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MEMORANDUM TO: Ontario One Call

FROM: Jill Vienneau
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DATE: December 1, 2021

RE: Building Broadband Faster Act Guideline and Regulations

First, I wish to thank you and your team at Ontario One Call for your invaluable support over the past few months.

As you are aware, in April 2021, the Government of Ontario enacted the *Building Broadband Faster Act, 2021* (BBFA) along with amendments to the *Ontario Energy Board Act* through the passage of the *Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, 2021* (SBIEA). The BBFA will help to remove barriers and support a more streamlined approach to the timely deployment of reliable, high-speed broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas throughout Ontario.

On November 30, 2021, the Ministry of Infrastructure and Infrastructure Ontario issued the **Building Broadband Faster Act Guideline (Guideline)**, and two BBFA regulations (“**Prescribed Loss or Expense**” and “**Designated Broadband Projects**”), effective as of that date.

The Guideline and regulations support a new, more coordinated process and set out the collaboration expected of all partners involved in provincially designated broadband projects to reduce barriers and expedite deployment of broadband infrastructure.

We are also considering future proposed legislative and regulatory amendments, as explained in a **Statement of Intent** (included in the Guideline). The ministry and its partners are actively consulting on the proposed legislative measures, including Ontario One Call, before bringing forward any amendments. If passed, these additional measures will provide greater certainty, and ensure the successful implementation of broadband projects.

I would appreciate if you could share these resources with your members, including the individuals that are part of the Locate Solutions Working Group, for their information today.

Should you or your members have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Ministry.

Yours sincerely,

Original signed by

Jill Vienneau

Attachment: Building Broadband Faster in Ontario Guideline