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TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Karl R. Amylon, General Manager

DATE: April 29, 2021

RE: **"Quest to Connect" – A Documentary of KPU Telecommunications Division's Placement of a Subsea Fiber Cable Between Ketchikan and Prince Rupert**

The attached memorandum from Telecommunications Division Manager Ed Cushing is self-explanatory and requires no elaboration on the part of my office. I agree with Mr. Cushing's assessment of the project and would urge all Ketchikan residents to watch the documentary of what is likely one of the most important infrastructure projects in Ketchikan's recent history.



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Memorandum

To: Karl R. Amylon, KPU General Manager

From: Ed Cushing, KPU Telecommunications Division Manager

Date: April 16, 2021

Subject: **Informational Memorandum – KPU Telecommunications Video ‘Quest to Connect’**

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform your office of a video – recently completed – which documents the history and impact of KPU Telecommunication’s new undersea fiber optic cable – connecting Ketchikan to the mainland in Prince Rupert, BC.

Background

KPUTel’s new undersea fiber optic cable (*KetchCan1*) is arguably one of the most important local infrastructure projects in Ketchikan’s recent history. As noted in the video, Ketchikan now has high-speed broadband infrastructure that meets or exceeds virtually any community in the United States.

Simply put, *KetchCan1* enables KPUTel to provide the community with any and all future broadband services – for decades to come – at affordable prices – and eliminates any future concerns about being held hostage (or held back) by a non-KPU subsea cable company.

Appropriately, the subsea cable project provided for production of a brief (11 minute) film / which documents the projects’ history, the community’s support of the project, and the project’s near and long term positive impact upon the community.

The film can be viewed at the following URL:

<https://vimeo.com/sprocketheads/review/513919868/4ec2e44198>

Cc: Lacey Simpson