YorkNet's role in bringing high-speed internet to Georgina

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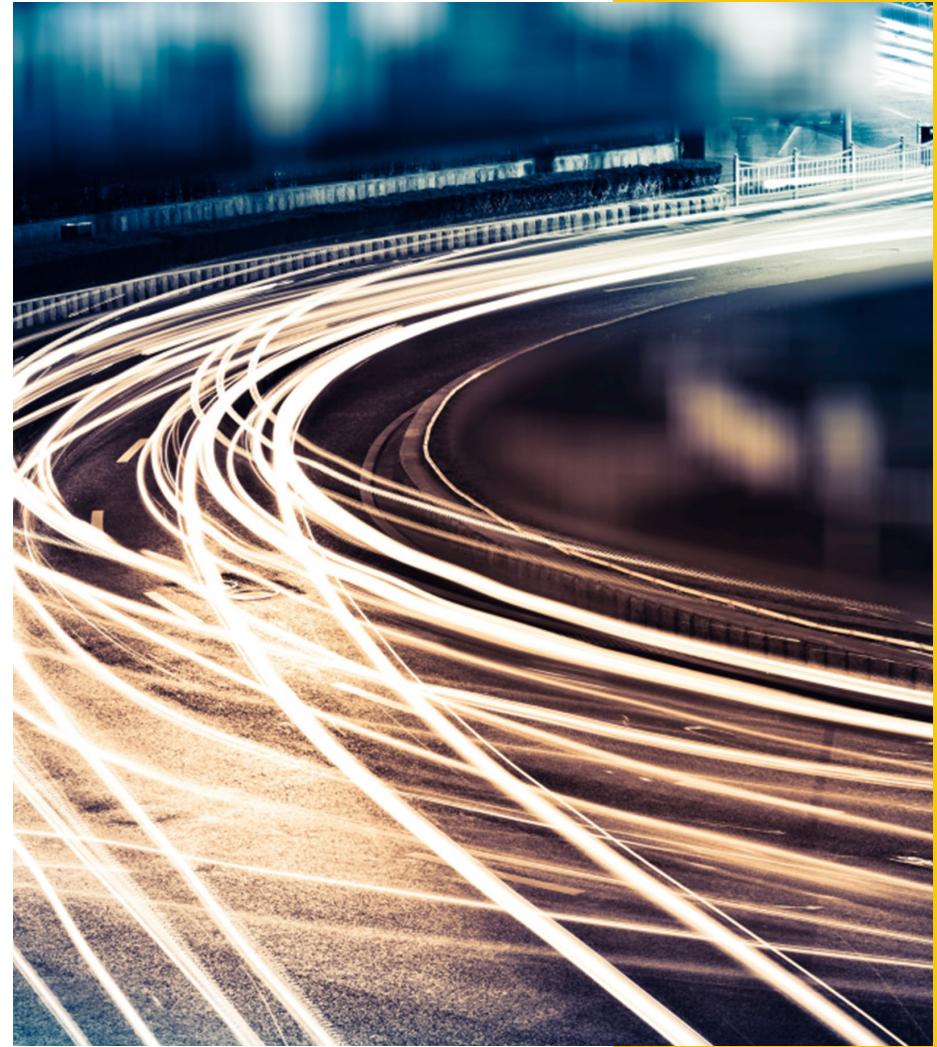General Manager, YorkNet

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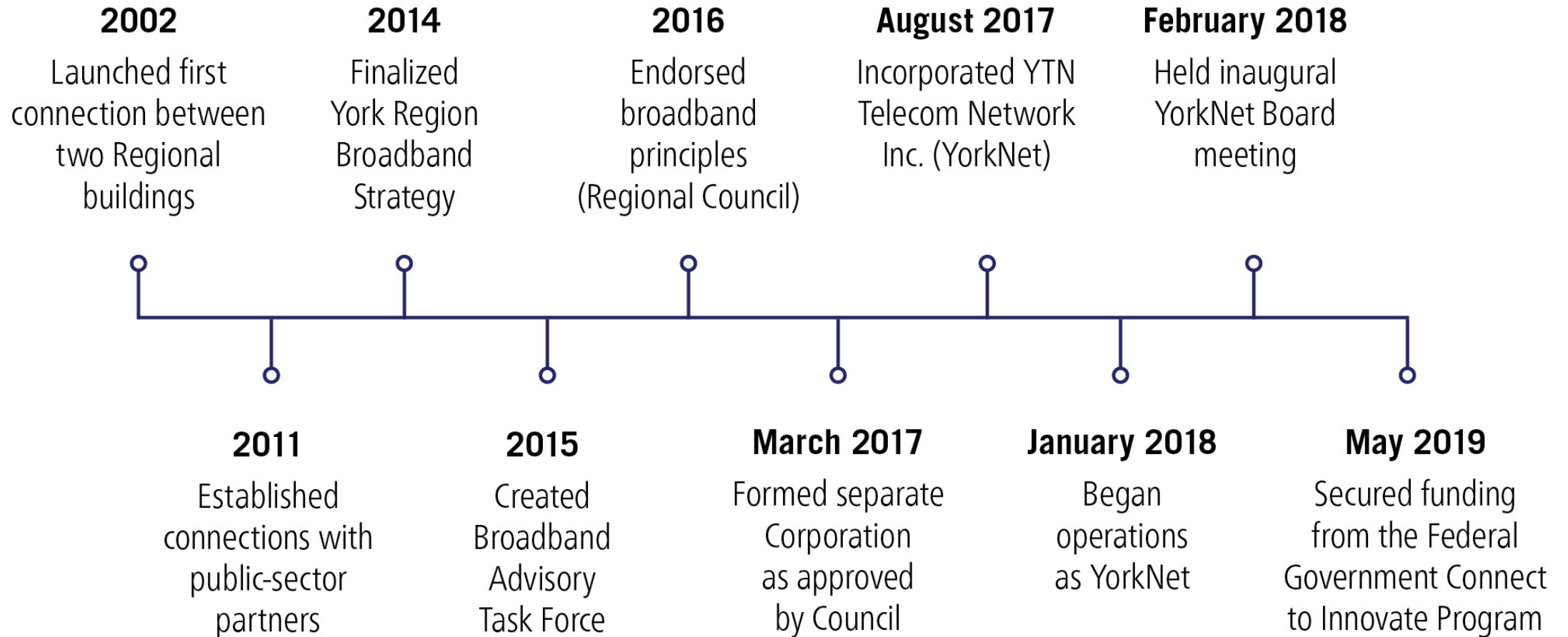
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About YorkNet

