FVRD Business Connectivity Survey

DEMOGRAPHICS

Where is your business/organization/institution (for simplicity "business") physically located within FVRD? (See map for location

(https://maps.fvrd.ca/portal/apps/webappviewer/index.html?

id=eae55e6da5f14e11a9a5e07a78f339c5))

Respondents: 46

Choice	Count	
Area A	2.17%	
Alou A	1	
Area B	8.70%	
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Area C	6.52%	
Alea o	3	
Area D	2.17%	
Alea D	1	
A F	8.70%	
Area E	4	
A 5	32.61%	
Area F	15	
Area G	4.35%	
Area G	2	
Area H	30.43%	
Агеа п	14	
EVDD City on Town	4.35%	
FVRD City or Town	2	
In diagonal Community	0.00%	
Indigenous Community	0	
Tatal	100%	
Total	46	

Which neighbourhood? Respondents: 1 Choice Count 100.00% **Boston Bar - North Bend** 1 0.00% Other 0 100% **Total** 1

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Which neighbourhood? Respondents: 4		
Choice	Count	
Yale	25.00% 1	
Dogwood Valley	0.00% 0	
Sunshine Valley	50.00% 2	
Laidlaw	0.00% 0	
Other	25.00% 1	
Total	100% 4	

Count	
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Which neighbourhood? Respondents: 1		
Choice	Count	
Popkum	0.00% 0	
Bridal Falls	100.00% 1	
Other	0.00% 0	
Total	100% 1	

Which neighbourhood? Respondents: 4		
Choice	Count	
Baker Trails	0.00% 0	
Bell Acres	0.00% 0	
Slesse Park	25.00% 1	
Post Creek	50.00% 2	
Other	25.00% 1	
Total	100% 4	

Which neighbourhood? Respondents: 15		
Choice	Count	
Durieu	46.67% 7	
Hatzic Prairie	26.67% 4	
McConnell Creek	20.00% 3	
Other (e.g. Stave Lake or Pitt Lake)	6.67% 1	
Total	100% 15	

Which neighbourhood? Respondents: 2		
Choice	Count	
Nicomen Island	0.00% 0	
Deroche	0.00% 0	
Dewdney	100.00% 2	
Hatzic Island	0.00%	
Other	0.00% 0	
Total	100% 2	

Which neighbourhood? Respondents: 14		
Choice	Count	
Cultus Lake	0.00% 0	
Lindell Beach	21.43% 3	
Columbia Valley	78.57% 11	
Other	0.00% 0	
Total	100% 14	

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Which community?		
Respondents: 2		
Choice	Count	
Abbotsford	0.00%	
Abbotsioid	0	
Chillingal	50.00%	
Chilliwack	1	
Micrica	50.00%	
Mission	1	
Kent	0.00%	
Kent	0	
Unwines Unt Chriman	0.00%	
Harrison Hot Springs	0	
Hono	0.00%	
Hope	0	
Total	100%	
Total	2	

Which community? Respondents: 0

Which community?

No response.

Do you operate you business: Respondents: 40		
Choice	Count	
Full Time	87.50% 35	
Part-Time/Seasonal	12.50% 5	
Total	100% 40	

Total

How many people do you employ, including yourself? Respondents: 44 Choice Count 20.45% 1 9 45.45% 2-5 20 13.64% 6-20 6 9.09% 20-50 11.36% 50+ 5 100%

44

What type of business do you have? Respondents: 45

Choic	e	Count
⁼arm/	Agriculture	46.15% 18
Retail		12.82% 5
Touris	sm	2.56%
		5.13%
ligh	Tech/IT	2
		10.26%
Profes	ssional Service	4
		5.13%
Real E	Estate	2
		0.00%
Scien	ce	0
		0.00%
Health	n Care	0
		0.00%
Arts		0
	4-194	5.13%
lospi	tality	2
Not fo	a Due fit Casa	5.13%
NOT TO	or Profit Group	2
notit-	ition/Government Access	2.56%
nstitt	ution/Government Agency	1
nduc	trial/Commercial	5.13%
nuus	unan-commercial	2
Гotal		100%
oldi		45
#	Respondent	Other
1	19	Aquaculture- land based fish farm
2	24	We also have a real estate and digital educational business
3	29	I have two businesses. Farm with online sales and an online retail store

