from: **705 Rural Internet** <Bell705Ruralinternet@bell.ca>

to: TMLB <infotmlb@gmail.com>

cc: 705 Rural Internet <Bell705Ruralinternet@bell.ca>

date: Jun 2, 2025, 2:51 PM

subject: RE: Job Network # Z80978 Twelve Mile Lake

Good afternoon,

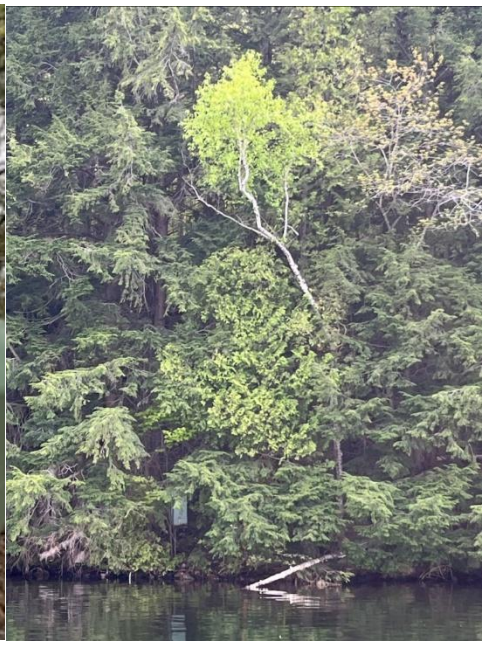
I have included some additional information below, for your review.

There are two stages of permissions (providing consent to either is not an obligation to sign up for service):

- Stage One – Infrastructure upgrade, permission to bring fibre and service pedestal up onto the property
- Stage Two – Consent to place a drop wire from the pedestal to the side of the residence
    - You will be contacted to get permission to place a drop wire to the side of your property
    - If you have any preference to where you would like the drop wire placed, you can let the Bell Sales Force Team know when they reach out to get this approval

We are currently in our design and permitting stage for the area:

- Currently our plan is to place equipment at least 3 metres off the shoreline – this helps avoid flooding with changing water levels
    - From the shoreline to the pedestal box, we bury the cable
- We avoid high traffic areas like docks and beaches
- We work to "camouflage" the pedestal into the existing environment as best we can
    - The pedestal is light green metal – 37" H x 24" W x 10" D
- I have attached photos of some previous installations so you have an idea of what the equipment looks like:



- If you consent to the drop wire, we run it from the pedestal to the side of the residence doing our best to follow existing utilities so we avoid disrupting the environment
    - These wires are about the diameter of a pen and are buried ~6" deep
    - If there is too much rock we utilize the cervices within the rock and clip the drop wire in to avoid a safety concern

The below link is for the Government of Ontario website if you would like to learn more about the program. https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-connects-making-high-speed-internet-accessible-in-every-community

The only thing to take note of is that this program is currently being subsidized by the government. This means while this program is running, to have the infrastructure installed there is **no cost to the residents** and as always there is **no obligation to activate service**. Once the work completes and construction crews are relocated the program is effectively over. This means if a resident said no to the upgrade (especially the submarine) and they change their mind in a year or 5 years from now there could be a cost to come back and install the infrastructure at that point.

In regards to your first question, every resident and property will differ but the process outlined above remains the same. We recommend if residents have concerns they reach out to us via this email so we can look at each property design to provide them proper insight. We do try to be mindful of docks, boating and swimming areas, we try to avoid high traffic areas. Our vendors have been asked to be aware of existing water lines, which are usually visible when entering the water, and pumps are typically marked wtith a buoy so people don't boat or fish over them. We would try to be parallel to the water line so they do not overlap and disturb the sediment near the pumps. If a cable did cross a water line, the cable is not heavy so we would be able to correct if needed. It would not cause any damage but we still want to avoid the overlap.

We are working with respective authorities, including the Ministry of Natural Resources, for environmental review and approval before any water placement. When we initially place the cable, it will sink to the bottom of the lake. We do not disturb the bottom of the lake by digging to avoid any issues with natural habitat. The cable will usually sink into the sandy bottom and within a year or two it will usually be undetectable. We do not dig in the water. Also if there is any debris in the water like logs, it will rest on top of them. Same with any rock or boulders.

The link on the government website provies an overview of government project, residents can use the map to look up their property to confirm if they are in scope or not. It does appear we have all of Twelve Mile Lake and Little Boshkung Lake in our scope.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions on the project.

Thank you,

Bell

705 Rural Internet Team
Bell705ruralinternet@bell.ca