



Town of Johnstown

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

AGENDA DATE:	February 7, 2022
SUBJECT:	Executive Summary from Broadband Study
ACTION PROPOSED:	Authorization to Develop of an MOU with Allo Communications For Community Broadband
ATTACHMENTS:	1. Broadband Recommendation Executive Summary
PRESENTED BY:	Matt LeCerf, Town Manager

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

In May 2021, the Towns of Johnstown, Berthoud, Mead, and Milliken embarked on a joint broadband financial feasibility and needs assessment study. The focus was to evaluate current service providers and the ability to create a municipal broadband system or recruit other providers to enter into our service territories to provide internet and other fiber based services that adequately met the needs of our respective communities. The team, beyond the Towns also consisted of Magellan Advisors and Peak Enterprises operating as the consultant responding to the RFP and the owner's representative respectively.

In October 2021, the Towns along with Magellan and Peak met to present the findings to the elected bodies of the four Towns. The recommendations included exploring and interviewing three (3) entities who could provide the fiber based services our community deserves. The recommendation did not support a municipal fiber/broadband service.

Collectively the local governments supported moving forward with the interviews and then reporting back to each governing body following those interviews. The entities interviewed were Allo Communication, Highline Telecommunications, and Loveland Pulse. Enclosed for your review is a short overview of the study and a recommendation to begin engaging with one of the three finalist to structure an agreement to install broadband in the community.

The recommendation specifically requests permission to allow Town Staff from each of the four Towns to develop an MOU with Allo Communications based on the fact that it met key elements

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we considered in the evaluation of determining an adequate provider to partner with. Upon completion of the MOU, it will be brought back to the Town Council for formal consideration.

LEGAL ADVICE:

Not Applicable

FINANCIAL ADVICE:

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize Town Staff to begin engaging with Allo Communications to develop and MOU for broadband deployment in Johnstown.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

For Approval: I move to authorize the Town Manager to develop an MOU with Allo Communications for broadband deployment in the Town of Johnstown to be considered at a future Town Council meeting.

For Denial: I move to deny authorization of the Town Manager to develop an MOU with Allo Communications for broadband deployment in the Town of Johnstown.

Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,



Town Manager