

## More of Killarney to be connected to high-speed internet

*Project to cost \$576,000*

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The federal government will spend more than \$2 million to bring high-speed internet to 1,257 homes in northeastern Ontario.

Nickel Belt Marc Serre said Vianet will get \$576,000 to service 176 households in the Killarney region.

“This important high-speed internet investment of nearly \$576,000 is incredibly welcomed and will positively impact many residents of Northern Ontario including the community of Killarney in Nickel Belt-Greater Sudbury,” Serre said in a release. “At the heart of driving economic and social prosperity is the requirement of accessible and affordable broadband options for businesses and residents.”

Bell, meanwhile, will receive \$195,000 to connect 482 households at the Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, west of Sudbury.

Also getting money is Blue Sky Net, which will hook up 239 households in East Ferris for \$881,000, and 360 households in Redbridge for \$386,000. Both those communities are in the North Bay area.

The money is coming from the federal government’s Universal Broadband Fund’s Rapid Response Stream. The \$1.75-billion Universal Broadband Fund will help connect 98 per cent of Canadians to high-speed Internet by 2026 and achieve the national target of 100 per cent connectivity by 2030.

Serre, a Liberal MP, announced the money on behalf of Maryam Monsef, the minister for Women and Gender Equality and Rural Economic Development.

Those communities receiving the funding said they were pleased more of their citizens and businesses will be able to access high-speed internet.

“The Municipality of Killarney is very excited that Vianet is receiving funding for this project and appreciate that the federal government has prioritized improved broadband service for rural and remote communities,” said Killarney Mayor Nancy Wirtz. “The enhanced broadband service that will result from this investment in infrastructure will greatly benefit our residents in their day-to-day lives and as well as businesses in their operations.”

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