

## March 16, 2024 Update

The last seven months have been a busy time for the construction of our Town's broadband network. At this time:

- 100% of the Strand (wire that holds up the fiber) has been installed,
- 99.5% of the Fiber has been lashed to the strand,
- 80% of the Drops (connection to the outside of the home) are built, and
- 76% of the Gray Boxes (attached to the outside of the home, receiving the Drop) have been spliced.
- The Central Office that hosts the network equipment (located in the Little Barn next to the Fire House) is fully operational, with all equipment installed and running.
- Testing of the system, location by location, is underway with approximately 140 homes tested as of this writing and connectivity confirmed. Remaining testing to be completed over the coming week.
- Axiom crews will be starting the internal modem install work, home by home, by calling to set up individual appointments with each homeowner. Axiom estimates it will take 3-5 weeks to complete this process.
- The first 5 homes will "go live" at the beginning of the week of 3/18.

We are nearing completion of the establishment of the Town's broadband network. We sincerely appreciate the patience, feedback and support the three Commissioners and the ABA volunteers have received over the several years of work on this project, and are excited about the prospect of having our high speed internet network brought to life across the island in the weeks ahead.