4 38 Fire Department 5 42 Management Consulting 6 44 residential construction 7 47 Farm Agriculture and Hospitality 8 50 Utility Distributor, Service Provider, Manufacturer 9 53 Traffic Control Business 10 55 Wholesale Nursery 11 57 First Nation Government and Administration 12 61 Property management 13 63 Agri tourism 14 68 lavender farm and vineyard with products to sell 15 74 Property Maintenance, Entertainment, Management			
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15 74 Property Maintenance, Entertainment, Management	14	68	lavender farm and vineyard with products to sell
	15	74	Property Maintenance, Entertainment, Management

Questions About Your Business Internet

Do you have internet acc Respondents: 46	cess at your business?	
Choice	Count	
Yes	93.48% 43	
No	6.52% 3	
Total	100% 46	

Why do you not have internet for your business? (Please click any that apply) Respondents: 3 Choice Count 33.33% Cost 1 0.00% Don't want it 0 33.33% **Poor Quality** 1 0.00% Not available 0 33.33% N/A 1 100% **Total** 3 # Respondent Other Shaw wants \$26k to bring Highspeed to our location. Far too 1 13 expensive. We need it but can't afford it

Who is your current internet service provider (ISP)? Respondents: 41 Choice Count 2.44% **ABC** 1 0.00% Bell 0 0.00% **Freedom Mobile** 0 0.00% LookieLoo 0 2.44% LyttonNet 1 0.00% **Network Integrated Communications** 0 2.44% Rogers 1 19.51% **Shaw** 8 46.34% Telus 19 26.83% **Xplornet** 11 0.00% Galaxy 0 100% **Total** 41 # Respondent Other We have to have two providers as the stability of both is so bad 1 29 we have to have a back up. Teus and Xplornet 2 Also Xplornet in a remote location not in Area B 65 3 Uniserve 75

What type of business internet service do you have? Respondents: 41 Choice Count 7.32% **Optical Fibre** 3 24.39% Cable/CATV 10 19.51% Wireless 8 17.07% DSL 7 0.00% Cellular 0 21.95% Satellite 9 4.88% Dial-up 2 4.88% **Don't Know** 2 100% Total 41 # Respondent Other (please specify) 1 19 We have expensive, slow Xplornet. I think Telus is cable and Xplornet is satelite 29 2 3 55 Business internet 75

How many users would be on the internet in your business at once? Respondents: 41

Choice	Count	
1	12.20%	
I	5	
2-5	68.29%	
2-3	28	
6-20	7.32%	
6-20	3	
20-50	4.88%	
20-50	2	
50+	7.32%	
JUT	3	
Total	100%	
TOTAL	41	

How does your business use internet (click all that apply)? Respondents: 40

Choice	9	Count
Agricu	ıltural Technology	30.00% 12
Cloud	Services (e.g. Office 365)	45.00% 18
High T	ech/IT	15.00% 6
Point o	of Sale/Financial Transactions	60.00% 24
Outsid	le Resources (Research)	70.00% 28
Guest	Services	30.00% 12
Advert	tising	50.00% 20
Conne	ecting Location (VPN)	27.50% 11
Remot	te Access	42.50% 17
Acces	sing Large Files	47.50% 19
Phone	Service	32.50% 13
Humai	n Resources & Admin	35.00% 14
Guest	Wi-fi	37.50% 15
Genera	al Communication (e-mail)	82.50% 33
Total		100% 40
#	Respondent	Other
1	57	Governance and Administrative
2	78	Manufacturing

What is the average cost of your internet per month over the last 6 months? Respondents: 41

Choice	Count	
\$0 - \$99	24.39% 10	
\$100 - \$149	31.71% 13	
\$150+	41.46% 17	
Don't know	2.44% 1	
Total	100% 41	

Is your internet service bundled with other services?
Respondents: 41

Choice Count

Yes 31.71%
13

No 68.29%
28

Total 100%
41

Which services are bundled? (Please check all that apply) Respondents: 13 Choice Count 38.46% **Cable TV** 5 76.92% **Phone** 10 100% **Total** 13 # Respondent Other (Please specify) 1 74 plus two cell phones 2 75 Plus two cell phones

8

80

Does your internet plan have a usage limit after which you pay additional charges? Respondents: 38 Choice Count 50.00% Yes 19 34.21% No 13 15.79% Don't know 6 100% **Total** 38 # Respondent Specify limit (if known) 1 10 5gb 2 30GB 28 3 200GB 36 4 50 I have to pay an extra charge for unlimited data 75 5 51 200gb 6 68 7 75G 69

Changed in July 2020

During the past year, how many months have you had to pay overage charges? Respondents: 37

