



# CITY OF HORSESHOE BAY

**JULY 8, 2019**

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**To: Broadband Advisory Committee Members (Frank Gracely, Jr., Frank Hosea, Jeffrey Guy, Craig Haydon, and Nick Summitt)**

**cc: Mayor Steve Jordan, City Manager Stan R. Farmer, City Secretary Kerri Craig**

**From: Mayor Pro Tem and Committee Council Liaison Jerry Gray**

**RE: Broadband Advisory Committee Progress Update**

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Gentlemen, as you will see when the next Council meeting agenda is posted, I plan to report to the Council the current recommendation for action regarding broadband service improvement. I had a great discussion with Nick regarding the recommendation and he is in agreement.

I will report to the Council that the committee has chased down virtually every known possibility for enhancing Broadband service to HSB and eventually settled on targeting certain areas of the City, particularly the Applehead area as that seems to be the area of greatest need. While serious consideration was given to extending Northlands fiber optic from Escondido to Faultline Drive, with trenching to be provided by the City, a more affordable plan emerged. Zeecon, with assistance from City Manager Stan Farmer, arranged to have their communication towers installed on the Granite Shoals Water tower. This installation allows Zeecon to provide suitable service to Applehead and adjacent areas which they previously couldn't serve. This service will be up and running by the end of July. Certainly, it isn't utopia but it does provide a level of service satisfactory to a large percentage of that area's population. Therefore, the recommendation to be put forth at this time is:

- 1) Retain the committee as an advisory team to the City as we continue to be open to new technology that may have the ability to enhance service to our area.
- 2) Abandon the idea of attaching to the Escondido loop at this time while keeping the option open downstream should the new Zeecon towers not live up to expectation.
- 3) Consider the use of a resolution by the City which would communicate its enthusiasm for working with broadband providers to enhance service to our residents.

I sincerely hope that all of you concur with these recommendations. All of you are to be commended for your extensive efforts to improve broadband service within Horseshoe Bay. I hope all of you will attend the 7/16 Council meeting so we can recognize you for these efforts. In addition, I hope all of you will continue to be available as a member of the Broadband Advisory Committee.