

Steps to Better Cell Services in Eastern Ontario

The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) created the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) to improve connectivity across the region. Together, they have proposed a \$213 million public-private partnership to improve cell coverage in rural Eastern Ontario. The project would be funded by federal, provincial and municipal governments as well as private-sector telecommunications providers.

EORN is committed to an open, accountable and timely approach to building the project. ~~Once funding is received,~~ it will take 12 to 18 months of advance work before the project would begin construction. Proper due diligence and an open, competitive bidding process will ensure that the cell improvements are delivered effectively and with good value.



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- Develop and finalize contribution agreements with federal and provincial governments
 - Identify eligible costs and requirements
 - Define how funding will flow between federal and provincial government to EOWC, EORN and to private sector partners
- Develop Request for Proposals
- Initiate consultation with First Nations communities

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- Issue Requests for Proposals
- Review proposals and conduct interviews
- Select successful proponents and negotiate contracts
- Contracts approved by EORN and EOWC Boards

Build

Estimated 3-4 years.



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- Provincial funding announcement
- Federal funding announcement



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