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15 More Northeastern Ontario Communities Get “Wired”

Timmins, Ontario – On June 19, 2006 – 15 small to medium sized communities across Northeastern Ontario have had their information and communications technology infrastructure upgraded as part of a \$3.9 million dollar broadband expansion project. The project which will see a total of 22 communities served by high-speed internet is managed by NEOnet and funded by Industry Canada, NOHFC and our private sector partner NorthernTel. Communities connected to date include:

Swastika	Holtyre
Larder Lake	Anthony
Virginiatown	Shillington
Connaught	Val Gagné
Barbers Bay	Mattice
Hoyle	Dawson Point
Ramore	unserved area of Kapuskasing
	unserved area in western part of Timmins

“The Cochrane District Broadband Expansion project is Phase 1 of our overall broadband expansion initiative, as there are a number of communities in our region which will remain unserved with relation to high-speed internet at the completion of this project,” stated Christy Marinig – NEOnet Chair. “During this last year, while managing the present roll out, NEOnet has been working diligently on proposals which will address high-speed internet access issues faced by communities in the Gogama-Foleyet area as well as in the Timiskaming District” Marinig continued.

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