lot of options in terms of funding the event, Mr. Caruana said. Councillors were told they could either ask another group, independent of Rotary, to run the Canada Day event, or simply move \$5,000 out of the grants process and into a department's funding, so it could then be given to Rotary.

Councillors gave preliminary approval to the latter loophole, meaning the grants process will go forward with about \$75,000 available.

"It would be really easy if you said it was one dollar per capita, less \$5,000," finance director Nancy Taylor said. "Then, (the total grant amount) will always inflate based on the one dollar per capita."

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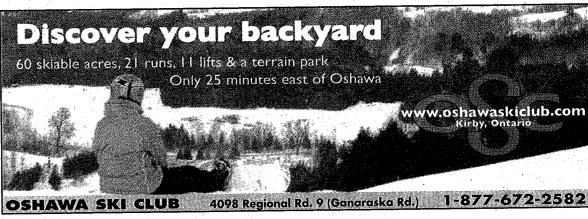
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## O'Marra Friday

AJAX — The PineRidge Arts Council presents Allan O'Marra's Show of Shows in

The show is from Dec. 2 to Dec. 18 at the McLean Community Centre, 95 Magill Dr. (at Westney Road). It includes a large collection of the Ajax artist's paintings from three previous shows, 'The Joy of Falling', 'Family Reunion, and 'Moments of Awakening,' as well as works from his current and ongoing series, 'My Landscapes'.

An artist for 40 years, O'Marra's shows have been on specific themes, ranging from paintings of Lake Ontario to works exploring his spiritual quest as a Buddhist. 'My Landscapes' is a series of paintings of the countryside around Bancroft, where he grew up, and images from around Ajax.

The artist will be at the show on Friday, Dec. 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. for a meet and greet. For more information, visit www.allano-

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"We have put on other productions before, but this is the first time the church is performing this Christmas production," said Sandy Broad, director of worship and communications.

The church has worked hard to re-create the market streets of Bethlehem, including an indoor market with vendors, a synagogue, background scenery and, most importantly, a stable.

The two-part play begins with the present-day festivities but brings the audience back in time to the origin of Christmas in

"Including the set design and set-up, there have been about 200 people working towards this production all fall," said Ms. Broad.

The evening involves live traditional music from solo singers, an adult choir and a children's choir, although the stage production is not a musical.

Performances are Dec. 5 to 7, starting at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

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**LATEST CREATION.** Merle Fletcher of Gravenhurst stands beside the carving of a bear she started in August. With the snow covering a portion of the bear, it appears to be half black bear and half polar bear. Fletcher's interest in carving also includes bird carving at the Gravenhurst Seniors Centre woodworking shop. (Photo by Fred Schulz)

Merle's interest in crafts also includes aluminum etching, oiling painting, quilting and tapestries.

The annual Bala Trek to Bethlehem will take place on Saturday, Dec. 6. Any time after 5:30 p.m., come to the "gathering place" — Bala Community Centre — to begin your journey. At the end of your journey, which takes approximately 40 minutes, come into the "Jerusalem Inn" (the arena) and enjoy warmth and nourishment. Come and be part of the journey — you're all welcome!

Trinity United Church will be presenting its annual Christmas Pageant, directed by Penny Varney, on Sunday, Dec. 7 commencing at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The South Muskoka Memorial Hospital Auxiliary has 30 wonderful teddy bears and Goldilocks up for

ing a bottle drive at the GHS parking lot on Saturd Dec. 6 where they will be collecting empty beer, we and spirits bottles.

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"We're forming a combined band to perform Europe," said GHS music teacher Leanne Edwarc Besides performing at venues including pul parks and castles, students will see Mozart's bi place and participate in the Sound of Music tour.

The real highlight comes Easter Sunday when students will see the Vienna Boys Choir and Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra in its home cat dral.

## Litany of offences catches up with Gravenhurst teen

BY MATT DRISCOLL

A young man from Gravenhurst broke down in a Bracebridge courtroom last week when he found out he will be spending Christmas in jail.

Matthew Jingle, 19, pleaded guilty last Tuesday to a long list of offences including stealing a camera, taking a car without permission, and multiple probation breaches.

Assistant Crown attorney Lyndsay Jeanes told the courtroom that on March 23 at roughly 3 a.m., Jingle took a 2007 Toyota Corolla from a Gravenhurst home without permission from the owner. Jingle was under a court order at the time to keep a curfew, but said he had "an urge to go for a drive," said Jeanes.

