



VALLEYVIEW AND DISTRICT
**CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE**

Letter of Support

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Mr. Todd Loewen,

The Valleyview and District Chamber of Commerce would like to express its support for the connection of the Town of Valleyview to a fiber optic network. Discussion on the topic has occurred in the past, and it is understood that a number of challenges exist. In the interest of the business community as well as the general population, the Chamber wishes to express support in the continuance of the project. The recent visit by Service Alberta Minister Nate Glubish and Telus recently announcing the investment of 16 billion dollars into fiber optic internet within the province, we would like to highlight our growing need for improved internet speed.

The Chamber of Commerce has reemerged as a business leader in Valleyview. Representing a core group of community minded businesses, we are striving to build ourselves into an economic development body in addition to our promotion, advocacy and capacity building roles. Valleyview will need to look many years into the future to grow in the changing economy.

Research supports our belief that being connected to fast internet will be one building block towards a robust future. Enabling the town to market itself as a leader in speed and bandwidth will encourage small internet based businesses that require reliable internet and connectivity. In tandem with town promotion and market advantages (low-cost real estate, energy reserves, climate), an opportunity to attract small to medium internet technology ventures also appears.

We look forward to continuing the discussion and providing support where possible.

Sincerely,

President
Valleyview and District Chamber of Commerce