# YORKNET 2021 TO 2022 BUDGET

**PRESENTATION TO** 

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

YORKNET MARCH 11, 2021

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### AGENDA

- YorkNet Mandate
- Highlights for the 2021-22 Budget
- Alignment with the 2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan
- Operating budget
- Capital budget
- Wrap Up

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**

#### **REGIONAL COUNCIL AS** SOLE SHAREHOLDER

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** 















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### YORKNET MANDATE



Connect Regional Operations

Share with Private Sector

Connect our Local Partners

### WE BUILD CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE



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## THE BUDGET SUPPORTS THE 2019 TO 2023 STRATEGIC PLAN

#### **ECONOMIC VITALITY**

#### **PRIORITY:**

#### Increase economic prosperity

#### **OBJECTIVES**:

- 1. Fostering an environment that attracts businesses, grows employment opportunities and attracts people
- 2. Increasing access to efficient transportation options

#### **HEALTHY COMMUNITIES**

#### PRIORITY:

#### Support community health, safety and well-being

#### **OBJECTIVES**:

- 1. Supporting safe communities
- 2. Delivering and promoting affordable housing
- 3. Improving access to health and social support services

#### SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

#### PRIORITY:

#### Build sustainable communities and protect the environment

#### **OBJECTIVES**:

- 1. Delivering and promoting environmentally sustainable services
- 2. Encouraging growth in the Region's centres, corridors and built-up urban areas
- 3. Enhancing and preserving green space

### GOOD GOVERNMENT

#### PRIORITY:

#### Deliver trusted and efficient services

#### **OBJECTIVES**:

- 1. Ensuring reliable, responsive, effective, efficient and fiscally responsible service delivery
- 2. Managing the Region's assets for current and future generations
- 3. Maintaining public confidence in Regional Government

## YORKNET'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS — NEW CONNECTIONS





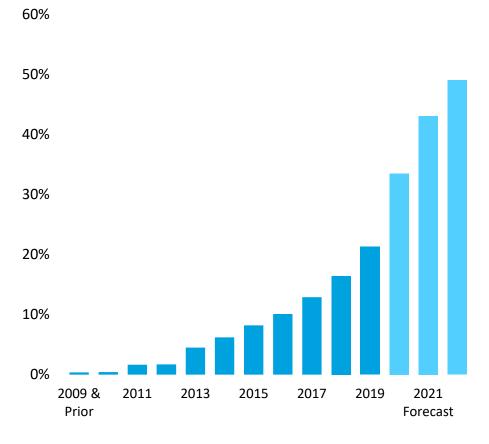




### YORKNET'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS — GROWTH

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#### Percentage of Regional and Municipal Connections Completed Since 2009



- Growing connections with our Local partners
- Increased network km by 75%
- Increased connections by approximately 60% in last 2 years
- Increasing Internet Service Provider usage of network
- Growing to incorporate path diversity and reduce third party connections

### **HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE 2021-22 BUDGET**

YorkNet proposes an accelerated capital plan to meet client demands

Pandemic emphasizes connectivity gaps

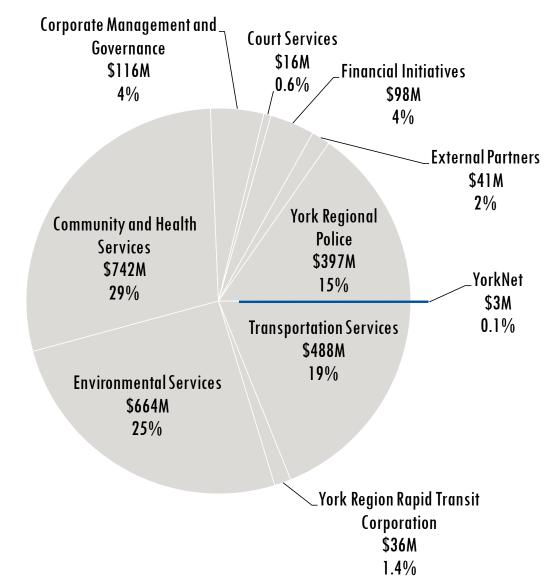
YorkNet proposes an expansion project to address this need

