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NEOnet, Connecting the North Today for Tomorrow

Improved Cell Service is Coming to A Highway Near You

Excitement filled the air waves Tuesday, when the provincial government through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation announced they will invest \$5 million to expand digital cellular telephone service along highways in Northeastern Ontario.

Following an open bidding process, NEOnet selected private sector partner Northern Tel Mobility to deliver expanded and enhanced cellular services to the people and businesses of Northeastern Ontario. "Northern Tel Mobility will invest \$3 million to add more than twenty new tower sites to improve coverage along 540 kilometres of King's Highways in our area, from Constance Lake to the Quebec Border, and from Driftwood down to the Watershed," remarked Northern Tel's Dave McGirr.

"The social and economic benefit of continuous cellular coverage range from increased security for

travellers to enhanced tourism and economic growth potential," said NEOnet Chair Christy Marinig.

"The expanded cellular network will have a momentous impact on the communities of Gogama, Shining Tree and Mattagami First Nation, said Gerry Talbot, member of the Gogama Local Services Board. "Residents, motorists and snowmobile enthusiasts who travel along Highway 144 will now have a security lifeline in the event of mechanical failure or traffic accidents."

Construction of the cell towers and repeater sites is scheduled to begin in the next two months with completion expected over an 18-month period.

NEOnet is the region's not-for-profit community-based network. It facilitates private and public sector partnerships in order to enhance telecommunications services and infrastructure in Northeastern Ontario.

BUZZWORD

Toaster

Originally used to describe outdated or slow hardware (referring to the kitchen toaster), the term is now often used to describe a product that joins various components in one-easy-to use package. For example: an intranet toaster is an all-in-one server that can be connected to an existing LAN and configured through a Web browser.

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Libraries Can Now Go High-Speed Surfing

Are you tired of waiting to connect to your favourite Internet site at the local library? Wouldn't it be nice to click a few buttons and reach that site in a matter of seconds? Well, it's not wishful thinking anymore, because Northeastern Ontario Libraries now have access to a high-speed Internet connection...

See the Full Story:

<http://www.neonet.on.ca/press.htm>

Telerobotics bridges rural healthcare divide

ITBusiness.ca (March, 2003)
Canadians living in remote communities will now have access to the most advanced surgical procedures thanks to telerobotics...

See the Full Story:

<http://www.itbusiness.ca/index.asp?theaction=61&lid=1&sid=51570>

BRAND Project Update

The Gogama Foleyet Request for Proposal was posted on Thursday, March 20, 2003.

The Timiskaming Project will be posted on or before Wednesday, March 26, 2003. The Needs Assessment Survey process identified that New Liskeard and Haileybury are 100% covered by DSL with no outlining needs.

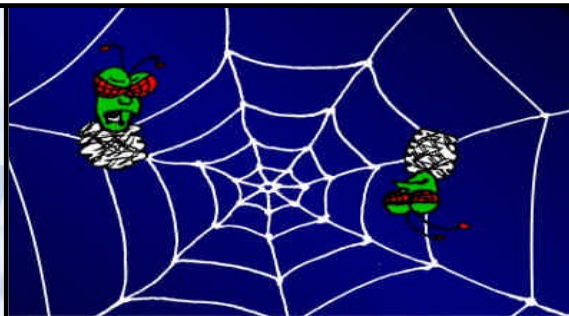
Work is moving forward on the Cochrane District RFP, the RFP is scheduled to be posted by Wednesday, April 2, 2003.

Canadian homes lead U.S. for high-speed Net: Study

Globe and Mail.com (March, 2003)
Canada's high-speed Internet service providers have been far more successful than their U.S. counterparts in signing up residential customers, a new study says...

See the Full Story:

<http://www.globetechnology.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20030317.gtnetmar17/GTStory>



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