



Policy 2024-02-05

**Municipality of the County of Pictou
Community Hall Internet Program Policy**

Purpose

1. To establish a uniform policy for the provision of Internet services to community organizations.

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2. The Municipality will provide free internet services to community organizations and their facilities under the following conditions:
 - a. The community organization has been designated as a warming/comfort centre (Schedule A) by the Pictou County Regional Emergency Management Resource Plan.
 - b. The facility provides the opportunity for programs or events that serve the broader community and not strictly the organization's membership.
 - i. The community organization may be required to demonstrate the use of the facilities through a calendar of events or booking records.
 - c. The facility can be adequately serviced by the Municipality's broadband project in terms of minimum speeds.
 - i. Fibre Network (50 Mbps download/10 Mbps Upload)
 - ii. Wireless Network (25 Mbps download/5 Mbps Upload)

3. If an application is received from a community organization that does not meet the criteria established in Section 2 above; staff shall prepare a recommendation report for the Financial Services Committees review.
 - a. The report shall highlight the ability of the location to be adequately serviced by the network (fibre/wireless).
 - b. The report shall also indicate the proximity of the location to other facilities designated in section 2.
 - c. The report shall also indicate the typical usage of the hall in terms of frequency; which can impact data and bandwidth costs.
 - d. The Financial Services Committee shall decide if the organization shall be granted free internet services.

Dated the 5th day of February 2024 in Pictou, NS.

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