He was arrested again on Oct. 2 for breaking his curfew, when he was found in a car that police pulled over at roughly 12 a.m., court heard. He was also in the car with someone he had been ordered not to associate with, which earned him another charge.

Court was told that on Nov. 14 at roughly 1 a.m., Jingle was again arrested after officers observed a pair of young men acting suspiciously on a street in Bracebridge. When the officers began speaking to Jingle, he suddenly turned and ran, but didn't get far before being caught.

A camera was found in his possession, which was determined to have been stolen from a parked car in Bracebridge. He was

charged with stealing the camera and two more probation breaches.

Jeanes called the breaches a "willful and blatant disregard for court orders."

She said a six-month sentence is appropriate, and if the charges had been dealt with individually, the sentence would likely be much longer.

Both the Crown and defence lawyer Peter Ward agreed that further probation would be of little use, as Jingle is currently under three separate probation orders stemming from previous offences.

"He just doesn't seem to get it," said Ward.

Although Ward said he could not argue against a six-month jail term, he pointed

out that Jingle had been in jail for 12 da which should be credited on a two-for-o basis.

From the prisoner's box, Jingle gave tearful appeal and promised to go back school or get a job.
"Trouble just finds me," he said. "I do

want to be a criminal anymore. I do want to be someone the police talk to wh something bad happens."

In passing a sentence of six months jail, less time served, Judge J.D. Evans so he takes no joy in sending such a you man to jail.

"You can say trouble finds you, but y also have the ability to avoid it," sa Evans.

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EB-2008-0214

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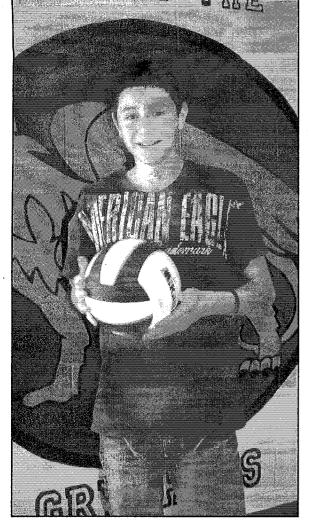
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**DATED** at Toronto, November 25, 2008

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary



A TEAM PLAYER. Gravenhurst High School student Steven Dawson received the student of the month award for October. According to his nominator, Dawson is a Grade 9 student and has entered high school responsibly and maturely. He is involved in school activities such as school sports teams and helping out with a recent clothing drive. On top of this, he manages to stay focused and positive about his school work. (Photo by Jenna Smith)

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## Snow-clearing help for Uxbridge seniors, disabled

Salvation Army offers assistance this winter

> BY JEFF HAYWARD jhayward@durhamregion.com

**UXBRIDGE** — Seniors and the disabled in town can find some relief from shovelling snow through a local service group.

Uxbridge's Salvation Army is providing free sidewalk clearing to the elderly and physically challenged with the help of vol-

unteers. The service comes in the wake of Uxbridge passing an updated bylaw recently, requiring all property owners to clear adjacent sidewalks within 24 hours from the start of a snowfall.

There are already four clients as of Nov. 26, said Councillor Bev Northeast, also the chairwoman of the local Salvation Army. The service is for seniors who cannot afford to hire help, she said. "We don't want to take a paying job away from someone," said the councillor.

The new bylaw also stipulates that snow

and ice must be removed from rooftops that overhang sidewalks. But Coun. Northeast said that won't be part of the service offered

through the Salvation Army. Those interested in the free snow-clearing service should call Bev Northeast at 905-640-3966.

#### WindReach Farm hosts seasonal fun

DURHAM — WindReach Farm is celebrating the holiday season with a special Christmas on the Farm event Dec. 14.

Visitors to the farm can take part in carolling, crafts and wagon rides, and have a chance to visit with the animals in the barn.

WindReach is a farm designed to meet the needs of people with disabilities. A donation of \$10 per car is requested upon entry.

WindReach Farm is located at 312 Townline Rd. in Ashburn. Call 905-655-5827 or visit www.windreachfarm.org.

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**DATED** at Toronto, November 25, 2008

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## O'Marra Friday

AJAX — The PineRidge Arts Council presents Allan O'Marra's Show of Shows in

The show is from Dec. 2 to Dec. 18 at the McLean Community Centre, 95 Magill Dr. (at Westney Road). It includes a large collection of the Ajax artist's paintings from three previous shows, 'The Joy of Falling,' Family Reunion, and 'Moments of Awakening,' as well as works from his current and ongoing series, 'My Landscapes'.

