

# Baileys Harbor Broadband Ad Hoc Committee

September 19, 2022

## Update

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, the Baileys Harbor Town Board voted to approve signing an Agreement with Nsight-Cellcom Communication to coordinate construction of a fiber broadband network and offer high-speed internet service to all residential and commercial locations within the Town of Baileys Harbor. If you are located anywhere within the Township this service will be available to you.

A pilot effort is currently underway. Over the past several years, Nsight-Cellcom built throughout northern Door County a fiber “backbone.” The County of Door provided a financial contribution to the project with the understanding that County government and educational facilities could be served with that fiber. The fiber runs through Baileys Harbor Township. One educational entity that can use that fiber is Bjorklund, the retreat center operated by Lawrence University, and which is located within the Township. Nsight-Cellcom coordinated a cost-sharing agreement between the Town and Lawrence, saving each party funds. Work has begun to connect Bjorklund.

Because of the Bjorklund project and the agreement with them, residents on Frogtown Road from the intersection of State Highway 57 and County Road E east to Chapel Lane then turning south on Chapel Lane to the North entrance of Bjorklund are able to get connected. This pilot is estimated to affect 32 parcels along that path. Residents who sign up before October 31<sup>st</sup> receive a promotional one-month free service. (For more information contact Cellcom at 800.826.5215 or visit them at their Sturgeon Bay or Sister Bay **stores**). Barring any unforeseeable delays, this initial work is expected to be completed by the end of 2022.

Beyond the pilot work, Nsight-Cellcom has contracted with a company to conduct a parcel-by-parcel engineering study to determine specific needs for construction of the entire project. That study should be completed by December. At that time, Nsight-Cellcom will move to the next stage of bidding for construction labor and materials. If things remain on track, the remainder of all premises (business and residents) within the entire Town of Baileys Harbor should be able to be connected throughout 2023 and 2024.

We will continue to provide regular updates about the project using a variety of methods including email lists managed by the Town of Baileys Harbor and the Baileys Harbor Community Association, postal mailings to property owners, postings at places throughout the town, and on the Town website. In the meantime, please reach out with any questions you may have to myself ([kkiefer18@gmail.com](mailto:kkiefer18@gmail.com)) or our Town Clerk, Haley Adams ([admin@baileysharborwi.org](mailto:admin@baileysharborwi.org)).

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