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COGECO CONNEXION IS THE PROUD RECIPIENT OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD FROM THE ONTARIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Toronto, November 29, 2016 – Cogeco Connexion is honoured to have received the prestigious *Community Builder Award* presented tonight at the Ontario Business Achievement Awards (OBAA) in Toronto. The OBAA *Community Builder Award* celebrates large businesses whose community investments have yielded the greatest social return on investment. The Ontario Chamber of Commerce thus recognized the company's good practices and its commitment to supporting the communities of the greater Ontario region.

Cogeco Connexion's leadership in community engagement has been highlighted on numerous occasions in recent years. "So much so, that our community focus is now part of our DNA," said Cogeco Connexion President, Ken Smithard.

"We believe it's a privilege and a responsibility to invest in the communities we serve. Cogeco Connexion has been part of Ontario's and Canada's economic landscape for nearly 60 years, contributing to key sectors of their economies. Today's nomination by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce only confirms the importance of our organization in Ontario and reinforces our desire to exert and maintain a positive impact on the communities in which we operate," added Mr. Smithard.

Community engagement is not a short-term commitment and with major yearly investments of \$2.5 million in Ontario alone, Cogeco Connexion continues to support numerous worthy community endeavours in the areas we serve. Through employee community engagement, direct investment, sponsorships and donations, Cogeco Connexion's leadership team is driven by the desire to prove it's possible to sustain economic viability while helping those in need. "And we do so while continually innovating and offering amazing experiences that are developed and delivered locally by our talented and dedicated employees," concluded Mr. Smithard.

Cogeco Connexion wishes to congratulate Skyline Group of Companies on being named alongside them, as one of two finalists for the Ontario Chamber of Commerce *Community Builder Award*.

For over 30 years, the OBAA's have recognized and celebrated Ontario's business success stories. As one of the most prestigious business awards in Ontario, the OBAA's recognize the achievements in innovation, entrepreneurship, integrity and hard work of businesses operating in Ontario.

ABOUT COGECO CONNEXION

[Cogeco Connexion](#) regroups the Canadian cable operations of Cogeco Communications Inc. Cogeco Connexion is the second largest cable operator in Ontario and Québec in terms of the number of basic cable service customers served. It provides its residential and small business customers with video, Internet and telephony services through its two-way broadband cable networks. Cogeco Communications Inc. is a communications corporation and is the 8th largest hybrid fibre coaxial cable operator in North America operating in Canada under the Cogeco Connexion brand name in Québec and Ontario, and in the United States through its subsidiary Atlantic Broadband in western Pennsylvania, south Florida, Maryland/Delaware, South Carolina and eastern Connecticut. Through Cogeco Peer 1, Cogeco Communications Inc. provides its business customers with a suite of information technology services (colocation, network connectivity, hosting, cloud and managed services), through its 17 data centres, extensive FastFiber Network[®] and more than 50 points of presence in North America and Europe. Cogeco Communications Inc.'s subordinate voting shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX: CCA).

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