- Helping create equitable access to high-speed internet

- Expanding open access to high-speed internet across York Region

- Planning, building, and operating an affordable, reliable and sustainable dark fibre network across York Region

The evolution of YorkNet

2002
Launched first connection between two Regional buildings

2011
Established connections with public-sector partners

2014
Finalized York Region Broadband Strategy

2015
Created Broadband Advisory Task Force

2016
Endorsed broadband principles (Regional Council)

March 2017
Formed separate Corporation as approved by Council

August 2017
Incorporated YTN Telecom Network Inc. (YorkNet)

January 2018
Began operations as YorkNet

February 2018
Held inaugural YorkNet Board meeting

May 2019
Secured funding from the Federal Government Connect to Innovate Program
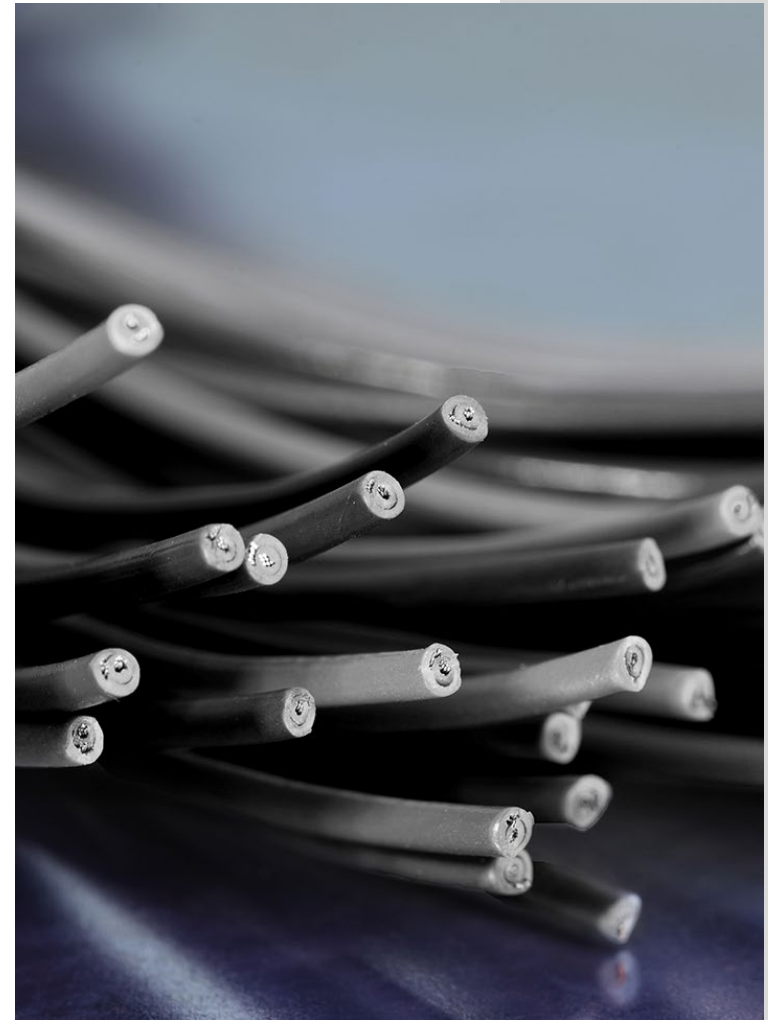
Connect to Innovate
(CTI) program

