



# District of Lakeland No. 521

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August 31, 2020

Dear District of Lakeland (Emma Lake and Christopher Lake) Property Owner:

**This letter is intended to request your input into a survey undertaken to engage interest in bringing high speed internet into the District of Lakeland area including Emma Lake and Christopher Lake.** The District of Lakeland has requested and received a proposal from SaskTel under its Community Participation Program.

**This Program includes SaskTel providing for SaskTel High Speed Internet in Emma Lake and Christopher Lake with the condition that the community participate in the cost with a contribution of \$1,076,000 plus applicable taxes (approx. \$630 per property plus interest)** to build the infrastructure needed to proceed with the delivery of service, taking into consideration the number of permanent residents and forecasted number of customers, the revenues and the service costs. SaskTel will own and operate the High-Speed Internet facilities installed within the community and maintain them in accordance with its standard network practice. Customers on this network will be treated as all other SaskTel customers.

The District of Lakeland Council has determined that it is prepared to assist in the community contribution by way of advancing the funds to SaskTel as required and recouping that cost on a per lot basis over a period of 5 to 10 years subject to the interest rate that the District would be subject to on a loan. In a project at McPhee Lake in 2020, that interest rate was 3%.

**The Community Participation project provides the installation of DSL facilities only, and not the supply of Internet service to individual residents of the area.** Once the installation of the facilities is complete, persons or businesses wanting to subscribe to SaskTel Internet can go directly through SaskTel to sign up for service.

Currently, permanent and seasonal residents would be able to subscribe to either of the following plans:

- interNET Extended 5, which includes download speeds up to 5 Mbps and upload speeds up to 1 Mbps
- interNET Extended 10, which includes download speeds up to 10 Mbps and upload speeds up to 1 Mbps

This area would be treated as any other SaskTel serving area and all product changes made by SaskTel and of general application would be applicable to this area as well.

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Given the scope of the work required for this build as well as other work SaskTel has planned for 2021, SaskTel could not guarantee that the project would be completed in 2021. In order to ensure project execution could commence in the 2021 construction season, the District needs to provide a response to SaskTel in October, 2020.

**Council would like to gauge the interest in this project proceeding before the October Council meeting. Please return the enclosed form indicating your response by October 9, 2020. You may also email, fax or call your response in to the office.** If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tammy D. Knuttila".

Tammy D. Knuttila  
Administrator



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**PLEASE RESPOND BY OCTOBER 9, 2020**

By phone, fax, email or regular mail.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Civic Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Would like to see project proceed: (check one)

Yes

No

(Comments – optional)

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