

# Expanded wireless service and faster Internet promised from Bell

**By Leader Staff**  
**Eganville** – Residences and businesses in the area will soon have access to much faster Internet services, including mobile Internet speeds of up to 150 Mbps, beginning in 2018, thanks to a new partnership with Bell's LTE wireless network.

The Eganville and Area Community Development Group (EACDG) announced the improved services Monday.

Residents and businesses will notice an incredible change when they are able to access faster high speed Internet speeds of up to 150 Mbps beginning in 2018.

EACDG chair Don Bishop said it is great news for the community.

"Expanded wireless coverage and much faster Internet service are key components of our quest to revitalize Eganville and area," Mr. Bishop said. "This is great news for both current and future residents and businesses as we continue to grow a better connected community with expanded opportunities for the local economy as well as education and healthcare."

"I'm extremely grateful for the way Bell came to the table and provided a solution to improve wireless coverage in the village. In particular, I want to thank Michael

Coates and Bharat Puri, members of the EACDG, for driving this project on behalf of the committee. Michael's business relationships and Bharat's technical expertise were essential in getting this project up and running."

One of the mandates is to explore new opportunities for business development in the area, and this announcement will go a long way to helping local businesses succeed, Mr. Bishop said.

"We are very pleased to be able to offer more advanced wireless and Internet services for residents and businesses in Eganville," said

Charles Gosselin, Director, Municipal Relations and Partnerships at Bell. "Led by EACDG, with strong support from Bonnechere Valley Mayor Jennifer Murphy and CAO Bryan Martin, this project is a textbook example of how business and municipalities can work together to improve services in our communities."

Mr. Bishop said the next step is to get the fulfillment of broadband service for Eganville and area, further enhancing opportunities of businesses and residents.

"Bell was very supportive of our goals to develop Eganville and surrounding area," he said. "They have agreed to work with us to explore other telecommunications opportu-

nities." Work on the wireless network upgrade will begin early in 2018 and be completed in time for the summer tourist season. The committee's announcement closely follows its successful establishment of McRae Mill Outlook Park. For more information about the committee, call Mr. Bishop at 613-639-3474.

## News briefs from Killaloe OPP

### Domestic Charges

A 37-year-old Bonnechere Valley Township man is facing numerous charges after Ontario Provincial Police investigated a domestic dispute in the township last Thursday morning.

Officers responded to a call at about 10 a.m. A man was charged with three counts of assault, three counts of overcoming resistance by choking, assault causing bodily harm, uttering and mischief. The name of the accused has been withheld to protect the identity of the victim.

### Drug Charges

While conducting a RIDE program on Highway 60 in North Algona Wilberforce Township Saturday night at about 10 o'clock, a Quebec man was charged with possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking.

OPP said a pick-up entered the

RIDE checkpoint and a quantity of suspected cannabis marijuana was located inside the vehicle. David Monette, 33, of Clarendon Quebec will appear in court in Killaloe on January 10. The vehicle was towed.

### Impaired Charges

A traffic stop on Bruce Street in Eganville on Wednesday, December 6 shortly before 6 p.m. resulted in an impaired driving charge.

The driver of the vehicle failed the roadside screening device and was arrested. Mark McGuire, 41, of Bonnechere Valley Township will appear in Killaloe court January 10. His vehicle was towed and the licence suspended for 90 days. Const. Ryan Lapierre investigated.

### Suspended Driving Charges

A 51-year-old Severn Township

man was charged with stunt driving after his vehicle was stopped by Const. Kyle Fabian on Highway 60 in South Algonquin Township Saturday morning at about 10 o'clock.

David Walters, 51, was issued a summons to appear in court. His vehicle was towed.

### Theft of Dogs

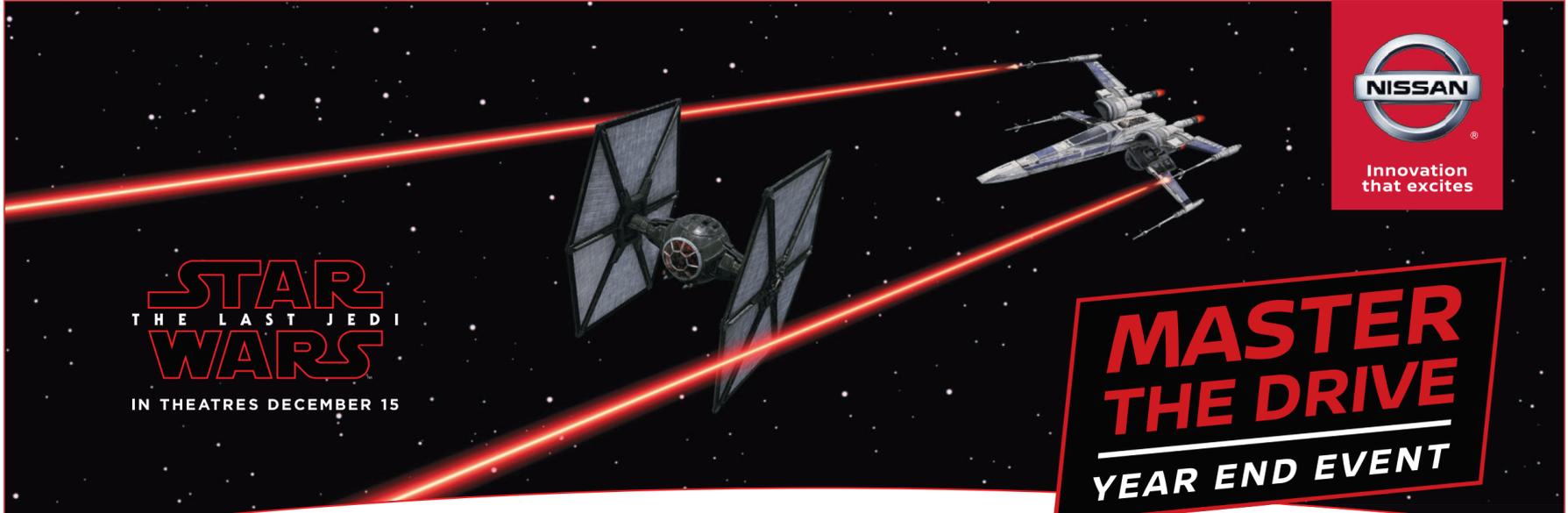
Killaloe OPP responded to a theft call on Hyland Creek in Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan Township last Tuesday. The complainant had posted an ad on the internet stating his two Beagle hound hunting dogs were missing. He then received information that the dog collars had been located in the Renfrew area and contacted police. The dogs have not yet been located. Constable Glenn Yaraskavitch is investigating.



Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Eganville and Area Community Development Group and Bell Canada's LTE wireless service, improved mobile Internet speeds and services are coming to the area in 2018. EACDG President Don Bishop and member Michael Coates celebrate a recent successful meeting with Bell reps.



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