



UNLIMITED WIRELESS INTERNET NETWORK AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS IN RESIDENCE AT THE CÉGEP DE RIMOUSKI, THANKS TO COGECO CONNEXION

Montréal, December 1st, 2016 – <u>Cogeco Connexion</u> is proud to announce that it has concluded a major agreement with the *Cégep de Rimouski*, calling for the installation of an unlimited Wi-Fi network in all of its student residences. This network will have multiple access points and allow download speeds that clearly outperform those of most mobile networks thanks to a dedicated fibre connection, making it possible to avoid network congestion.

As of September 2017, the *Cégep de Rimouskis* four seven-storey towers with their 410 student housing units will be equipped with a stable, reliable Wi-Fi network allowing some 430 students to benefit from unlimited Internet access via their smartphone, tablet or computer, regardless of where they are in the residences. This project will be deployed in two phases.

Thanks to an experienced team present in the field to ensure close ties with the decisionmakers of the *Cégep de Rimouski*, Cogeco Connexion was able to develop a solution customized to the needs of the institution. Construction of this new fibre optic network at the cutting edge of technology started on July 6 last. The first phase of the deployment has now been completed and the Blue and Yellow towers now offer their occupants unlimited Internet access. The agreement between Cogeco Connexion and the *Cégep de Rimouski* runs for seven years.

"The *Cégep de Rimouski* needed a robust infrastructure capable of handling the constant increase in online activity. We are proud that the institution trusted the reliability of our service and the strength of our hybrid network to equip its student residences, thereby offering its students added value," explained Antoine Shiu, Vice-President, Business Solutions Sales. Mr. Shiu, went on say: "At Cogeco, being close to the communities we serve and ensuring quality service are integral to our core values. It is with considerable enthusiasm, therefore, that we embark on this partnership with the *Cégep de Rimouski*."

"Access to a reliable and affordable Internet network is essential for ensuring the quality of services offered to students living in our residences. The services proposed by Cogeco Connexion meet their ever-growing online access needs," added Hélène Fortin, Administrative Manager of the *Cégep de Rimouski*'s student residences.

For additional information on Cogeco Connexion business solutions and fibre optic services, go to <u>cogeco.ca</u>.

ABOUT COGECO CONNEXION

<u>Cogeco Connexion</u> 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).

ABOUT THE COLLÈGE DE RIMOUSKI

An institution of higher learning firmly established within the community, the Collège de Rimouski is characterized by its leadership and its excellence in education. Made stronger by its three components – the Cégep de Rimouski, the Institut Maritime du Québec and the Centre matapédien d'études collégiales – the Collège de Rimouski plays an important part in regional development. Offering more than 30 different pre-university and technical training programmes to 3000 students in a variety of domains, the Collège also provides continuing education and training to over 7000 people. Through the hard work and dedication of over 600 members of staff, success is assured for the Collège de Rimouski.

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