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Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 11:08 AM
To: Andrea Moore
Subject: FW: Interest in alternative to wave/astound in La Conner and surrounds

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La Conner – it leaves you speechless, and then turns you into a storyteller.

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Ramon Hayes,

I live in Shelter Bay, and cannot vote in La Conner Town politics.
But I recently raised the issue of a local alternative to wave/astound
(lower case intentional!) on the La Conner Neighbor website.
I got a large response, and thought I would raise the issue with you and the council,
in the hope you might pursue it.

I received a lot of information back.
Anacortes now charges their residents and their businesses (different fees for each category)
and the \$ stays in the town. They have a team for service of their system, which
also keeps \$ local and created jobs in Anacortes. From reading their site, their project seems
scaled to a much larger community than La Conner.
I've been sent info on "RUS" programs, loans and grants, ([usda.gov/broadband](https://www.usda.gov/broadband)) to support
modern broadband e-Connectivity in rural and Tribal lands;
and info re: CERB (Community Economic Revitalization Board) about a grant and loan to
The Port Of Skagit to bring fiber optic infrastructure to eastern Skagit County.

There are many locals with apparent knowledge on all parts of this issue.

Personally, I know very little about "e-connectivity" and even less about political action on
such a large issue. But I thought you and the council might be interested and knowledgeable
enough to pursue these "local" avenues. The people who responded to me definitely wanted
alternative internet access.

Thank you for any interest you might show.

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