Choice	Count	
0	35.14%	
	13	
1-3	10.81%	
1-3	4	
4-6	8.11%	
4-0	3	
7.0	2.70%	
7-9	1	
40.40	16.22%	
10-12	6	
N/A	27.03%	
N/A	10	
Total	100%	
Total	37	

What are your average overage charges per month in the last year? Respondents: 36

Choice	Count	
\$0 - \$49	27.78%	
φυ - φ49	10	
¢50 ¢00	8.33%	
\$50 - \$99	3	
¢400 ¢440	5.56%	
\$100 - \$149	2	
¢450.	5.56%	
\$150+	2	
David Ivo	16.67%	
Don't know	6	
NI/A	36.11%	
N/A	13	
T. (.)	100%	
Total	36	

What is your internet service speed? To test your internet speed, you can go to https://performance.cira.ca/ (http://performance.cira.ca/). Please run a test and provide the results below.

Respondents: 37

Questions	Don't Know	Less that 1 Mbps	1- 5Mbps	5- 20Mbps	20- 50Mbps	50+Mbps	Total
Download	27.03%	16.22%	10.81%	35.14%	5.41%	5.41%	100%
	10	6	4	13	2	2	37
Upload	25.00%	27.78%	27.78%	13.89%	2.78%	2.78%	100%
	9	10	10	5	1	1	36
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	19	16	14	18	3	3	-

If your speed is less than you require, why? Respondents: 37 Choice Count 67.57% **Higher Speeds Not Available** 25 13.51% **Too Expensive** 5 18.92% N/A 7 100% **Total** 37 Respondent # Other 1 68 service unusable after 5pm daily

Opinions About Your Business Internet

How would you rate the overall quality of your internet service? Respondents: 37 Choice Count 45.95% **Poor** 17 29.73% Fair 11 10.81% Good 4 8.11% **Very Good** 3 5.41% **Excellent** 2 100% **Total** 37

Critical

Total

How important is internet service to your business?

Respondents: 37

Choice Count

Not Important 1

Somewhat Important 1

Neutral 0.00%
0

Very Important 27.03%

10

67.57%

25

100%

37

What is your level of satisfaction with your internet service? Respondents: 37

Questions	Very Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Total
Choice of internet providers	48.65%	21.62%	8.11%	10.81%	10.81%	100%
·	18	8	3	4	4	37
Internet service speed	51.35%	21.62%	2.70%	13.51%	10.81%	100%
	19	8	1	5	4	37
0	45.95%	21.62%	16.22%	8.11%	8.11%	100%
Overall cost/value	17	8	6	3	3	37
Deliability of Complex	35.14%	27.03%	2.70%	21.62%	13.51%	100%
Reliability of Service	13	10	1	8	5	37
Customer Comice	20.59%	14.71%	29.41%	26.47%	8.82%	100%
Customer Service	7	5	10	9	3	34
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	74	39	21	29	19	-

How likely are you to switch to an internet service with higher SPEEDS for an extra cost of: Respondents: 36

Questions	Very Unlikely	Somewhat Unlikely	Neutral	Somewhat Likely	Very Likely	Total
\$50 / month	22.86% 8	11.43% 4	14.29% 5	11.43% 4	40.00% 14	100% 35
\$100 / month	50.00% 17	11.76% 4	5.88% 2	11.76% 4	20.59%	100% 34
\$100+ / month	57.14% 20	8.57% 3	11.43% 4	5.71% 2	17.14% 6	100% 35
Total	- 45	- 11	- 11	- 10	- 27	-

How likely are you to switch to an internet service with higher LIMITS for an extra cost of: Respondents: 37

Questions	Very Unlikely	Somewhat Unlikely	Neutral	Somewhat Likely	Very Likely	Total
\$50 / month	44.44%	2.78%	11.11%	11.11%	30.56%	100%
you / month	16	1	4	4	11	36
0400 /	57.14%	8.57%	8.57%	8.57%	17.14%	100%
\$100 / month	20	3	3	3	6	35
¢400 i /	62.86%	5.71%	11.43%	5.71%	14.29%	100%
\$100+ / month	22	2	4	2	5	35
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
	58	6	11	9	22	-

How likely are you to switch to an internet service to gain better RELIABILITY for an extra cost of:

Respondents: 37

Questions	Very Unlikely	Somewhat Unlikely	Neutral	Somewhat Likely	Very Likely	Total
\$50 / month	27.78%	16.67%	8.33%	13.89%	33.33%	100%
	10	6	3	5	12	36
\$100 / month	51.43%	11.43%	5.71%	14.29%	17.14%	100%
	18	4	2	5	6	35
\$100+ / month	60.00%	11.43%	8.57%	5.71%	14.29%	100%
	21	4	3	2	5	35
Total	- 49	- 14	- 8	- 12	- 23	-

Do you have a choice of internet service providers in your area?

