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Halton Hills Coun. Clark Somerville illustrates the challenges rural residents face with internet access.

INTERNET SERVICE WOES PERSIST IN RURAL AREAS

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Halton is once again pushing the federal and provincial governments for immediate action to ensure basic internet service is accessible to everyone, includ-

ing rural residents.

It's been talked about for over a decade, but the lack of high-speed (broadband) internet availability for many living in the region's countryside remains a problem.

The issue has been under-

scored by the pandemic, which has seen local families who live outside town struggle to complete their work and school assignments with inadequate internet service.

"This had a huge impact on e-learning. My children had a

hard time joining class conferences," said local mother Jen Soares, who lives north of Georgetown. "Prior to moving rurally, I had no idea what an atrocity internet is here and how

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