

YTN Governance Structure and Business Plan Update Broadband Strategy Advisory Task Force



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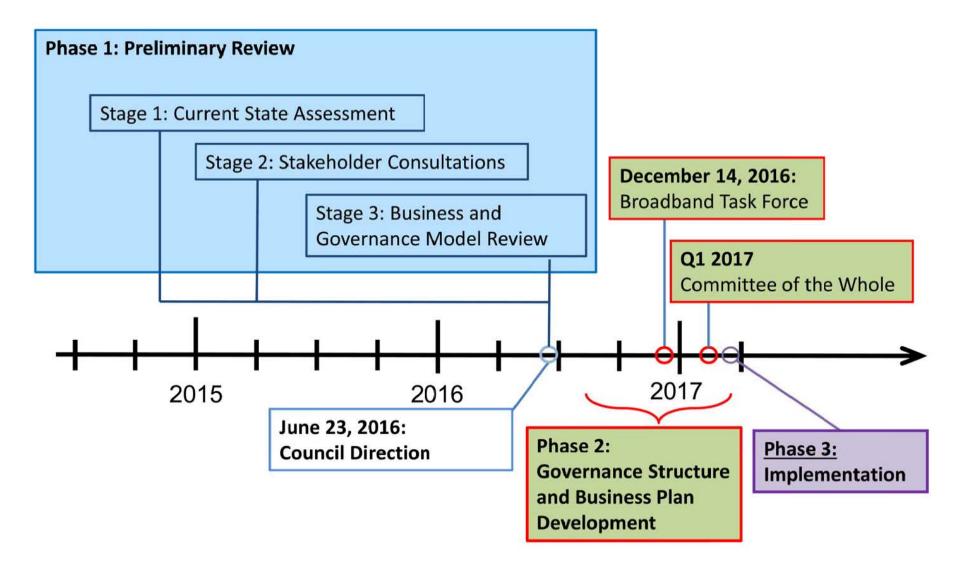
### Agenda

- 1. Recap of YTN Phase 1 Review
- 2. YTN Phase 2 Scope
- 3. Survey Results
- 4. Areas for Consideration:
  - Governance
  - Asset Ownership
  - Pricing Strategy
- 5. Next Steps





# The story so far:



# Phase 1 Outcomes:

### **Mandate**

The mandate of **"YTN Inc."** will include addressing York Region's connectivity requirements; assisting local MUSH partners in optimizing their connectivity levels; and supporting economic development across the Region through the provision of dark fibre network access.



# Phase 1 Outcomes:

The Proposed "YTN Inc." structure meets all of the approved Guiding Principles approved by Regional Council on June 23, 2016.

#### Scope of Network:

- i. Confined to within York Region's Boundaries
- ii. Limited to Dark Fibre Access only