The proposal is to leverage new provincial and federal funding :

- The Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) program
- The Universal Broadband Fund (UBF)

# **OPERATING BUDGET**

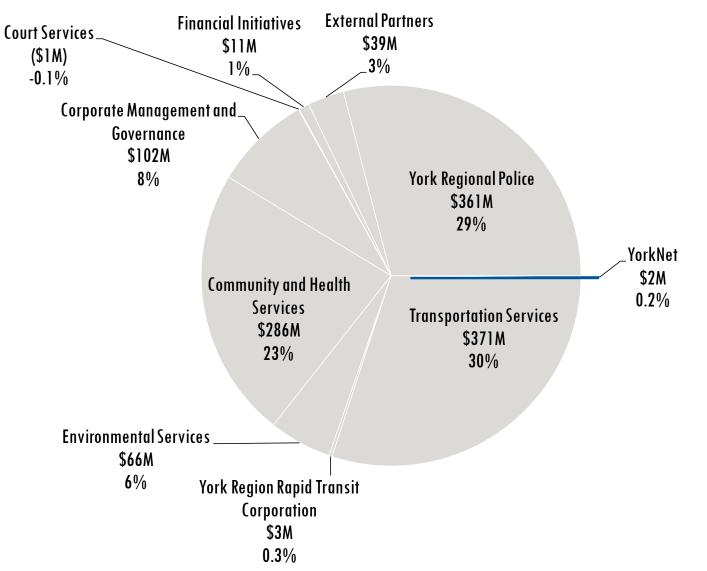
### **DEPARTMENTAL SHARE OF GROSS EXPENDITURES**



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### **DEPARTMENTAL SHARE OF NET TAX LEVY**



\* Tabled share as a % of York Region Budget may change

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	APPROVED		PROPOSED	OUTLOOK
	2019	2020	2021	2022
Gross Expenditures (\$M):				
YorkNet	2.5	2.8	3.0	3.2
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Non-Tax Revenues (\$M)	(0.4)	(0.5)	(0.6)	(0.7)
Net Expenditures (\$M)	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.5
Increase/(Decrease) - Year over Year (\$I	(N		0.1	0.0
Increase/(Decrease) - Year over Year (%	)		4.2%	1.0%
2020 Outlook			4.2%	1.0%
FTEs - Total	8.0	9.0	10.0	13.0
- New			1.0	3.0
2020 Outlook (new FTEs)			-	-

### **INCREMENTAL ANNUAL BUDGET CHANGES**

\$M	PROPOSED	OUTLOOK
φινι	2021	2022
Opening Budget (Net)	2.3	2.4
Status Quo	(0.1)	0.1
Revenues	-	-
Efficiencies, Reductions & Other Adjustments	(0.1)	(0.0)
Debt Servicing Net of Development Charges	-	-
Fiscal Strategy	-	-
Maintaining Service Levels for Growth	0.0	0.1
Enhancement and Transformation	0.3	(0.1)
Impacts of COVID-19	-	-
Proposed Budget (Net)	2.4	2.5
Total Budget Change	0.1	0.0
Total Budget Change*%	4.17%	1.05%
Restated Outlook	2.4	2.5
Increase / (Decrease) from Outlook	0.0%	0.0%

### SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO OUTLOOK

- Maintenance increases with network growth
- Reserve contributions to enable asset management and fiscal sustainability
- Additional staffing resources to support network growth, demand and the Broadband Funding request Project
- Conservative external revenue forecasts
- Realizing efficiencies in operations

### SAVINGS FROM OUTLOOK WERE IDENTIFIED

#### Category 1: Efficiencies

- \$0.2M in 2021 \$0.5M over 3 years
- Reductions related to true-ups to better align budget with actuals

