



Press Release

Tamaani Internet, Now Up To Three Times Faster

Kuujuuaq, Québec, February 22, 2012 – Kuujuummiut can now subscribe to Internet services that are up to three times faster than before, thanks to the completion of the Broadband Canada project in that village. Since 2009, Tamaani has focused its efforts on this project in order to provide Nunavimmiut with faster and more reliable Internet services.

New plans are first being launched in Kuujuuaq and will follow in other villages where congestion is heaviest, specifically in Kangirsuk, Puvirnituaq, Inukjuak and then Salluit. The new plans will be launched in Nunavik's remaining villages by the end of March 2012, after Tamaani technical teams are able travel to the communities to make the necessary network adjustments.

As soon as the new plans become available in a community, flyers will be sent to all mailboxes and an announcement will be made over local FM radio airwaves. Updates will also be posted on Tamaani's new website and its Facebook page.

To upgrade their plans, subscribers must contact Tamaani's customer service at 1-888-TAMAANI. Starting at \$60 per month, the new plans offered are up to three times faster than before. One of the features of the new plans is a change in usage limit, which will be calculated on a monthly rather than daily basis. This feature will give users more flexibility over how they want to use their bandwidth. New equipment that has been deployed in every village will not only increase reliability and accelerate traffic, but cache the most commonly visited web pages, making them more rapidly available to users.

Tamaani's improved services are made possible by financial contributions from Industry Canada's Broadband Canada: Connecting Rural Canadians program, the Quebec government's *Fonds pour la réalisation d'initiatives régionales et locales* (regional and local initiatives fund), Telesat Canada and the Kativik Regional Government.

New competitive plans are also now available for Tamaani's corporate clientele. These improved Internet services add to a growing list of quality products, including Tamaani videoconferencing.

The KRG is a non-ethnic public organization created in 1978, under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. The organization has jurisdiction over nearly the entire territory of Québec north of the 55th parallel in areas such as municipal matters, transportation, the environment, policing, employment, labour training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use planning, civil security and economic development. The KRG is strongly committed to ensuring that reliable Internet services are available to all Nunavimmiut.

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