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Pan-territorial partners make broadband connectivity recommendations

WHITEHORSE—A pan-territorial report with recommendations on connectivity in the North has been developed in partnership with the Governments of Yukon, Nunavut, the Northwest Territories and Canada.

"The need for quality, affordable, reliable and fully functional telecommunications in northern Canada is profound," Minister of Economic Development Currie Dixon said. "This report provides further support for the development of robust communication networks across the territories, which will ultimately result in significant economic and social benefits to us all."

The Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor) contributed \$368,000, with contributions of \$10,000 from each of the territories.

"In collaboration with our partners, the release of this report is a positive step towards improving northern connectivity which is essential to the long-term economic growth of Canada's North," the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of the Environment, Minister of CanNor and Minister for the Arctic Council said.

"Our Government is proud to contribute to projects that will help create sustainable, healthy and prosperous northern communities," Yukon Member of Parliament Ryan Leef said.

The report examines the current connectivity levels and recommends service standards based on existing and future user-group needs. It also estimates the costs and benefits of achieving those standards.

The report, entitled *Northern Connectivity: Ensuring Quality Communications*, was undertaken by the Northern Communications and Information Systems Working Group and led by Yukon's Economic Development department.

The mandate of the working group was to provide a forum for all interested stakeholders to engage in mutual discussion in the field of arctic communications to create better communications capabilities in the North.

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