Category 2: Service Level Adjustment

Not applicable

Category 3: Risk Tolerance and Other

- \$0.1M in 2021
  \$0.3M over 3 years
- Savings target related to short-term general expense savings as a result of COVID-19

# **CAPITAL BUDGET**

## YORKNET IS BUILDING FIBRE MORE EFFICIENTLY



Procure materials separate from construction contract



Reduce the cost of constructing the network through fibre swaps and coordinated network builds with telecom partners

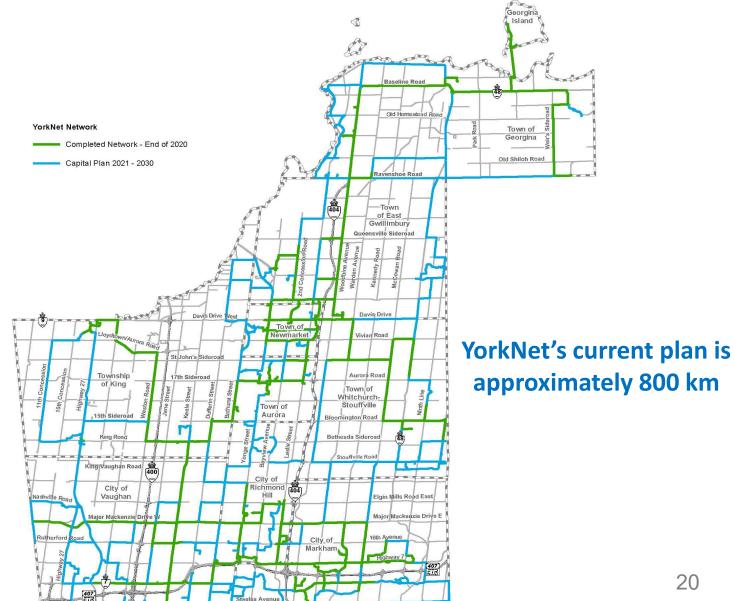


Create a design roster for smaller design assignments



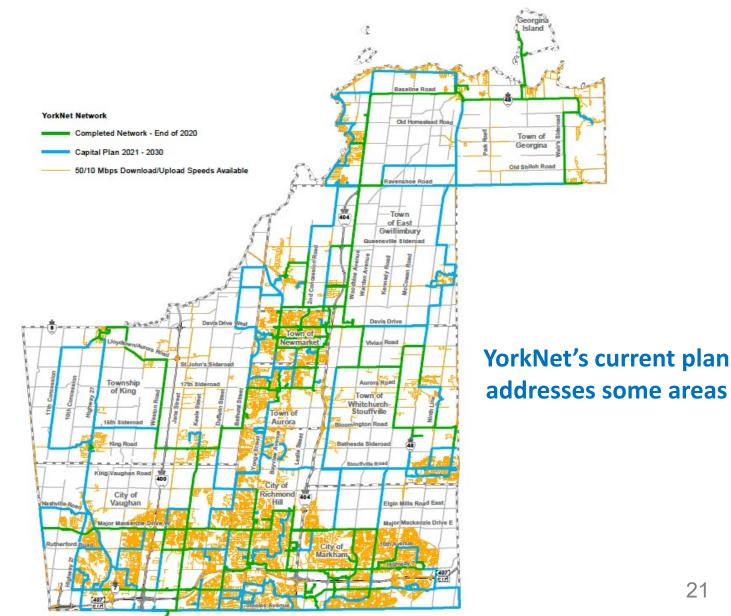
Continued focus on efficient methods of building to decrease the cost/km of construction (ploughing, spacing of infrastructure, amount of slack, type of materials)

