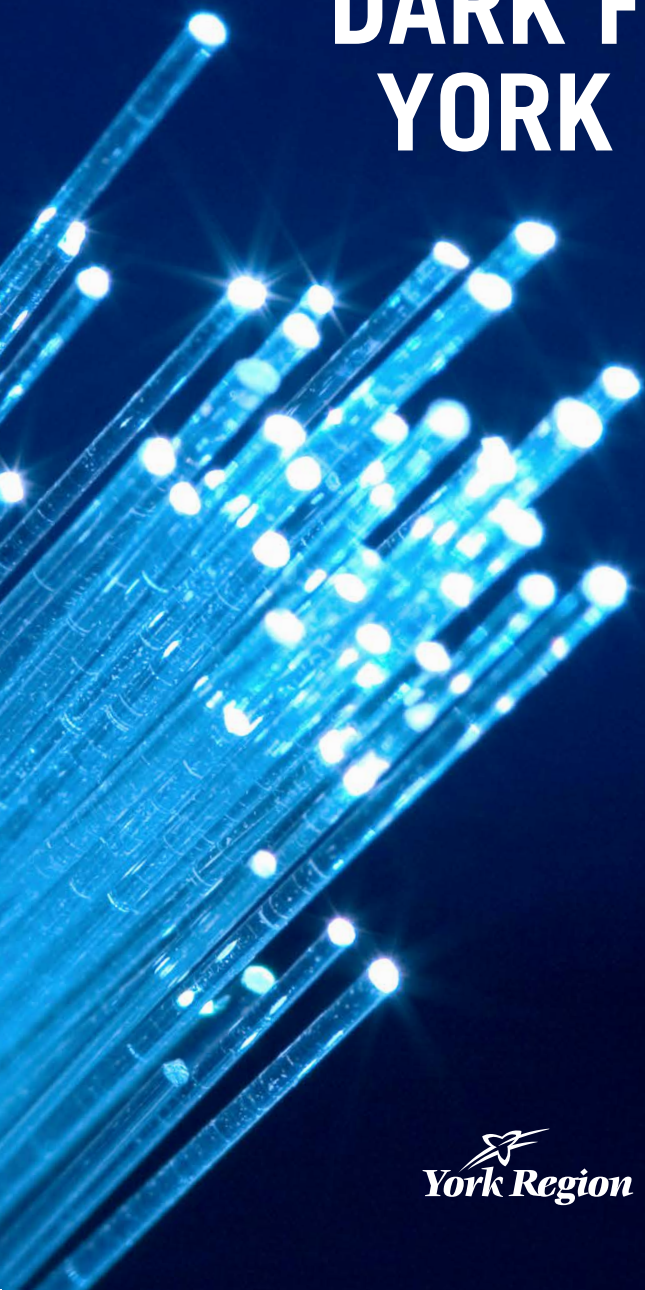# THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT FOR DARK FIBRE IN YORK REGION

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About YorkNet

Incorporated in 2017, YorkNet is a York Region-owned corporation established to maintain and expand York Region's dark fibre infrastructure. It builds, operates and maintains a dark fibre network across the Region.

In the simplest terms, YorkNet is a key enabler that allows internet service providers to deliver high-speed internet to new areas in the Region. The Region's dark fibre network is bringing the potential for high-speed internet to thousands of businesses and households.
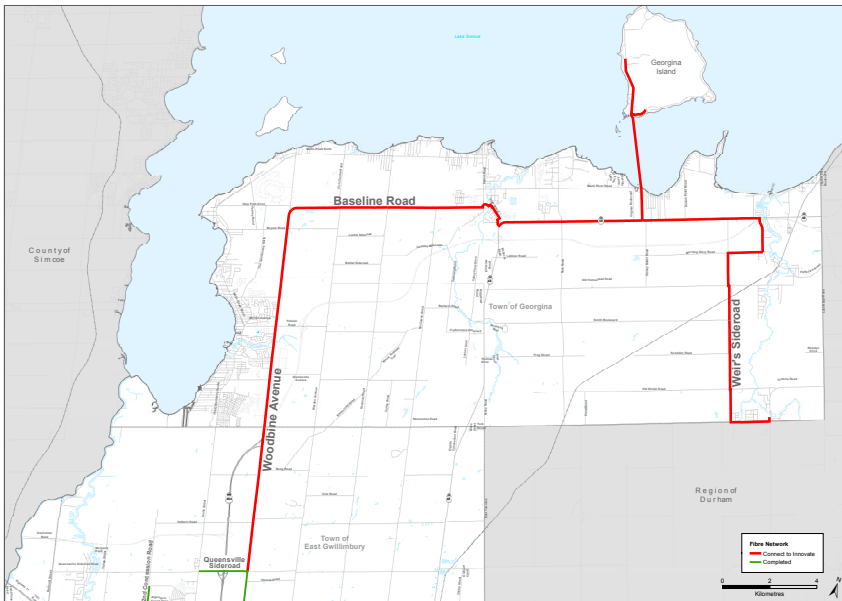
Connect to Innovate

Connect to Innovate (CTI) is a federal government program, which helps ensure communities are well-positioned to take advantage of the opportunities afforded by the digital age.

In May 2019, York Region successfully secured funding to expand its dark fibre network to improve connectivity for under-served communities. Together with York Region's financial contribution, this will help build a specific route to reach Georgina Island and extend down to Udora, while also connecting important Regional and public sector facilities along the way.

Route Map

The Connect to Innovate route has been developed and approved as per the requirements of the CTI program.

What this means for residents

The CTI route will be a driving force to bring high-speed internet to residents in East Gwillimbury and Georgina. Once the CTI section of the network is complete (2021), YorkNet will make fibre connectivity available to internet service providers, who can in turn offer services to residents and businesses in these areas.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When will the CTI project be complete?

A: The CTI project will be complete in 2021. Once complete, YorkNet will make fibre connectivity available to internet service providers, who can in turn offer high-speed internet services to residents and businesses in these areas.

Q: How was the CTI route selected?

A: The CTI route was developed and finalized in accordance with the CTI program criteria set out by the federal government. The approved route being taken to fulfill the CTI program will bring the potential for high-speed internet to thousands of residents and businesses in the area.

Q: When the dark fibre infrastructure is in place, will residents and businesses automatically have faster internet?

A: YorkNet is a key enabler that allows internet service providers to deliver high-speed internet to the area surrounding the dark fibre network. This provides residents and businesses with the potential for faster internet service. Most often, residential connectivity fees apply.

Q: When the dark fibre infrastructure is in place, how can I benefit? Who do I contact to get faster internet?

A: The dark fibre network will offer internet service providers with the opportunity to deliver higher-speed internet services to their clients, including both residents and businesses. You should connect with your provider directly to get more information about the services being offered in your area.

Q: Beyond the CTI funding, what is YorkNet doing to expand its dark fibre network?

A: YorkNet has developed a comprehensive plan for constructing the Regional network. Over the next 10 years, additional fibre networks will be constructed in all York Region municipalities. YorkNet continues to collaborate with local municipalities on opportunities to increase internet speeds to local residents and businesses.

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