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November 22, 2007

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The Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Industry,                      11<sup>th</sup>  
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To:  
Ms. Peggy Breckenridge, Mayor, Tiny Township, and  
The Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister, Industry Canada

This communication is intended to urge you to take action on the continued lack of high-speed internet in Tiny Township, Simcoe County, one of the few remaining areas in southern Ontario without such service.

Tiny Township comprises some 9,072 households (according to recent Statistics Canada's figures for 2006) with over 26,000 persons, yet large areas of the Township still are not served by high-speed internet services.

The lack of high-speed internet service in the 21st Century is not acceptable to families or businesses.

The CRTC granted Bell Canada \$94 millions of federal tax

dollars to provide DSL service to under-served locations in Ontario and Quebec. But this is all spent, and most of Tiny Township's residents are still not served.

Industry Canada has mandated that high-speed internet be extended by 2009 to 98% of rural areas south of North Bay, yet Bell executives in charge of internet services say they have no plans for Tiny.

Rogers Communications offers attractive "bundles" combining two or more of cable TV, digital HDTV, high-speed internet, home phone, internet phone, and cell phone service for a fraction of the cost of paying for each service individually. But they also have announced no plans to extend their service in Tiny.

We created an on-line petition to request Bell and/or Rogers to extend their high-speed internet services to all areas of Tiny Township. This petition is available online at <http://www.petitiononline.com/TinyHSI/petition.html>. Links to the petition were created on our website – [www.tinycottager.org](http://www.tinycottager.org) and on Tiny Township's website – [tiny.ca](http://tiny.ca). As of today, November 22, 2007, there are some 1325 respondees, representing close to 1000 telephone numbers.

Early this year, before we started the online petition, some 422 Tiny Township households responded to an e-mail in which we asked for an expression of interest in high speed access, and 202 of these are in addition to the households listed on the online petition.

At the end of September we submitted the information gleaned from the petition and from the e-mail, sorted on spreadsheets to Bell:

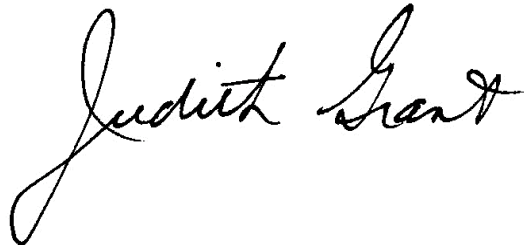
François Lafontaine,  
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Personal Relations.  
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and, toward the end of October, after considerable research, to Rogers:

Rebecca Edgar (now succeeded by Angie DiFelice),  
Director Sales  
Rogers Cable  
Simcoe York Durham  
905-780-7042  
[Rebecca.Edgar@rci.rogers.com](mailto:Rebecca.Edgar@rci.rogers.com) (now [Angie.Difelice@rci.rogers.com](mailto:Angie.Difelice@rci.rogers.com))

On behalf of the signatories, we request you, Ms. Breckenridge, as Mayor of the Township of Tiny and you, Mr. Prentice, as Minister of Industry Canada to collaborate on helping these providers take action NOW.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith Grant". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Judith Grant  
President, Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations