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NEOnet Introduces New Chairperson

Timmins, ON – May 28, 2007 – At NEOnet’s annual general meeting held April 26, 2007 it was announced that Christy Marinig, the organization’s longest running chairperson, was stepping down and that NEOnet would have a new chairperson for the first time in six years. In announcing her resignation Ms. Marinig stated, “NEOnet accomplished many goals and has reshaped the information and communication technology landscape in North Eastern Ontario. NEOnet’s success is directly related to the quality individuals whom comprise the board of directors, staff and partners, and their dedication to improving North Eastern Ontario.” Michel Desjardins, NEOnet’s new chairperson, exemplifies this statement.

Over the past 11 years, Michel has been involved in the information and communication technology field in North Eastern Ontario. When Michel first moved to Timmins in 1996, he was the owner/operator of Gretmar Communications Inc. a web design and programming company. In 1999, Michel became one of NEOnet’s first employees. In September of 2000, Michel moved on to pursue opportunities with the Conseil scolaire catholique de district des Grandes Rivières in the position of Manager of Information Technology. Upon his departure, Michel affirmed his commitment to improving the ICT landscape of North Eastern Ontario by joining NEOnet’s Board of Directors and has remained a prominent member for the past seven years, holding the positions of Treasurer, Vice-Chairperson and now Chairperson. “I look forward to working with my fellow Board members and our dedicated staff to build on our successes and to continue to bridge the gap in ICT services in North Eastern Ontario” Mr. Desjardins said when asked about his new role.

Note: NEOnet is a regional non-profit technology development organization working to improve telecommunications services and ICT adoption in Northeastern Ontario.

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