Connected Communities

Connected Communities brings together local governments, First Nations, cross-government partners, and community development leaders to use connectivity planning as a catalyst for building sustainable economies and enhancing quality of life.

By supporting the digital readiness of local governments, First Nations, regional districts and rural communities to strengthen connectivity planning efforts, Connected Communities provides valuable information, learning opportunities and advisory services to help realize greater benefits from connectivity. Learning how to gain maximum benefit from existing connectivity can help communities take full advantage of the many digitally-enabled services it can provide in the areas of health, education and emergency response.

Connected Communities has **identified mindset, vision, leadership, regional collaboration, and strong community identity** as key success factors in attracting connectivity investments and realizing greater value and benefits from those investments.

How Connected Communities works with you:

The **program provides education, resources, and tools** to assist communities in creating comprehensive plans that leverage existing connectivity in new ways, while supporting local and regional planners in creating stronger linkages between broadband use, community benefit and better outcomes.

- Connected Communities **works with partners** to think beyond just infrastructure planning and assists communities in better understanding how to achieve greater economic, environmental and social benefits enabled through high-speed internet.
- **We provide** advice and share knowledge, lessons learned, best practices, and self-assessment tools to support regionally-focused and community-led connectivity planning efforts.
- **We make** help communities better navigate their connectivity challenges to achieve community development goals.
- **We help** communities talk to the right people and find the right partners to advance their connectivity interests through the development of a community-centric digital roadmap that identifies priorities and opportunities.

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