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High-speed Internet access by fiber optic cable for all the households in the Township of Melbourn

After having polled their citizens during the summer of 2018 about internet access in the Township of Melbourn, the elected officials (Mayor and Councillors) realized that something better, more reliable and definitely more affordable was required.

The Township of Melbourn has been working closely with COOPTEL for almost two years now to provide a quality internet service to its citizens. The municipality signed an agreement with COOPTEL in October 2019 with the goal to serve 100% of the households on its territory. The engineering phase of the project was completed during the spring and summer of 2019, and was followed by the preliminary works and the approval of the plans. The installation of the main transport line has also been completed.

In March 2020, COOPTEL advised the municipality that due to some issues beyond their control, such as obtaining the necessary permits and permissions as well as the COVID-19 pandemic, that the construction of the network was delayed. Since then, the municipality has given several authorizations to COOPTEL for the installation of the fiber optic cable on the territory. In addition to this, a telecom company should be on site this week to start some of this work.

A gradual connection of households will begin this fall, but the completion of the construction of the network in the Township of Melbourn is scheduled for March 2021. The Mayor and the Councillors are pleased with the advancement made by COOPTEL in the construction of the fiber optic network in the Township of Melbourn and know that the citizens will appreciate having access to an affordable and reliable high-speed internet service.

COOPTEL will communicate with the citizens concerned in due time to offer them the possibility of subscribing or pre-subscribing to a package that meets their Internet, television or telephone needs.