

Downtown Windsor becomes Wifi Hotspot

The Town of Windsor is proud to announce the launch of the new Windsor wireless mesh network, offering high-speed Internet services to members of the community and visitors, via Cisco Wireless Mesh Wi-Fi radio equipment that has been deployed throughout the town. Windsor is the third municipality in Nova Scotia to offer such a free high speed Internet service, after Hantsport and the HRM.

The Windsor Mesh network has been developed in partnership with the Windsor Business Enhancement Society and the Town of Hantsport. We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the assistance and support from these two organizations.

The network is still under development, but has been completed in the area around the Town Office, including parts of King, Water, Gerrish, and Grey Streets and the surrounding area. The network will be expanded in the coming weeks.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What should I do to connect to the network?

A: You will need a computer system with Wi-Fi network capability. Find the network named "Windsor-MESH" and connect to it just as you would any wireless network. Your system may prompt you, advising that the network is unsecured.

Q: How secure is the network?

A: The network has been developed to offer basic high speed Internet browsing and email services to the public, free of charge. Be aware that because the Town is offering a public network, certain types of Internet traffic on the network is not private. For private communications, use your normal home based Internet services. The Town is not responsible for any liability or damages resulting from your use of the network. Your system cannot be viewed by any other system on the public network. The network does support secure SSL and VPN connections.

Q: If I can't connect to the network, should I call the Town Office?

A: No. The Town will not provide any support services with regard to the network. For assistance, please contact your normal technical support person.

Q: Should I do business or online banking on the network?

A: This is completely at your discretion. The Windsor-MESH network does support secure SSL connections (encrypted) for online banking and e-commerce, and VPN (virtual private network) for secure remote access for business. Always exercise caution and use due diligence when doing any type of online transactions.

Q: Should I cancel my home based Internet service?

A: No, not necessarily. The free service in the Town has been developed to offer a limited type of high speed Internet service on a public network. If you enjoy online gaming, are very concerned about private email or instant messaging, use the Internet for extensive downloading of various types of large size media files and bit torrent activity, or require a lot of dedicated network bandwidth for your Internet use, the Town recommends using your home based Internet service. The public network has not been designed for the above uses, which are generally associated with home based Internet services.