#### **Financial Considerations:**

- i. Full Cost Recovery
- ii. Service cost savings through cost avoidance

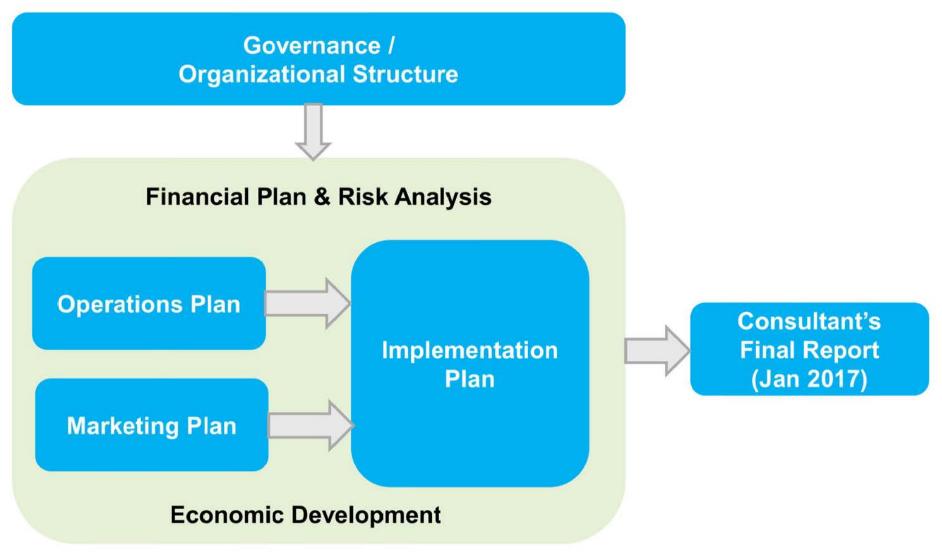
#### **Policy Considerations:**

- i. Wholly-owned subsidiary of York Region
- ii. Support York Region's connectivity needs to the extent possible
- iii. Assist in meeting the needs of local Municipal, University, School and Healthcare (MUSH) partners
- iv. Open to the possibility of joint ownership with local MUSH partners
- v. Primarily public sector subscribers
- vi. Open to pilot projects with third parties, including private sector
- vii. Leverage funding and partnership opportunities as appropriate
- viii. Non-dominant carrier
- ix. Not compete with current Internet Service Providers (ISPs)
- x. Future-ready, redundant and reliable
- xi. Support economic development and growth



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# Phase 2 Scope:



Phase 2 Scope: Marketing Plan Market Survey Key Findings



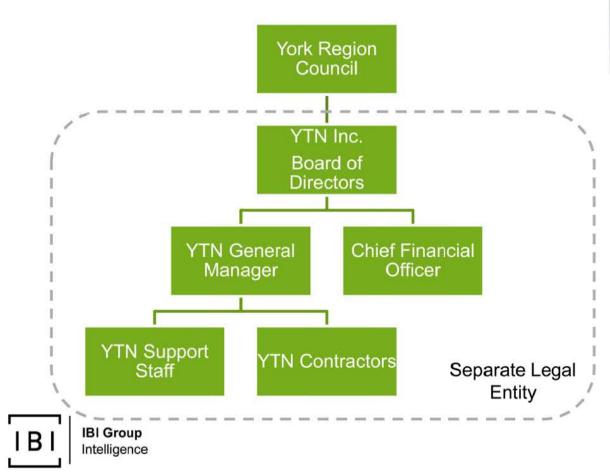
- 1. Strong Demand from both internal and external users
- 2. Move from talk to action

3. Pricing Flexibility



# Governance & Organizational Structure Update

### YTN Organizational Structure Baseline





# Council as YTN Inc. shareholder:

- YTN Inc. Board operates within mandate & budgets set by council
- Council receives regular updates from YTN Inc.
- Council approves annual budgets and any changes to corporate mandate

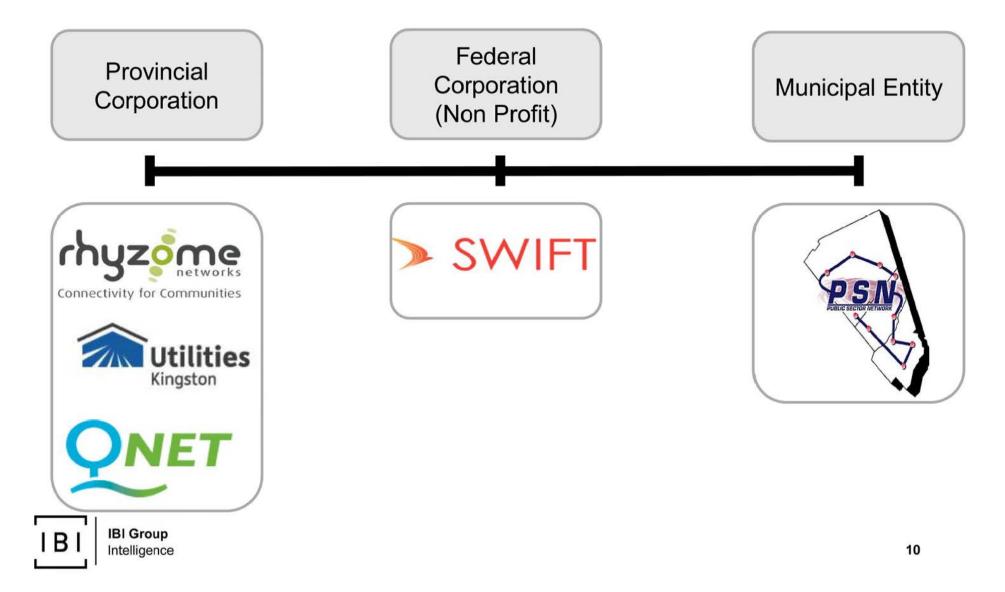
# Governance & **Organizational Structure Peer Reviews**

