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## qRD Broadband Internet Survey - We Want Your Feedback!

qathet Regional District, B.C. – As part of the Regional District's continued focus to have quality internet service available in our community, we are inviting residents to participate in a Broadband internet connectivity survey which will support the qRD Connectivity Plan – The Last Mile. This survey will help identify the levels of service required throughout the region and will help determine the types of servicing options available.

The online survey is available by visiting: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Driftwood-Qrd-Survey">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Driftwood-Qrd-Survey</a> and will be open for responses until January 15, 2021. Paper surveys are available for download at qathet.ca.

Completed paper surveys can be scanned and emailed to qathetlastmile@driftwoodcom.com. You may also mail physical copies to Driftwood Communications Ltd. at 6800 Veyaness Rd, Saanichton, BC, V8M 2A8, or drop off completed surveys at local collection locations in your neighbourhood. For a full list of participating locations, please visit qathet.ca.

The qathet Regional District (qRD) is working with Driftwood Communications Ltd. to develop a regional connectivity plan that will outline options available to pave the last mile within the qRD. This project is supported through grant funding from the Island Coastal Economic Trust.

Completion of the Internet Connectivity – Last Mile Plan will be on or before June 30, 2021. Upon completion, the Board will be presented with strategies and costs for bridging the connectivity gaps in our region. For more information regarding this project, please visit gathet.ca/current\_project/qathet-regional-districts-connectivity-project-the-last-mile/.

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