Respondents: 37

Choice Count

Yes 32.43%
12

No 62.16%
23

Don't Know 5.41%
2

37

Which other internet service providers (ISP)? (Please click all that apply) Respondents: 12

Choic	е	Count
ABC		8.33% 1
Bell		8.33% 1
Freed	om Mobile	0.00% 0
Looki	eLoo	0.00% 0
Lyttor	nNet	0.00% 0
Netwo	ork Integrated Communications	0.00% 0
Roger	rs	16.67% 2
Shaw		33.33% 4
Telus		58.33% 7
Xplori	net	50.00% 6
Galaxy		0.00% 0
Total		100% 12
#	Respondent	Other
1	29	its not really a choice as neither works well
2	75	Uniserve

I would use the internet in my business, or I would use it more, if it: (please check all that apply) Respondents: 36

44.44%
77.7770
16
61.11%
22
41.67%
15
33.33%
12
100%
36
Other (please specify)
We have to run our governance and administration
right now it's unusable after 5 pm when we have time to work on the computer - it's very disheartening

We would like your views on internet in the region. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements:

Respondents: 37

Questions	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree	Total
Internet service is an essential	2.70%	0.00%	2.70%	8.11%	86.49%	100%
service	1	0	1	3	32	37
There is a need to improve internet	16.22%	0.00%	0.00%	5.41%	78.38%	100%
service in the FVRD	6	0	0	2	29	37
Improved internet will make the FVRD	8.11%	0.00%	2.70%	13.51%	75.68%	100%
more attractive to potential residents and businesses	3	0	1	5	28	37
mproved internet will result in greater	8.11%	2.70%	2.70%	18.92%	67.57%	100%
economic activity in the region	3	1	1	7	25	37
There will be significant benefits to	10.81%	0.00%	0.00%	18.92%	70.27%	100%
improved connectivity in the region	4	0	0	7	26	37
Total	-	-		-	-	•
Total	17	1	3	24	140	-

Would your business benefit from faster internet speeds, higher data limits or more reliable internet? (click all that apply)

Respondents: 37

Choice	Count	
Faster Speeds	86.49% 32	
Higher Limits	56.76% 21	
More reliable service	70.27% 26	
No benefit	10.81% 4	
Total	100% 37	

Does your current internet service, or lack thereof, negatively impact or restrict your business Respondents: 37

Choic	ce	Count
Yes		67.57% 25
No		32.43% 12
Total		100% 37
#	Respondent	Please Describe
1	18	Pos system can not stable with internet
2	25	Can't access internet or internet runs out
3	26	With up to 300 people sharing a 15 mb connection it can be almost impossible to get any work done. Using the very high cost of mobile hotspots is the norm and extremely expensive with caps.
4	28	I am forced to travel away from home for video and voice conferencing, and large file transfers. Even using wireless data, my internet speeds result in delayed, poor quality communication and lost productivity.
5	29	I am not able to do POS transactions, I just hope the customer remembers and is honest when they get back to internet and or cell coverage that they pay me. I also can not update my websites. I am unable to upload any information and download is spotty. Communications are difficult as there is no cell coverage here even though we paid a lot of money for a cel booster that doesn't work. So using the internet sometimes works to communicate with customers
6	31	Can not use Agricultural equipment that could be streaming important information onto our devices .
7	42	Down time while having to wait for upload and download files and access to VPN is hit and miss with dropped Video-calls and Video-conferencing.
8	47	time wasted with constant crashing
9	50	Unable to remotely log into server, broken voip calls, service drops hourly.
10	51	When it rains or when it is cloudy, I can't work on my computer at all. Getting info and over the internet is painfully slow.
		Personal information was redacted for privacy protection.

