



## REPORT TO THE HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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# BROADBAND INTERNET SERVICES

Public Session

## BACKGROUND

Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board's (HPCDSB) existing agreements for broadband internet services expire August 31, 2026 with no further options for contract extensions in the agreements. The agreements were signed using the results and terms of a joint Request for Proposal (RFP) process with the Avon Maitland District School Board (AMDSB) in 2021.

## DEVELOPMENT

Due to the cost savings recognized by conducting a joint RFP with AMDSB, both boards decided to once again proceed with a similar procurement process. In early April 2026 Information and Communication Technology and procurement representatives from both boards met to commence the creation of an RFP document for publication. After a multi-phase review process, RFP 25-26-07 was published on Biddingo on Monday, May 6, 2026 and closed Friday, May 29, 2026. The term of the contract is to be for three years (September 2026 - August 2029), with the option of extending the contract for a period of two years in one-year increments at the Board's discretion and mutual agreement of both parties.

Nine submissions were received in response to the RFP. The respondent packages and non-financial evaluation templates were distributed to the evaluation team with evaluation responses returned by June 10, 2026. A comprehensive evaluation of each proposal based on the requirements of the RFP were completed to determine the successful Bidder. For the successful bidders, no issues or concerns were noted by the evaluation team, and the submissions met all the requirements of the RFP. The successful bidders are:

Gosfield-Quadro Communications Co-operative Inc  
1845 Road 164, Kirkton ON N0K 1K0

Hay Communications Co-operative Limited  
72863 Blind Line, Zurich ON N0M 2T0

Huron Telecommunications Co-operative Limited  
60 Queen Street, Ripley ON N0G 2R0

Rhizome Networks  
187 Erie Street, Stratford ON N5A 2M6

Tuckersmith Communications Co-operative Limited  
40023 Kippen Road, Kippen ON N0M 2E0

Wightman Telecommunications  
100 Elora Street North, Clifford ON N0G 1M0

A summary per location is provided below:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Monthly Cost</b>	<b>Annual Cost</b>
Gosfield-Quadro	St. Columban	\$300.00	\$3,600.00
	St. Patrick's, Dublin	300.00	3,600.00
	St. Patrick's, Kinkora	300.00	3,600.00
	Catholic Education Centre	1,000.00	12,000.00
Hay Communication	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	300.00	3,600.00
	Precious Blood	300.00	3,600.00
	St. Boniface	300.00	3,600.00
Huron-Tel	Sacred Heart	199.95	2,399.40
	St. Mary's, Goderich	299.95	3,599.40
Rhizome Networks	Holy Name of Mary	160.00	1,920.00
	Jeanne Sauvé	180.00	2,160.00
	St. Aloysius	160.00	1,920.00
	St. Ambrose	160.00	1,920.00
	St. Joseph's, Stratford	150.00	1,800.00
	St. Michael	450.00	5,400.00
Tuckersmith	St. Anne's	750.00	9,000.00
	St. James	300.00	3,600.00
	St. Joseph's, Clinton	300.00	3,600.00
Wightman	St. Mary's, Listowel	361.71	4,340.52
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$6,271.61</b>	<b>\$75,259.32</b>

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board awards RFP 25-26-07 for Broadband Internet Services to the Bidders detailed in the Broadband Internet Services report at the monthly fees listed, for a period of three years plus an optional two-year extension in one-year increments.