

TORC in Partnership with the Province of Ontario PRESENTS

## Envisioning a Future with Broadband across Rural Ontario: *Developing Strategies towards Enhanced Connectivity, Growth and Utilization*

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

Quality Hotel Royal Brock • Brockville • Ontario

### FINAL AGENDA

- 8:30 a.m.                      **Registration**
- 9:00 a.m.                      **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- Harold Flaming, Executive Director, The Ontario Rural Council
  - Barbara Swartzentruber, Policy Advisor  
Office of Chief Strategist, Ministry of Government Services
- 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.      **Status Report: Current State of Broadband Access in Rural Ontario** offered from diverse perspectives:
- **Provincial Government** – Marla Krakower, Manager, I & IT Strategy, Policy and Planning, Ministry of Government Services
  - **Community** - Laura Bradley, Actionable-Intelligence Inc.
  - **Eastern Ontario Gap Analysis** – Chris Cope, Eastern Ontario Broadband Coalition
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.      *Refreshment Break*
- 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.      **Panel Discussion: “Community Strategies around Uptake and Utilization of Broadband in Rural Ontario”**  
*(Speakers representing a cross-section of sectors – local government, business and community/human services - address what initiatives have/have not worked for them, success rates, etc.)*
- Donna Lunn, Community Economic Development Officer, Elgin Community Futures Development Corporation, St. Thomas
  - Chris Cope, Economic Development Consultant, City of Ottawa
  - Bryce McLean, Director of Finance, County of Peterborough
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.      *Lunch*
- 1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.      **Facilitated Roundtable Discussions**
- 2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.      *Refreshment Break*
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.      **Report Back**
- Abbreviated report back from select table Facilitators highlighting **key priorities** (*only*) moving forward
- 3:45 p.m.                      **Wrap Up and Next Steps**