11	53	When it isn't working I have no access to essential data for my business. I am forced to use my phone data at an extra cost
12	54	Tough to do advertising and send large files ie pictures to customers
13	67	Loss of signal while communicating or drafting and occasional loss of work or part of it and limits on size of product sent or received
14	68	service is UNUSABLE after 5 pm - too many users on one satelliteespecially worse since covid, it also costs between \$350-500 / month
15	79	Slow speeds and unreliable

Would you be more likely to expand if you had better, more affordable internet service? Respondents: 37

Res	pondents: 37	
Choic	ce	Count
Yes		45.95% 17
No		24.32% 9
Mayb	e	29.73% 11
Total		100% 37
#	Respondent	Comment
1	26	However affordability is less important than reliably speed.
2	28	I could do all of my work from home, which has become the norm due to Covid-19.
3	47	I would move more back office services to my farm rather than where they are now located.
4	54	Offer more stuff we are a Christmas Tree Farm would offer pictures with Santa emailed to customers right now tough to do
5	57	Our governance administration and businesses will expand as needed
6	68	we need to do research and internet work in the evenings when our kids go to bed but we cant

Would you likely employ more people if you had better internet service? Respondents: 37 Choice Count 24.32% Yes 9 45.95% No 17 29.73% Maybe 11 100% **Total** 37 # Respondent Comment Some are forced to work from home or other locations because 1 26 of poor connections. 2 68 if we grow, we hire.

Do you believe you lose business to competitors who have faster or more reliable internet? Respondents: 37

Kes	pondents: 37	
Choic	ce	Count
Yes		29.73%
		11
N-		29.73%
No		11
Don't Know		40.54%
		15
Total		100%
Total		37
#	Respondent	Comment
1	28	I'm quite certain I've lost jobs at the interview stage due to my poor internet services.
2	54	Others can offer services and live web cams we can't
3	68	of course! we can't move forward without it

Cellular Service

How concerned are you about safety due to lack or quality of cellular service? Respondents: 40

Choice	Count	
	70.50%	
Very Concerned	72.50%	
tory companies	29	
0	10.00%	
Somewhat Concerned	4	
	2.50%	
Neutral	1	
0	7.50%	
Somewhat Unconcerned	3	
N . 0	7.50%	
Not Concerned	3	
	100%	
Total	40	

Total

Do you currently have cellular/mobile service plan for your business?

Respondents: 40

Choice Count

Yes 80.00%
32

No 20.00%
8

100%

40

Why do you not currently have cellular/mobile service? Respondents: 8 Choice Count 25.00% Unavailable 2 0.00% Cost 0 75.00% **Not Desired** 6 0.00% **Poor Quality** 0 100% Total 8 # Respondent Other (Please Specify) 1 13 All phones are paid for individually 2 69 Using my personal cell phone for both We would like your level of satisfaction with cellular internet service in the region. Respondents: 32

Questions	Very Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Satisfied	Vary Satisfied	Total
Cellular Coverage	62.50%	15.63%	9.38%	9.38%	3.13%	100%
Contain Covorago	20	5	3	3	1	32
Poliability of collular convice?	62.50%	15.63%	6.25%	12.50%	3.13%	100%
Reliability of cellular service?	20	5	2	4	1	32
Coat of callular comics	34.38%	21.88%	34.38%	6.25%	3.13%	100%
Cost of cellular service	11	7	11	2	1	32
Lovel of Contempo Comics	28.13%	18.75%	34.38%	15.63%	3.13%	100%
Level of Customer Service	9	6	11	5	1	32
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	60	23	27	14	4	-

What do you generally use cell service for? (please click all that apply) Respondents: 32

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Choic	ce	Count
Phon	e Calls	93.75%
riioii	e Calls	30
Employment		65.63%
шр	oyinent .	21
Safety		71.88%
Jaiet	у	23
Mobile Internet		81.25%
		26
Messaging		81.25%
MCSS	aging	26
Total		100%
Total		32
#	Respondent	Other (Please Specify)
1	25	Business
2	31	It doesn't always work in our area. The signal is very sketchy .
3	57	All above
4	68	we have a plan but cant use it at home there is no cell service here.

Have you ever found yourself in an emergency situation without the ability to call for help due to a lack of cell phone coverage?

Respondents: 40

Choice	Count	
Yes	57.50% 23	
No	42.50% 17	
Total	100% 40	

COMMENTS

Please feel free to include any additional comments or concerns: [for privacy reasons please do not include any personal information such as name or address]

Respondents: 19

Respondent

Please feel free to include any additional comments or concerns: [for privacy reasons please do not include any personal information such as name or address]

