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City of Airdrie Installs Phase 2 of the Mobile Wireless Network System

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – The City of Airdrie, in collaboration with the City of Calgary Traffic Operations, is pleased to announce Airdrie’s Mobile Wireless Project expansion from 60 to 90 per cent coverage of Airdrie.

“The partnership with the City of Calgary has increased the performance of our network and created a solid foundation for our mobile users,” says Paul Hurst, Network Administrator City of Airdrie Information Technology Department. In order to effectively provide access to the network for City of Airdrie employees, a higher percentage for base coverage was needed, so the City of Airdrie worked with the City of Calgary Traffic Operations Department to expand the wireless coverage.

“Utilizing our neighboring municipality to perform the repeater installations made sense,” says Hurst. “As the current maintainers of the signal equipment, the City of Calgary Traffic Operations Department has the experience and the field knowledge to not only install but make recommendations as to which hardware would work best to house our equipment.”

“Utilizing ESTeem’s market leading wireless modem technology as the backbone for Secure Group’s customized data solution, Airdrie has deployed a state-of-the-art wireless network solution to meet today’s needs as well as tomorrow’s demands,” said Robert Croft of ESTeem Wireless Modem, Sales Manager. “In the past, smaller markets such as Airdrie were unable to deploy such mobile technology. Today, they are setting the standard.”

“We are exceptionally pleased with the greatly expanded wireless network recently completed at the City of Airdrie,” Croft said. “Our alliance with the City of Airdrie and Secure Group has produced a high-speed wireless mobile data communications network that can be considered the model installation for years to come.”

“For one tenth of the estimated cost, Airdrie now has a self-healing mobile wireless solution that increases connectivity for its staff and safety for the citizens. We are very pleased with the result of this alliance,” says Sean Walinga of Secure Group.

This January, the City of Airdrie installed a mobile mesh wireless network, the first successful install of its kind in Canada in collaboration with ESTeem and Secure Group. The initial installation enabled City employees with a laptop and wireless repeater to connect through a broadband network connection back to the City of Airdrie network from anywhere within the city limits.

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