Learning Morning
Agenda
May 25, 2022, 9:30am – 1:00pm (EST)

9:30 am

High-Speed Internet for All, Your Municipality Can Thrive with a Community Broadband Network
Presented by: Joe Hickey, President & CEO of ROCK Networks Inc.

Summary:
Joe Hickey will cover the following: benefits of community broadband networks, creating a business model that outlines a clear plan for a self-funded, revenue-generating rural broadband network, identify rural broadband funding, grants, and government resources for financing the plan, explore efficient, cost-saving practices that can help, such as "dig once" policies to ensure broadband infrastructure is built whenever digging is required to work on other utilities, create a technical plan for building the infrastructure, and explore next-generation satellite connectivity as an alternative in very remote areas where building a fibre network may not be possible

10:15 am

Foodcycler: Municipal Solutions
Presented by: Christina Zardo, Manager of Municipal Solutions & Ami Gagné, Project Coordinator, Municipal Solutions, Food Cycle Science

Summary:
Christina Zardo and Ami Gagne will discuss the issue of food waste and municipal solutions including the Foodcycler.

11:00 am

Health Break

11:30 am

The Municipal Insurance Issue
Presented by: Martin Lefebvre, Policy Analyst, Northern Policy Institute

Summary:
Martin Lefebvre will give an overview of the paper he wrote discussing the exorbitant insurance costs municipalities are facing and presents potential solutions that could be explored to aid communities in Northwestern Ontario.

12:15 pm

Reciprocal Insurance as a Municipal Solution
Presented by: Chris Lorne, Vice President, AON

Summary:
Chris Lorne will dive deeper into the topic of reciprocal municipal insurance as an option for Northern Municipalities.

1:00 pm

Learning Morning Concludes – We will have a 2nd learning morning in the Fall 2022