An artist for 40 years, O'Marra's shows have been on specific themes, ranging from paintings of Lake Ontario to works exploring his spiritual quest as a Buddhist. 'My Landscapes' is a series of paintings of the countryside around Bancroft, where he grew up, and images from around Ajax.

The artist will be at the show on Friday, Dec. 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. for a meet and greet. For more information, visit www.allano-

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**AJAX** — Experience the market streets of Old Bethlehem.

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"We have put on other productions before, but this is the first time the church is performing this Christmas production," said Sandy Broad, director of worship and com-

The church has worked hard to re-create the market streets of Bethlehem, including an indoor market with vendors, a synagogue, background scenery and, most importantly, a stable.

The two-part play begins with the present-day festivities but brings the audience back in time to the origin of Christmas in

"Including the set design and set-up, there have been about 200 people working towards this production all fall," said Ms. Broad.

The evening involves live traditional music from solo singers, an adult choir and a children's choir, although the stage production

Performances are Dec. 5 to 7, starting at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

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he Blackstock Co-Op Nursery School presents its 'Pancake reakfast With Santa' fundraiser at the Blackstock Recreation entre, 3440 Church St. The breakfast will run from 9 m. to 1 p.m. and Santa will arrive at 10 a.m. Breakfast ill include ham, sausage, pancakes and eggs, juice and offee. A large plate is \$4; a small plate is \$3. There will so be a silent auction and opportunity to mail letters to anta. For more information, call 905-986-4585, e-mail ackstockcns@hotmail.com or visit blackstock.pcpcto-

#### uesday, Dec. 9

he North Durham Photographers' Association hosts its ext meeting at the Scugog Community Centre, 1655 each St., beginning at 6:30 p.m.

#### Vednesday, Dec. 10

ne Cartwright High School Senior Concert Band hosts annual 'Seniors' Christmas Dinner' from noon to 2 p.m. the Blackstock Recreation Centre, 3440 Church St. articipating seniors will have an opportunity to hear the HS bands perform while enjoying time together to chat. dmission is by donation. To reserve a seat, call 905-86-4241.

#### riday, Dec. 12

ne Little Britain Santa Claus Parade will leave from the ttle Britain Community Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Floats nd their towing vehicles are asked to be at the church assemble by 6:30 p.m. The theme for the parade, consored by the Little Britain Business and Community sociation, is family. For more information, call 705-879-454 or 705-786-2899.

#### unday, Dec. 14

he Lake Scugog Historical Society holds its traditional plde-Fashioned Christmas' service with carol-singing the entire family. The event will be held at St. John's resbyterian Church, 319 Queen St., beginning at 6:30 m. Non-perishable food donations for the food bank will accepted. Everyone is welcome.

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charity hockey game to stock to Mariposa/Little Britain ommunity Food Bank shelves will be held at the Oakbood Arena, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The tilt will feature to Little Britain Fire Department facing off against their bunterparts from Oakwood. Admission is a non-perishble food item, unwrapped toy or cash donation. The time is sponsored by the Mariposa Minor Hockey Assortion and the Little Britain United Church.

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minimum of \$200 in pledges prior to the event. For more information on the event or to obtain pledge sheets, contact Ruth (905-985-6232) or Anne (905-985-3158).

#### **Ongoing**

The Port Perry YMCA Ontario Early Years Centre offers free activity programs each Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. The drop-in session is open to all parents. The YMCA is located at 158 Casimir St. For more information, contact the Port Perry YMCA at 905-985-2824 or visit www.ontarioearlyyears.ca.

The Little Britain United Church hosts 'Little Britain Moms and Tots' each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon. The effort is a chance for moms to come together and chat and an opportunity for pre-schoolers to play together. There will be guest speakers, crafts and snacks. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Kathy at 705-357-2569.

The Durham Region Fibromyalgia Support Group meets the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, call Concetta (905-725-6067) or Judy (905-728-3907) or e-mail durham. region.fibromyalgia.group@rogers.com.

Durham Hospice offers a bereavement support group each Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at its Uxbridge office, 14 Brock St. East. The sessions are free, confidential and open to anyone who has experienced a death. Hospice has been offering support for more than 20 years in north and central Durham. For more information, visit www.durhamhospice.com. To register, call Athanas at 905-852-4461.