- Legal Entity Structure
- Board of Directors
- Asset Ownership
- Pricing Strategy

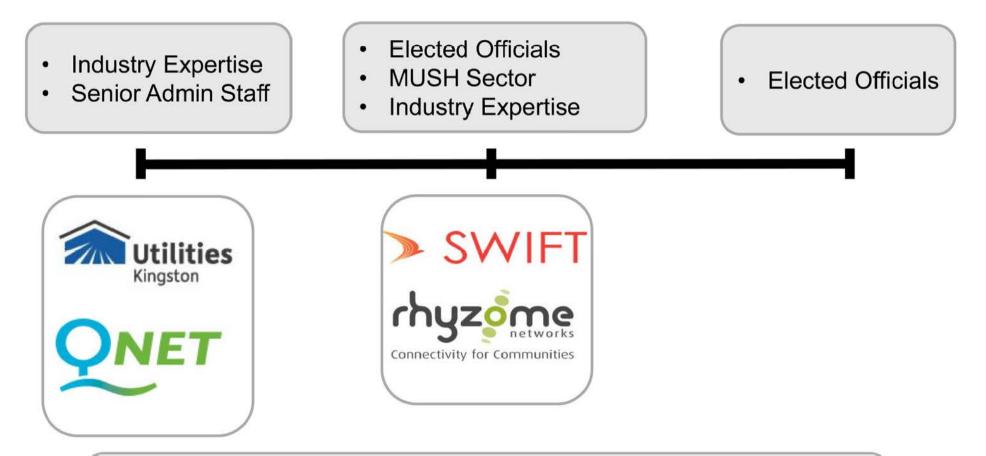




# **Governance Consideration - Legal Entity Structure**



### Governance Consideration: Board Of Directors Composition



Role of Council:

- Approves strategy, business plan and budget
- Receive regular updates from YTN Inc.

Governance Consideration: Board of Directors

- Functional guidance and oversight of General Manager / CFO
- Senior industry experience
- MUSH representation
- Nimble and responsive structure
- Responsible to Council
- Continuity through election cycles





### Governance Consideration: Asset (Fibre) Ownership





### Asset Ownership Considerations:

|                              | OWNED UNDER REGION   | OWNED UNDER YTN INC.   |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| CRTC                         | YTN Inc. must become reseller                                      | Transfer non-dominant carrier status to YTN Inc.   |
| Legal                        | Licence agreement for YTN<br>Inc. to use assets                    | Assets inside corporation  |
| Тах                          | Status Quo   | Under review   |
| Risk                         | Direct to Region   | Region at arms length from<br>YTN Inc.   |
| Financial                    | Future assets built from YTN cash flows transferred back to region | Notional debt created to<br>municipality with annual<br>interest payments. Future<br>assets YTN funded |
| Partnership<br>Opportunities | Less flexible  | More flexible; ability for partial/<br>minority ownership  |
| Asset Growth                 | YTN designs, operates and maintains. Region owns                   | YTN Inc. responsible for asset growth. Owns, maintains and operates                                    |
| Exit Strategy                | Limited alternatives   | More alternatives  |
| IDI Carrier                  |  |  |



### Governance Consideration: Pricing Strategy



Note: Pricing TBD: > SWIFT



# Next Steps:

- 1. Consider feedback on governance, asset ownership and pricing considerations
- 2. Continue with project plan:
  - Financial Plan
  - Risk Analysis
  - Final Report



# Questions