#### **CURRENT PLAN COVERS SOME UNDERSERVED AREAS**

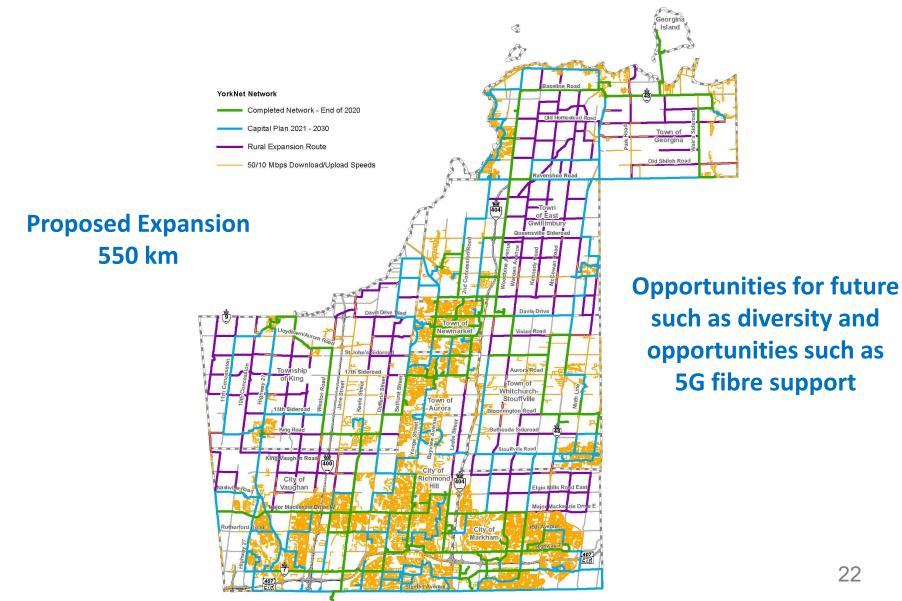


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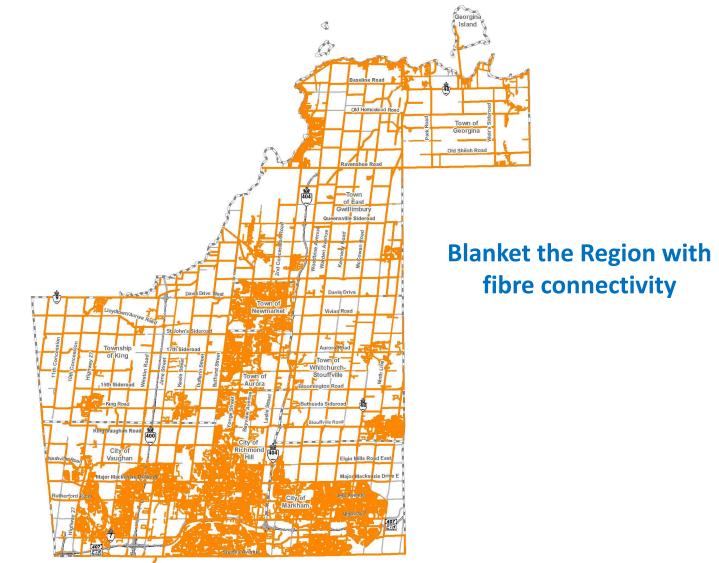


