



Tell us a bit about your co-operative – its origins, purpose and what needs/value your organization provides to the community.

Quadro Communications Co-operative was established in November 1994, after converting from the Blanshard Municipal Telephone System, established in 1924. Originally, our service area was limited to the exchanges of Sebringville, Granton, Kirkton and Uniondale. In recent years, the Canadian Radio-Television Commission, has approved our expansion into the neighbouring communities of Birr, Bryanston, Clandeboye, Dublin, Harrington, Lucan, Mitchell, St. Columban and Wellburn. In 2019, Quadro announced our Fibre to the Home project in the Town of St. Marys, a three year project to cover the entire town with the latest Fibre technology. Quadro is one of several independent telecommunication companies in Southwestern Ontario. Quadro values include exhibiting integrity, transparency and value in everything we do. Our mission is to enrich our customer's experience with personal service and innovative products, and our vision is to fulfill the evolving needs of our customers.

How is your co-operative responding to the current needs of the community?

Since the pandemic there has been an ever growing need for faster, more reliable internet in more rural communities. Quadro has submitted several Request for Proposals to programs that have access to government funding to help expand our Fibre Optic network, especially to those in rural areas that are lacking sufficient speeds. These plans assist with our expansion efforts for the next 5 years.

What is your vision for co-operatives in rebuilding the economy post-pandemic?

Continue to spread the message of how a co-operative benefits not only their members but their communities as a whole.

What does the future of the co-operative sector in Ontario look like to you?

I think a lot more people will be cognoscente of 'shopping and supporting local,' and if a co-operative is an option which has benefits for its members, I see them becoming more popular.

What aspect of OCA's mission/strategic programs do you think is most important as a way to rebuild a more co-operative economy?

Government Relations.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Love the support we get from the OCA and are using them to assist us with the facilitation of our first virtual AGM in March 2021.