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MP Serré encourages Nickel Belt - Greater Sudbury to participate in a consultation on telecommunication services

The Government of Canada is making sure that when it comes to telecom services, all Canadians benefit from improved quality, coverage and price.

NICKEL BELT / GREATER SUDBURY - Marc Serré, Member of Parliament for Nickel Belt, current Chair of the National Rural Caucus and past Chair and current member of the Northern Ontario Caucus, is proud that the federal government announced a series of measures to improve telecom services for Canadians. “This is a topic that has been a priority of mine since taking office in 2015. I have had countless meetings and conversations with the private sector, stakeholders, municipalities and constituents imploring the need for broadband and high-speed internet services for all of Northern Ontario residents, including in small municipalities and isolated First Nations communities that need it most to ensure their long-term survival.” said Serré.

“High-speed Internet access is no longer a luxury; it is a key driver for improving Canadians’ economic and social well-being. Internet access can help residents connect with the services they need, access medical help and fully participate in the digital economy.” he continued.

To that effect, the Government of Canada is moving forward with the following measures:

- Consultations to prepare Canada for 5G, the next-generation, high-quality, wireless systems that will enable smart cities, connected cars, and e-health;
- Canada’s new five-year plan for wireless spectrum releases that will promote competition to help drive down prices for Canadians and deliver better quality and coverage;
- A 100-million-dollar Budget 2018 investment that will improve coverage and connectivity in rural areas with low-Earth-orbit (LEO) satellites; and
- The launch of [Connecting Families](#), an initiative that will provide hundreds of thousands of Canadians with low-cost Internet and will provide up to 50,000 computers to eligible households through the Government of Canada’s existing [Computers for Schools](#) program.

Taken together, these measures will continue to expand Canadians’ access to the digital economy and build on progress that the Government has made over the past year.



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“Our economy becomes stronger when more people are able to participate in it and our democracy more vibrant when Canadians are able to make their voices heard beyond their local community. That is why I strongly encourage all Nickel Belt-Greater Sudbury mayors, councillors and residents to participate and provide their input on the consultation to improve the overall approach and planning activities related to mobile services, satellite services and wireless backhaul services over the years 2018 to 2022.” concluded Serré.

Comments will be accepted until **July 12, 2018**.

For more information on the consultation or to submit comments, please visit: [Consultation on the Spectrum Outlook](#)

Quick facts

- The Government is pleased to be partnering on Connecting Families with [Bell Canada](#), [Cogeco](#), [Rogers](#), [SaskTel](#), [Shaw](#), [TELUS](#) and [Vidéotron](#)
- Connecting Families will offer eligible participants with no less than 10 Megabits per second (Mbps) download speeds (or the fastest available if less than 10 Mbps to that family in their region) and no less than 100 gigabytes (GB) of data usage each month at the discounted rate. No equipment or installation fees will be applied.
- Today’s announcements build on several other steps the Government has taken to improve telecom services for Canadians, including the historic ENCQOR 5G partnership for next generation technology, the Connect to Innovate program, the CRTC’s \$750M Broadband fund, and the 600MHz Auction Framework that supports vigorous marketplace competition.

Associated links

- [Spectrum Outlook 2018 to 2022](#)
- [Consultation on Revisions to the 3500 MHz Band to Accommodate Flexible Use and Preliminary Consultation on Changes to the 3800 MHz Band](#)
- [Addendum to the Consultation on Releasing Millimetre Wave Spectrum to Support 5G](#)
- [2017 Price Comparison Study of Telecommunications Services in Canada and Select Foreign Jurisdictions](#)
- [Minister Bains addresses the 2017 Canadian Telecom Summit](#)

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