



## Rural Customers to Enjoy Faster Internet Speeds in the New Year

*Rural neighbourhoods are now being upgraded.*

**Cochrane, ON, CANADA (December 14, 2021)** – CochraneTel is about to bring its first year as a part of the PomeGran Group of Companies to a close with some important news. Following on EION’s commitment to deliver better internet speeds to Cochrane’s rural neighbourhoods, CochraneTel is pleased to announce that this upgrade is currently underway and rural customers should see significantly increased speeds starting in January 2022.

The South Highway link is now complete and CochraneTel is targeting Genier and Frederickhouse within the next 5-6 weeks. “Our team was able to upgrade the infrastructure to expand the reach of rural customers, although there have been some challenges obtaining equipment for the network expansion exacerbated by supply chain delays caused by the pandemic,” stated Alain Tremblay, Operations Manager for CochraneTel. “We are confident that the network upgrade will offer higher speeds to our rural customers,” added Tremblay.

Customers in these areas should see a significant improvement in speeds as a result of newer and more efficient equipment that is being installed. Other areas targeted within the first quarter of 2022 are Concessions 2&3, Glackmeyer, Fletchers, Hanna and Abitibi.

“Residents have benefited tremendously from the partnership with the PomeGran group of companies and this enhancement of internet services in less than one year is indicative of their commitment to the Town of Cochrane,” stated Denis Clement, Mayor of the Town of Cochrane and Member, Board of Directors, CochraneTel. “We look forward to additional announcements in the near future,” he concluded.

“We are committed to providing our customers with enhanced broadband services, as it has become the bridge to access streaming services such as telemedicine, online learning, gaming, and business,” Christine Marion, Chief Operating Officer of CochraneTel, confirmed. “This is an important milestone as we continue expanding our network and services to meet the growing needs of our customers,” she concluded.

Please visit CochraneTel’s website at <https://cochranetel.ca/> to learn more about our services.



**About Cochrane Telecom Services Inc.**

CochraneTel was founded in 1921 under the Public Utilities Commission, to provide electricity, water and sewer and telephone services to the community of Cochrane. With the introduction of competition in the electricity market and the disbanding of Commissions across the province, Cochrane Telecom Services (CTS) was formed in 2003, to continue providing telecommunications to the community. In 1994 internet was introduced to Cochrane, which has become one of our primary sources of revenue.

In 2015, CochraneTel pursued the implementation of Internet Protocol Television (IPTV), a television service offered through the same copper and fibre cables that transport all our services.

CochraneTel looks forward to delivering ever improving services to all the people of Cochrane, both in the rural and urban communities, for another 100 years to come.

**About EION Wireless**

EION Wireless, headquartered in Ottawa, ON Canada, is a global provider of Broadband Wireless Access products that enable effective, economic and secure wireless high-speed communications solutions. Formed in 2001, EION is a global provider of 4G Mobile LTE solutions, and high-speed broadband wireless products. With Global Customer Support Operations in India, and multiple regional sales offices around the globe, EION Wireless works with more than 165 worldwide channel partners to support some of the largest 4G deployments in the world. EION Wireless has established over 50 Gold partners globally. EION channel partners support various enterprise sectors such as Oil & Gas, WISP, Government Institutions, Mining, and Public Safety & Security. EION products are sold to Tier I and II Service Providers directly.

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