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## Fort Erie Expands Free Public Wi-Fi Network to Include Oakes Park

This year, Fort Erie residents can save a few bucks on their smartphone bills while visiting Oakes Park thanks to an expansion of the Town's free public Wi-Fi network.

"By expanding our digital infrastructure to include Town parks and facilities, we are able to provide our residents and visitors with free Wi-Fi and the ability to enjoy the freedom of the Internet while they are on the go. This initiative shows our Town's commitment to enhancing our use of connected technology," said Mayor Wayne Redekop.

The Town's Digital Services department began this project over 6 years ago, making Fort Erie one of the first municipalities in the Region to provide free Wi-Fi to its citizens. Oakes Park is the latest public space to receive free service.

"Our strategy is simple – we upgrade our digital infrastructure at Town facilities and expand the Wi-Fi reach to include parks and public buildings within the area. By collaborating with staff in Facilities and Planning we can deliver a low-cost solution that provides our community with the ability to access the Internet at their own convenience," said Kelly Davis, Manager, Digital Services.

The Town of Fort Erie offers free Wi-Fi at the following locations:

- Arenas/Banquet Halls/Administration Buildings
  - Leisureplex Arena
  - Crystal Ridge Arena
  - Stevensville Memorial Hall
  - Fort Erie Municipal Centre
  - Gibson Centre
- Fort Erie Libraries/Fire Halls/Museums
  - Centennial Branch
  - Crystal Ridge Branch
  - Stevensville Branch
  - Central Station Fire Hall
  - Fire Station #3
  - Historical Museum
- Fort Erie Parks and Open Spaces
  - Ferndale Park
  - Sugar Bowl Park
  - Kinsmen Pool
  - Oakes Park
  - Skatepark and surrounding park

The Town's Wi-Fi signal will appear as "Public" and allows visitors using a Wi-Fi enabled device such as a laptop, tablet PC or smart phone to access the internet free of charge. Residents will be required to accept the "Terms of Use of the Wireless Network and Disclaimer" when accessing the signal.

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