

273 Homes in 24 Internet Projects

By Maurice Rees

The Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative has announced High-speed internet will reach another 273 Nova Scotia homes and businesses through a scope expansion project with Eastlink. The locations

are located in small pockets across the province in 24 project areas. These are all wired-to-the-home/business solutions (coax or fibre - depending on what infrastructure exists currently near each location) and work is already under-

way in all areas.

These access to connections are expected to be complete before the target completion of the end of 2023. The provider is currently looking at technical and make-ready requirements and will be able to provide finer detail on schedule once those factors are known. These timelines will be updated on the project pages as soon as that detail is provided.

The pockets of homes and businesses are located in the following communi-

ties across the province: North Chegoggin, Middlewood, Greenville, Hacketts Cover, North Kingston, Lakelands, South Greenwood, North Beaver Bank, Berwick West, Naugle, Coldbrook, Chezzetcook, Benjamin Bridge, Dutch Settlement, Sweets Corner, Lower East Chezzetcook, Riverhead, Lesterdale, Whynott's Settlement, Borgies Point, Louisdale, The Lodge, Woodbine and George's River.

The Nova Scotia Internet Funding Trust has approved \$1.6 million for these projects. Another \$393,000 is being invested

by Eastlink. With the additional high-speed internet coverage provided by Nova Scotia Internet Funding Trust projects announced to date, the municipal-led project in Pictou and Bell's Wireless Home Internet Service, it is expected that 99.5 per cent of Nova Scotia's homes and businesses will have high-speed access by the end of 2023.

Develop Nova Scotia is working with internet service providers to identify solutions for the remaining 3,700 underserved homes and businesses across the province, of which about

1,000 do not have commercial power. The goal is to achieve high-speed internet access for as close to 100 per cent of the remaining homes and businesses as possible. With the Trust funds remaining together with leveraged dollars, we remain very confident we will be able to support the goal of reaching very, very close to 100% of homes and businesses in Nova Scotia.

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

Chiganois Elementary Rap Battle

The Grade 4 and 5 students at Chiganois Elementary recently took part in the 3rd Annual Rap Battle. As part of the writing program, students are given the opportunity to write rap lyrics and then with the support of Jonathan Torrens, students were able to perform their raps. The winners students will get to make a professional recording their rap. (Photos Contributed)



Jonathan Torrens with all the Grade 4/5 Chiganois Rap Battle participants.



Winners of the Grade 5 Rap Battle were Indigo Torrens, Sadie MacDonald and Adrian McEachern.



The winners of the Grade 4/5 Rap Battle were Robin Webb, Ashlynn Verge and Piper Davis.



Grade 4 Rap Battle winner Tristan Ettinger accepts his prize from Jonathan Torrens.

Chiganois Elementary 2021-2022 Annual Student Awards



The 2022 Chiganois Elementary Carol Hewitt Award for Proficiency in Reading & Writing was presented to (left to right) Isaac Taylor, Robyn Webb and Adriana MacEachern.



The 2022 Chiganois Elementary Jean Williams Award for Chiganois School Values was presented to Audrey Rushton (left) and Indigo Torrens.



The 2022 Chiganois Elementary Ryan Wynn Award for Science was presented to Fraser Warren.



The Chiganois Elementary Grade 5 Leadership Group was recognized for their hard work on several projects this school year.



The 2022 Chiganois Elementary Joy Stiles Award for Physical Education was awarded to Sadie MacDonald (left) and Coen Shreve.



Each of the 32 graduating Grade 5 students received an achievement medal and yearbook along with their graduation certificate. Sadie MacDonald is pleased to accept her medal and congratulations from Grade 4-5 teacher Mrs. McCarthy.

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