#### THE BROADBAND EXPANSION PROJECT COVERS UNDERSERVED AREAS

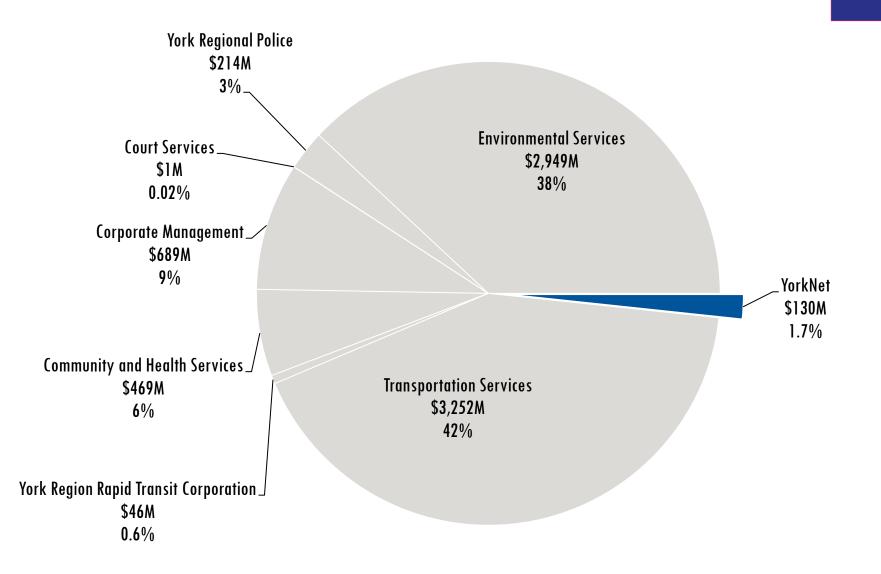


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#### **CONNECTIVITY — FUTURE**



### TEN-YEAR CAPITAL IS 1.7% OF THE REGION'S PLAN



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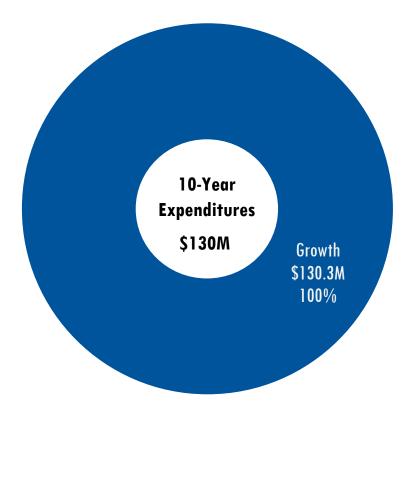
Capital Budget	\$ Millions
2021 Capital	9.7
Ten-Year Capital Plan	130.3
2021 Capital Spending Authority	54.7

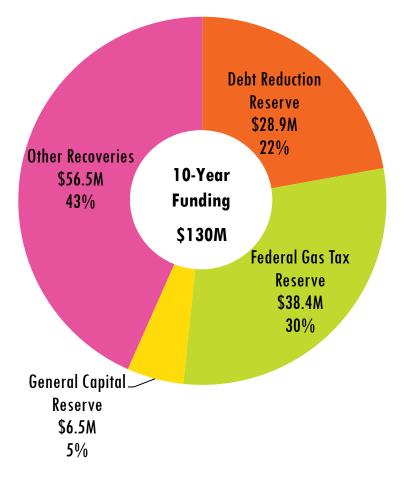
### **OVERVIEW OF THE CAPITAL BUDGET**

YorkNet's proposed budget is built to address increased demand for better connectivity, to support a digital world.

- Leverage other funding sources and partnerships to deliver more broadband:
  - The Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) program
  - The Universal Broadband Fund (UBF)
  - Internet Service Provider partnerships
- Proposed project expands the planned network by more than 550 km to blanket the region
- Complete the network earlier for our facilities

### **CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND FUNDING**





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## **2021 CAPITAL PLAN COMPARED TO 2020 CAPITAL PLAN**

(Millions)

\$30

\$25

\$20

\$15

\$10

\$5

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2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030

Leveraging other funding sources, YorkNet can deliver additional broadband for 31 cents on the dollar

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# WRAP UP

#### Increase the network to more than 1,300 km by 2027

#### Connect 1,400 Regional & Municipal sites by 2028

Connectivity across the Region



The future is bright for broadband in York Region

- Build connectivity across the Region
- Focus on communities, residents and businesses
- Collaborate with private sector

### **BUDGET RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. Committee of the Whole recommend the budget as submitted for YorkNet as follows:
  - a. The 2021 operating budget and the 2022 operating outlook, as summarized in Attachment 1.
  - b. The 2021 capital budget and the 2021 Capital Spending Authority, as summarized in Attachment 2.
- 2. The recommended budget be consolidated by the Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer for consideration by Council on March 25, 2021.