

# Broadband Town Hall Meeting

Hosted by: Delegate Dave LaRock & Purcellville Mayor Kwasi Fraser

May 16th, 2019, 6:30-8:30pm

## Agenda

**6:30 - 6:55** Meet and greet, browse, Q&A with vendors and presenters

**7:00** Begin presentation

- ❖ Opening remarks - Delegate Dave LaRock and Mayor Kwasi Fraser
- ❖ Tim Dennis - Loudoun Communications Commission
- ❖ Jimmy Carr - Broadband Advisory Council, CEO All Points
- ❖ Courtney Dozier - Virginia Telecommunications Initiative
- ❖ Zenon Dragosz - Loudoun County Broadband & Cable TV Services
- ❖ Aaron Smith - LCPS Director of Technology Systems and Applications
- ❖ Service Providers
- ❖ Supervisor Geary Higgins and Supervisor Tony Buffington

**8:15 - 8:30 (15 min.)** Q&A from audience

## Other Virginia Programs & Resources:

### [Virginia Telecommunication Initiative \(VATI\)](#)

The primary objective for the **Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI)** is to provide financial assistance to supplement construction costs by private sector broadband service providers to extend service to areas that presently are unserved by any broadband provider. The goal of VATI is to create strong, competitive communities throughout the Commonwealth by preparing those communities to build, utilize, and capitalize on telecommunications infrastructure. Consistent with the enabling legislation, **DHCD will award the \$19 million FY2020 appropriation to eligible applicants to provide Last-Mile services to unserved areas of the State.**

### Other Resources:

- <http://www.wired.virginia.gov/>
- <http://www.p3virginia.org/projects/vdot-fiber-optics/>
- <https://broadband.cgic.vt.edu/IntegratedToolbox/>
- <https://www.loudoun.gov/700/Broadband-Services>

## **Del. Dave LaRock Legislation:**

### **2015: [HJ 635 Communications sales and use tax; Department of Taxation to study performance of tax.](#)**

Introduced by: Dave A. LaRock SUMMARY: Study; performance of the communications sales and use tax; report. Requests the Department of Taxation to conduct a study of the performance of the communications sales and use tax.

### **2018: [HB 1283 Utility easements; pole attachments.](#)**

Introduced by: Dave A. LaRock SUMMARY: Utility easements; pole attachments. Declares that a public service company that has acquired a prescriptive easement that is used to provide electrical service is deemed to have the right to grant to a provider of broadband or other telecommunications services the right to attach its wires and appurtenant facilities to the public service company's poles, subject to the conditions that the public service company not charge pole attachment fees for five years and that the public utility and telecommunication service provider equally share the costs of making the poles ready.

### **2018: [HB 656 Telecommunications; DHR to convene work group to examine Sect. 106 review.](#)**

Introduced by: [Dave A. LaRock](#) SUMMARY: Virginia Department of Historic Resources; telecommunications; Section 106 review process work group. Directs the Virginia Department of Historic Resources to convene a stakeholder work group to study the efficiency of the review process as it is used in telecommunications projects with regard to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the effects of certain projects upon historic properties in association with Federal Communications Commission applications and to report its findings to the General Assembly...

### **2019: [HB 2573 Utility easements; pole attachments.](#)**

Introduced by: Dave A. LaRock SUMMARY: Utility easements; pole attachments. Declares that a public service company that has acquired a prescriptive easement that is used to provide electrical service is deemed to have the right to grant to a provider of broadband or other telecommunications services the right to attach its wires and appurtenant facilities to the public service company's poles, subject to the conditions that the public service company not charge pole attachment fees for five years and that the public utility and telecommunications service provider equally share the costs of making the poles ready.

## **Other Broadband Legislation:**

### **2016: [HB 912 Transportation, Department of; installation of broadband conduit on public highways.](#)**

Introduced by: J. Randall Minchew SUMMARY AS ENACTED: Department of Transportation; installation of broadband conduit on public highways. Allows the Department of Transportation to permit broadband service providers to install conduit capable of housing fiber optic cable to provide broadband service on public highways.

### **2019: [HB 2141 Local service districts; broadband and telecommunications services.](#)**

Introduced by: Robert M. "Bob" Thomas, Jr. SUMMARY AS ENACTED: Local services districts; broadband and telecommunications services. Authorizes a local governing body, with respect to a service district, to contract with a nongovernmental broadband service provider who will construct, maintain, and own communications facilities and equipment required to facilitate delivery of last-mile broadband services to unserved areas of the service district, provided that the locality documents that less than 10 percent of residential and commercial units within the project area are capable of receiving broadband service at the time the construction project is approved by the locality.