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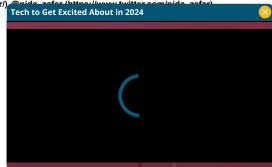
CRTC's Broadband Fund helps bring satellite internet services to all of Nunavut

The funding will bring satellite internet access to every community in the territory for the first time



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Funding from the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) will help all communities in Nunavut get access to high-speed satellite internet services for the first time.

SSi Micro Ltd., an internet service provider serving rural areas, will receive nearly \$27 million in funding through the commission's Broadband Fund (https://mobilesyrup.com/2023/03/23/crtc-launches-consultation-to-improve-broadband-fund/) to upgrade its satellite internet services. The funding will benefit more than 11,000 households in 25 communities.

"We know how important high-quality internet and cellphone services are to every aspect of peoples' daily lives," Vicky Eatrides, the CRTC's chairperson, said in a press release. "Today marks a significant milestone, with the CRTC helping connect all communities in Nunavut to high-speed internet service for the first time."

The CRTC introduced the Broadband Fund in 2019 and has since allocated more than \$300 million to improve high-speed internet and cellphone services in underserved rural, remote and Indigenous communities across the country.

The commission is also providing \$8 million in funding to Keewaytinook Okimakanak for a second satellite internet project based in Northern Ontario. Northwestel is also receiving \$53 million in additional funding for its project to provide internet services to Atlin. The company recently became the community's telephone provider (https://mobilesyrup.com/2023/11/27/northwestel-telephone-service-provider-atlin-bc/).

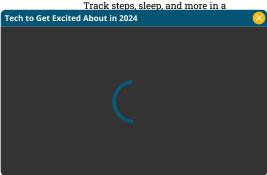
The CRTC says it will make more funding announcements in 2024.

Source: CRTC (https://www.canada.ca/en/radio-television-telecommunications/news/2023/12/crtc-broadband-fund-projects-selected-in-december-2023.html)

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