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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **St. Charles and Muskie Bay to be connected to national broadband fibre network with \$1 million investment**

*2 communities in Nickel Belt-Greater Sudbury will benefit from access to high-speed Internet through more than \$1 million investment*

**NICKEL BELT – GREATER SUDBURY** - Internet access is more than just a convenience: communities, businesses and institutions need it to find information, offer services and create opportunities. That's why, through a total investment of \$1 million, the Government of Canada is helping 2 communities in Ontario get online with new or improved high-speed Internet.

The funding was announced today by Marc Serré, Member of Parliament for Nickel Belt, on behalf of the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, in St.-Charles, one of the communities that will benefit from this funding.

This investment from Bell Canada and the Government of Canada will connect these communities. Businesses and institutions will have access to data speeds up to 1 Gbps, enhancing opportunities for economic development and enabling future investment in residential broadband, and allowing Canadians to take advantage of the opportunities afforded by the digital age.

To date, the Government of Canada has invested \$42.1 million to bring high-speed Internet to Ontario's rural and remote communities under [Connect to Innovate](#).

The \$500 million program is investing in building the digital backbone of high-speed Internet networks. Backbone networks are the digital highways that move data in and out of communities. These highways carry large amounts of data that are essential for schools, hospitals, libraries and businesses to function in a digital world.

### **Quotes**

“Access to high-speed Internet is not a luxury; it's essential. High-speed Internet service is a basic tool that all Canadians should have access to, regardless of where they live. I am thrilled this investment will benefit the residents of St. Charles and Muskie Bay. It will help create greater employment and business opportunities, provide better access to online education and services, improve communications and access to media in these rural communities.”

**– Marc Serré, Member of Parliament for Nickel Belt**



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“The future of the Municipality of St.-Charles is positive and I am excited for the future prospects that this investment will give us in making our municipality strong and competitive.”

### – Paul Schoppmann, Mayor, Municipality of St.-Charles

“Canadians need this service to do business, upgrade their education and build stronger communities. Thanks to our Connect to Innovate program, more Canadians will be able to participate fully in the digital economy.”

### – The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development

“Bell is pleased to partner with the government of Canada on this important project to connect St. Charles and Muskie Bay to Canada’s best broadband network. By providing fast and reliable Internet connections for businesses and institutions, this project will enhance economic activity in the area and provide the infrastructure necessary for future expansion.”

### – Bruce Furlong, Vice President, Network, Bell Canada

#### Associated links

- [Connect to Innovate](#)
- [Announced Connect to Innovate projects](#)

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