We only have the option to use Xplornet for internet. It's super expensive, unreliable, limited and super slow. We get by but it costs us so much extra time and money in our business due to its slow speed and unreliability. We have had employees leave and use internet at home or else where due to the problems. We our selves have gone to coffee shops to work to avoid the problems. We have been speaking with Xplornet for internet for our farm expansion and the options are very limited and very very expensive. We can not back up our computers properly due to the limited amount of data each month. This is very

times, streaming wasn't even possible. We use Rogers cellular

service for emergencies if needed. When the weather isn't good

the internet goes down so then we have no cell or internet connection at all! We have to rely solely on our landline which isn't always ideal due to the fact that it is only located in the house and not in our out buildings or field. We also have to use our residential landline for business calls since cell service isn't an option. We have to consider setting up an additional landline

just for business calls which is unfortunate since our cell

phones are our business lines.

service. We switched my husband from Telus because the service was even worse than Rogers. We can not use our phones at all for phone calls even with a \$1500 cell booster. I can not message or call my family as they have android phones

which makes its even more difficult. We have no phone, message or internet service unless we are inside or near the house. So if we are working in the field we have no phone

concerning for obvious reasons. During the pandemic, zoom calls and online schooling was so hard and very poor quality due to the speed problems. We couldn't have zoom calls with family because of our internet. Watching movies or streaming education videos and work related videos was even harder due to the increase volume of people on it at a given time. At certain

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As an area for farm businesses I believe everyone should have high speed interent. We need it to keep up with other farms that have more advanced technology than us. It's not fair we don't have a choice of different high speed internet providers.

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Personal information was redacted for privacy protection.

3 28	My work is done 100% online. Better internet services are critical to my business.
4 29	The lack of internet speed and reliability with Telus has forced us into trying Xplornet which is very expensive for pretty much the same service. Our phones go down regularly and we have had emergency situations that we have to drive through landslides or nearly get killed navigating icy hills in the winter to get help when these services don't work. it is ridiculous as we are just not that remote anymore. My businesses depends on my internet service 100%. Everything I have applied for jobs in the past and had to turn them down as a 'reliable internet connection' just isn't available here. I spend so much time driving to town and sitting in my car trying to upload and download information, update my websites and communicate with customers. I almost feel I need to rent a space in town to be able to do my internet business. I very much hope that some action is taken to alleviate the stress and financial burden on our businesses up here in Columbia Valley. Reliable, affordable and stable internet and cellular coverage are ESSENTIAL for our businesses to thrive and grow!
5 31	You don't need a s Survey to know that proper internet service is essential . We are in the 21 st century, at least I think we are . This is the forgotten valley .
6 42	Updates to VPN access is sketchy at best. Slow download and upload times. Explore net is over priced and Telus does not even offer anything faster. It has been same answer from them for last 5 years "upgrades are coming soon the service in the Columbia Valley.
7 46	Our company is We paid Telus \$35,000 to install a fiber optic line as there was no other viable option. We pay \$900 per month for 200Mbps synchronous connection with five nines service guarantee and a cellular backup (tested approx 6Mbps down / 1Mbps up).
8 47	I at times have individuals working alone on 40 acres - there are situations where the ability to communicate is not there due to the poor coverage.
9 50	Neighbours down the road were away and there was a fire at their barn. I had to drive 4 1/2 km to get cell coverage to call 911.
10 58	Having high speed internet service will be an asset for my business. It is one of the main questions my potential tenants ask about.

11	60	I am satisfied with my current coverage. There is no need to put up more towers. Wireless radiation is already over health limits and the government isn't regulating and over seeing the current levels of radiation that they have set out in Safety Code 6. No studies have been done to analyze compounding and stronger sources Tax payer money should not be used to subsidize wealthy telecommunication companies
12	67	We used to have to go to the top of the driveway to get a signal then the Rogers tower by hatzic improved things somewhat but still have cell phone reception problems from time to time that in turn impact the internet and we often experience wifi connection problems depending where one is on the property. Reception from wildlife cameras is spotty.
13	68	had an anaphalactic shock due to wasp sting - needed to use nieghbours phone. we do have a landline since we dont have cell service, but these are old lines and very unreliable!!! son has hemophilia - and we need to get on the internet for research and have excellent reliable phone service for bleeding events
14	73	We only have one server (Shaw), no Telus or Bell. Complaints are no ttaken care of. They only want you to upgrade to more expensive service but service still inadequate.
15	75	Cell phone service in Sunshine Valley is spotty and totally unsatisfactory. Safety is a key issue living her full time.
16	76	Don't need more zapping!
17	77	Enough coverage, no more needed.
18	78	Not interested in 5G or other harmful technology. Internet speed and current tech is sufficient.
19	81	Please don't waste time in Survey It should be mandatory for Telecommunications/Internet and Cellular companies to provide better internet and cellphone service in all FVRD.

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