The Port Perry Fiddle Club presents a dance and jam at the Scugog Community Centre, 1655 Reach St., on the fourth Wednesday of each month. There will be music from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be fiddling and all musicians, as well as the public, are welcome to attend. Admission is \$2. For more information, call 905-985-7557.

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## County scores high-speed Internet cash

By Jennifer O'Meara iomeara@northumberlandnews.com

**NORTHUMBERLAND** - Rural Northumberland is getting high speed Internet

On Nov. 28. Northumberland-Quinte West MPP Lou Rinaldi announced the province will be giving almost \$1 million to bring broadband Internet access to the rural areas of the county.

"This is a real milestone for the County of Northumberland when it comes to communication," said Mr. Rinaldi. "We are truly in a communication world today. This gives another tool for Northumberland and rural Ontario to compete around the world."

The grant is part of the province's Rural Connections Broadband Program, which helps municipalities in southern Ontario improve access to e-government services, Internet access for residents and economic development in under-serviced communities. The Ontario government promised \$30 million over the next four years for Internet projects: \$9 million was up for grabs at the first application intake this fall. Northumberland County submitted an application for the funding and was one of only 15 successful municipalities across the province.

Only 30 per cent of rural Northumberland has high-speed Internet access. Bringing broadband Internet to the rest of the county will help those who want to run businesses in rural Northumberland or work from home, said Northumberland County Warden Christine Herrington. The local economy has been hard hit by plant closings and manufacturing sector layoffs. County-wide high speed Internet access is hoped to draw new industry and business into Northumberland.

"Let's get some of those cottage industries up and running and as prosperous as they can be," said Ms. Herrington.

Mr. Rinaldi added the funds come at an opportune time, given the challenging economic times.

The total Northumberland project will cost an estimated \$3 million. The other two-thirds will be paid by a private sector contributor. To this end, the county has a request for proposals (RFP) out now for private sector Internet providers. The bids are due next week. Then the county will pick a service provider to partner with.

One factor in the county decision will be the number of towers that need to be built. The county wants to see partnerships with

# Stolen truck found in mall parking lot

**COBOURG** - Cobourg police are analyzing property found in a recovered stolen truck to help nab the culprit.

On Nov. 28 at 11:30 a.m., police received information about a 1991, silver Chevrolet pick-up truck reported stolen in Port Hope.

An hour later, Cobourg officers found the truck parked in the No Frills parking lot on Division Street. Officers watched the truck from a distance to see if anyone returned to it but no one did. The truck was towed to the Cobourg police office for evidence and identification purposes.

Although no fingerprints were found, police say some property from the truck did not belong to its owner. The investigation into this incident continues as police analyze the property.

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existing tower owners, to keep any new construction to a minimum, said Borowec, the county director of economic development and tourism

"We're looking at how creative these folks can be," said Mr. Borowec. "There are a large number of towers in place already."

If things go smoothly, high speed could be available to 90 per cent of Northumberland within a year and a half, he said.

"It's an essential step in terms of economic initiatives, for individuals that come to the

county and want to use connectivity," the director noted.

According to a recent county staff report, bringing high-speed Internet access to Northumberland presents a few challenges. Rolling terrain, dense tree cover and low population density have kept private Internet providers from investing in the equipment, stated the report.

"What makes Northumberland County so attractive is the rolling hills and it's also part of the challenges," said Warden Herrington. There are some pockets of rural Northumberland that already have high speed Internet. This project won't be replacing those but instead bringing broadband into areas with no Internet access or slow access via dial-up.

The county is also considering applying to a new federal connectivity program. Depending on the program restrictions, the county could ask for federal funds to improve the technology so there is complete broadband coverage for all of Northumberland.

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If you already have a user ID, please submit your interrogatories or submission through the Board's portal at <a href="https://www.err.coeb.gov.on.ca">www.err.coeb.gov.on.ca</a>. Additionally, two paper copies are required. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the Board's website under e-filings and fill out a user ID password request. For instructions on how to file and naming conventions, please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines found at <a href="https://www.oeb.gov.on.ca">www.oeb.gov.on.ca</a>, e-Filing Services. Those who do not have internet access are asked to submit their interrogatories or submission on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with two paper copies. You may also send your submission by post or e-mail to the addresses below.

In responding to this Notice, please include Board file number EB-2008-0214 in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your document. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date

#### Need More Information?

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's website at <a href="https://www.oeb.gov.on.ca">www.oeb.gov.on.ca</a> or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

#### <u>IMPORTANT</u>

IF YOU DO NOT FILE AN OBJECTION TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCEEDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

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