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## **Saskatoon Internet Exchange announces another downtown expansion**

**Saskatoon, SK (November 25, 2019)** – The Saskatoon Internet Exchange (YXEIX) announced the addition of a third location with the support of the City of Saskatoon, in downtown Saskatoon. The addition of the third location provides another option for connecting to the internet exchange.

*"It's exciting to see the continued growth of the Saskatoon Internet Exchange and the support from our city. From the grassroots founding of YXEIX to now, having forged partnerships with the City of Saskatoon and CIRA to support the growth of Saskatchewan's only Internet Exchange Point. It's been great to be a part of bringing local interconnectivity to current and new members." said Jason Dunk, chief technology officer Saskatoon Public Schools and Saskatoon Internet Exchange director.*

*"It's great to see that YXEIX is expanding. There's no doubt that the new location will help make internet access faster, cheaper and more resilient for both the city and the province. I hope that local companies, government agencies, and internet service providers all check out YXEIX's new location and begin peering as soon as possible," said Jacques Latour, chief technology officer, Canadian Internet Registration Authority and Saskatoon Internet Exchange director.*

YXEIX's downtown expansions will allow organizations west of the South Saskatchewan River to connect with members already connected at Innovation Place. This expansion was made possible with funds from CIRA's Community Investment Program, fiber optic cables supported by Saskatoon Light and Power, University of Saskatchewan and Innovation Place, and countless hours of volunteer effort.

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### **About the Saskatoon Internet Exchange (YXEIX)**

Established in 2017 with the mandate of benefiting Saskatchewan's Internet community, YXEIX provides a not-for-profit electronic infrastructure to allow for the exchange of internet traffic in Saskatchewan. This provides residents with direct access to local internet content, improving Internet performance for Saskatchewan residents and companies.



### **How does an Internet Exchange work?**

An internet exchange is a neutral place for networks to connect. Internet exchanges work by connecting a number of high capacity network switches at strategic locations within the city using fiber optic cables. Organizations connected to the internet exchange then send traffic directly to each other instead of sending it out to the internet, often out of the province, only to have it eventually return to the same city. Internet exchanges are local shortcuts across the

internet, reducing the time it takes for data to move between networks, and improving performance.

## **About CIRA and the Community Investment Program**

CIRA is building a better online Canada through the Community Investment Program by funding charities, not-for-profits and members of the academic community who are making the internet better for all Canadians. CIRA is best known for our role managing the .CA domain on behalf of all Canadians. While this remains its primary mandate, as a member-based not-for-profit ourselves, we have a much broader goal to strengthen Canada's internet. The Community Investment Program is one of our most valuable contributions toward this goal and funds projects in digital literacy, online services, research and infrastructure. Every .CA domain name registered or renewed contributes to this program. To date CIRA has contributed \$6.7 million in Community Investment Program grants.



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