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Exploring ways to end “the digital divides” in Southern Ontario

On November 23, Bill St. Arnaud, Chief Research Officer with Ottawa-based CANARIE Inc., is the keynote for a CUI Urban Leadership session on how broadband is changing the way Ontarians live, work and play. The keynote will be followed by comments by a panel whose members have a common interest in ensuring that Ontarians have access to reliable and affordable broadband. These include experts in emergency management, distance education, e-medicine and capacity building in internet skills for underprivileged students. The session will be chaired by Rob Dowler, the Ontario Ministry of Government and Consumer Services' corporate chief strategist.

A report prepared by the Canadian Urban Institute entitled, “*Broadband in Ontario from an Urban and Regional Perspective: digital divides, content inflation, citizen engagement, and criteria for success*” will be released at the session and is [available electronically](#) as well as from the Knowledge Media Design Institute (KMDI) website: www.kmdi.utoronto.ca.

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