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Taking Action for Universal Broadband Access

Dear Heads of Council:

Today access to broadband internet services is as crucial to our communities as roads and bridges, transit and affordable energy. Together, municipal services offer our residents the foundations of access to a modern, global economy.

That's why AMO and ROMA representatives recently met with the responsible federal Minister to state the need for better, more accessible and affordable broadband access in Ontario. AMO supports FCM's [campaign](#) for universal broadband support in the next federal budget as a basic service in the 21st Century economy.

What You Can Do:

To push for universal broadband funding, AMO encourages our members join with us in support of FCM's call for support in Budget 2019. To add your voice on this important issue, councils can:

- **Meet with your MP**, [share the FCM's issue sheet](#), and ask for clear commitments to universal broadband in the 2019 federal budget.
- **Share the campaign** on social media. Make sure to tag [Bernadette Jordan](#) (@bernjordanmp), the Minister for Rural Economic Development, as well as your own MP and [@FCM_online](#).
- **Tell your story**. How is the lack of reliable Internet affecting your community? Tell us about it on Twitter and tag [#universalbroadband](#), [#cdnmuni](#), [@FCM_online](#) and [@AMOPolicy](#).

Sincerely,

Jamie McGarvey

AMO President
