



Connectivity in BC: Provincial Update

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Provincial Priorities Driving Connectivity

- Health, Education, Economy
- Provincial Service Delivery
 - Citizens @ The Centre: B.C. Government 2.0
 - http://www.gov.bc.ca/citz/citizens_engagement/gov20.pdf
 - IM/IT Enablers Strategy
 - http://www.gov.bc.ca/citz/citizens_engagement/it_strategy.pdf
- Public safety



Leveraging & Collaboration

- Aggregate public sector telecommunications spend; leverage provincial buying power
- Engage the private sector to increase connectivity infrastructure and services
- Leverage partnerships with federal and municipal governments and First Nations organizations



Progress in 2009/10

- First Nations
 - 157 of 203 First Nations connected
- Connecting Citizens Grant Program
 - Round Three results coming soon
- Federal/Provincial Collaboration
 - Connecting Rural Canadians
 - Digital Economy Strategy
 - F/P/T Broadband Working Group

The Gap

- Approximately 7% of the population does not have last mile service (approx. 280,000 people)
- Generally, no last mile:
 - On the outskirts of connected communities
 - In areas of sparse population (farmland, along rural routes)



Network BC Priorities

- Continue to support business cases of local ISPs (affordable pricing, etc.)
- Represent your interests in the regulatory process
- Leverage collaboration with municipal and federal governments
- Address the need for cellular service along major highways



Thank You!

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