

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*

Thursday, March 22, 2007

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### 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:
- **Municipal** – Jim Whelan, Reeve, Township of North Kawartha, Apsley, ON
  - **Provincial Government** – Marla Krakower, Manager, I&IT Strategy, Policy and Planning, Ministry of Government Services
  - **Community** – Barrie Crampton, 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.)*
- Kathryn Wood, Natural Capital Resources Inc., Sydenham, ON
  - Wayne Knox, General Manager, Grand Erie Business Centre, Caledonia, ON
  - Donna Lunn, Community Economic Development Manager, Elgin Community Futures Development Corporation, St. Thomas, ON
- 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**

