We have a huge challenge in terms of making the digital spaces inclusive of everybody have to be careful that we don't move forward and you really create a community of have and have-nots.

If no one is connected then they don't even have a chance.

Access is the starting point.

Ontario's digital future is expanding broadband reach

There are 18 year olds working in their basement right now in a small town and their parents don't understand what they're doing and there's nobody in their community that understands the value of what they're doing and they could be coming up with something that's just fantastic a new innovation a new idea and new technology.

And if you think about a kid born in some part of Ontario who does not have internet access he or she is it such a severe disadvantage to a kid who has broadband from the get-go these are not just matters of entertainment and video games the world comes in to this kid's mind through this broadband access and I think we have a responsibility to make sure that every kid has that access.

Because if we end up with a hyper-connected core and a disconnected periphery we are going to have a real problem in society in terms of our decision making in terms of our ability to take collective action about things because we will start to become two peoples.

Being a great technology innovator doesn't rely on you being part of a huge city or Metropolis part of Ontario's digital future is expanding broadband reach making sure that people in rural areas aren't left behind that they can access the information and have that connectivity to be able to develop.

What we really need to be investing in is the social supports and the education and training that will enable those people to participate fully in a literate way and not just having some technology access.

Within the community though digital democracy is important that you can't leave you know people that perhaps don't have as much money available to have computers so you also have to find ways to bring them along and that's been done very successfully in many communities and that creates jobs and it helps people get trained for the digital future.