

Attachment 6: Draft Phase 1 Work Plan

Legal review

- Consider feasibility, desirability and sustainability public, private, and public-private models to deliver ConnectTO
- Set out roles, responsibilities for each aspect of program including: design, build, finance, and operation

Timelines: January 2020 – March 2021

ConnectTO Municipal Broadband Strategic Framework

- Leverage legal review, inter-divisional and ABC consultation, executive steering committee, HEI research, public and stakeholder consultation, and pilot program set-up learning, etc, to create a Municipal Broadband Strategic Framework for Toronto

Timelines: January 2020 – December 2021

Inter-Divisional and Agencies Boards and Commissions (ABCs) Alignment

- Business process review on digital connectivity through City Planning, Transportation Services, Social Development and Finance Administration, Toronto Transit Commission, Toronto Public Library, etc, lenses.
- Develop policies and processes to enhance digital connectivity for the public through broadband and WiFi within City and ABCs

Timelines: January 2020 – December 2021

Complete Research and Analysis with Higher Education Institutions

- Complete in-depth analysis on who is underserved by digital infrastructure and why
- Specialized focus areas: Humber College– North and South Etobicoke Communities, York University – Youth & Jane/Finch Community, Seneca College – Older Adults, UofT Scarborough – Scarborough Community, UofT St. George – Alignment with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

Timelines: To be completed March 2021

Phase 1 Locations - Initiation

- Secure resources and setup a structured program to deliver pilot program based on 3rd party report
- Create project charter and begin delivery of set-up tasks

Timelines: December 2020 – April 2021

Solicitation Issuance - Method to be Determined

- Solicit proposals from private sector entities for Phase 1 sites with the aim to find sustainable business model for Toronto's fibre network
- Guide a plan to further define the strategy aligned with the City's vision

Timelines: March 2021 – April 2021

Phase 1 Locations - Execution

- Work with successful private sector entity or entities from solicitation to deliver affordable high-speed internet in Phase 1 locations

- Build out an evaluation process, receive feedback, etc., to establish the foundation for the longer-term City-wide deployment

Timelines: Q3 2021 Target start date

Digital Equity Policy

- Develop Toronto's Digital Equity Policy as part of the Digital Infrastructure Plan

- Public and expert stakeholder engagement

Timelines: December 2020 – December 2021

Regional, Provincial and Federal Collaboration and Consultation

- Lead dialogue on municipal digital infrastructure needs with other cities

- Support development of long-term regional approach

- Leverage Big Six tables and regional tables

Timelines: Sept 2020 – December 2021

Following Phase 1, an update on this work will be submitted in the report back at the end of 2021.