Federal government program
launched on December 15, 2016
invited applications for funding to bring
high speed internet to rural and
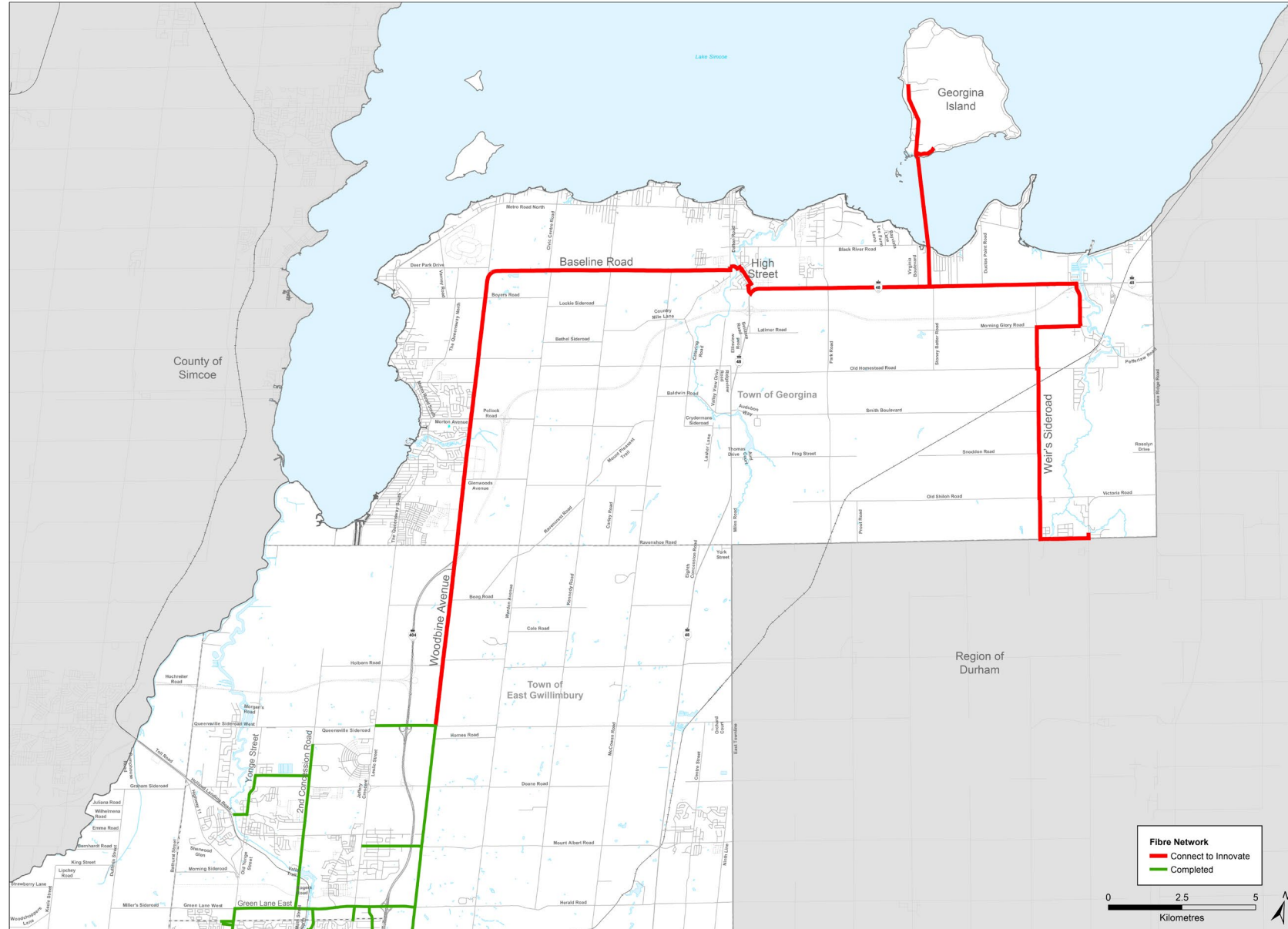remote communities across Canada

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York Region's CTI application

- On April 20, 2017, York Region applied for CTI funding

- In May 2019, secured up to $2M to expand dark fibre network to improve connectivity primarily to the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nations and Udora

- This funding, with York Region's $3.2M contribution, will allow us to extend our dark fibre network from East Gwillimbury to Georgina Island and Udora

What this means for York Region and residents and businesses in Georgina

- Access to high-speed internet is critical to improving the delivery of education and health care, while driving innovation, economic growth and job creation

- Provides connectivity to improve the delivery of Regional Services

- Brings potential for high-speed internet to residents in Georgina

- Will make fibre connectivity available to internet service providers, who can offer high-speed internet services to customers

YorkNet's network expansion plan

- Beyond the CTI funding, YorkNet has a comprehensive plan for constructing a fibre network throughout the Region

- Over the next 10 years, additional fibre network will be constructed in all municipalities in the Region

- Local municipalities are collaborating with YorkNet on the strategy and opportunities to increase internet speeds to local residents and businesses

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