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**Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative –
New Projects + Satellite Internet Service Rebate Expansion**

We are pleased to provide another update on the progress of the Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative, having expanded three existing fibre-to-the-home projects for 40 civic addresses as well as added additional civic addresses to the current eligibility list for the Satellite Internet Service Rebate. See below for details on both.

New Projects Announced

High-speed internet will reach another 40 Nova Scotia homes and businesses through scope expansion projects with Seaside Communications and Bell as part of the Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative.

The locations are located in Yarmouth County and CBRM. These are all fibre-to-the-home/business solutions and work is already underway in all areas. These access to connections are expected to be complete before the target completion of the end of 2023, and more detailed estimated completion dates are included on the project pages.

[5 addresses, Somes Lake Lane, Canaan, Yarmouth County \(Bell\)](#)

[26 addresses, Morrison Road, Mira Road Community, CBRM \(Seaside\)](#)

[9 addresses, Shelling Drive, Marion Bridge, CBRM \(Seaside\)](#)

For more information on the Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative and to view projects in your community, visit: <https://internet.developns.ca>

Satellite Internet Service Rebate - Expanded Eligibility

The recently announced Satellite Internet Service Rebate program is expanding to help more Nova Scotians get access to internet services faster.

Starting today, August 11, the program will accept applications from residents and business owners who are not expected to gain access to wired or wireless internet until after December 31, 2023. The program expansion is expected to help about 2,200 homes and businesses, in addition to the estimated 3,700 originally announced.

“Our government committed to extending internet access to every household in Nova Scotia and closing the connection gaps,” said Economic Development Minister Susan Corkum-Greek. “This expansion is about levelling the playing field so that Nova Scotians who are the furthest out from gaining access to internet can get connected more quickly.”

The program covers the one-time costs of equipment, shipping, taxes and installation of satellite internet for eligible homes or businesses, up to a maximum of \$1,000. Previously, the rebate only applied to homes or businesses where there was no other planned internet service solution.

Nova Scotians interested in the rebate should confirm they are eligible before purchasing satellite equipment. They can do so by visiting <https://internet.developns.ca/satellite> and entering their home or business address. Please start by entering your civic number and eligible addresses will pop up, if yours is there, you're eligible.

Once people confirm eligibility and purchase the satellite service and equipment, they can submit applications electronically or by mail.

Qualified satellite service providers for the program must meet or exceed the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Committee minimum speed targets of 50 Mbps download / 10 Mbps upload. Currently, only Starlink has indicated it can meet or exceed these speeds, but if other satellite providers can meet these speeds, they may also be included in the program.

[Satellite Internet Service Rebate - Address Look-Up](#)

Quick Facts

- the satellite rebate program, led by Develop Nova Scotia, was announced on July 29 and opened to applications on August 2
- the government invested \$8.5 million in the Nova Scotia Internet Funding Trust for the satellite internet rebate program in 2021-22
- legislation will be introduced in the fall to bring together Develop Nova Scotia and Nova Scotia Lands to form Build Nova Scotia, which will maintain responsibility for the high-speed internet project



**Thank You Sheet Harbour & Eastern Shore
Community Drop-In on July 20**
(Special Thank You to MLA Kent Smith for hosting the session)

Satellite Internet Service Rebate
For More Information

email: satellite@developns.ca

call: 1-800-298-2854

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What type of dwelling or business is eligible for the rebate?**
Any type of dwelling or business is eligible if located at an eligible address that has a civic number assigned to it.
- **What can the rebate be used for?**
The rebate will cover the one-time costs for eligible homes and businesses to set-up satellite internet, including hardware, taxes, shipping and installation, up to a maximum of \$1,000.
- **Why only satellite internet when I know other providers offer service nearby?**
The feasibility of providing access to high-speed internet services involves more than proximity to network infrastructure. The terrain, supporting infrastructure and prevalence of road, rail and water crossings in the area all play a significant role.
- **What are the requirements?**
Qualified satellite service providers must meet or exceed the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Committee minimum speed targets of 50 Mbps download / 10 Mbps upload. Currently, Starlink has indicated they can meet or exceed these requirements.

If other satellite providers can meet these minimum speeds, they could become eligible.
- **If someone in an unserved area bought satellite last week, can they now get a rebate?**

The program opened on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 and Develop Nova Scotia will use that as the date when assessing eligibility.

That being said, if there is a unique circumstance where someone has very recently purchased satellite internet, Develop Nova Scotia would look at that and assess on a case-by-case basis.



If you have questions, please contact us at info@developns.ca or by calling 1-833-422-6591.

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