

# Information Bulletin

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PRINCE GEORGE – The funders and project owners of the Connected Coast have finalized an amendment to the project to ensure the project's objectives are achieved by 2025.

The Connected Coast is an innovative subsea cable transport project laying fibre along the coast to bring new, high-speed Internet capacity to rural and remote coastal communities in British Columbia. This project, announced in January 2018, is funded by the Government of Canada and Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT). CityWest owns and operates the network infrastructure in partnership with the Strathcona Regional District via an established joint venture agreement.

## **Key Project Elements:**

The Connected Coast project has several core objectives, including:

- Providing landing sites in proximity to underserved coastal communities, particularly Indigenous and remote communities lacking access to transport for sufficient Internet speeds (50/10 Mbps).
- Ensuring open access at key landing sites through a point of presence accessible to any Internet Service Provider to provide last-mile or cellular services to the community.
- Establishing an alternate transport fibre path from Highway 16 in Prince Rupert to the Internet exchange in Vancouver to provide connectivity resiliency to the region.

## **Approved Changes as of May 2025:**

While significant construction progress has been made to date, the project has faced delays due to supply chain issues and other logistical events. As of May 2025, the Government of Canada, NDIT and CityWest have agreed to a project change to extend the project completion date to December 31, 2025. For the most up-to-date information on current construction progress please visit <https://connectedcoast.ca/map/>. Ultimately, this project will provide enhanced connectivity to B.C.'s coastal communities upon completion.

- For more information on the Connected Coast project: <https://connectedcoast.ca/>
- For more information on connectivity infrastructure projects supported by Indigenous Services Canada targeted funding: [Interactive map: Investing in Indigenous community infrastructure \(sac-isc.gc.ca\)](https://www.northerndevelopment.ca/en/infrastructure)
- For more information on the Northern Development Initiative Trust: <https://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/>
- For more information on the Government of Canada's high-speed Internet funding programs:

- <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/high-speed-internet-canada/en/universal-broadband-fund/selected-universal-broadband-fund-projects>
- To learn more about connectivity in British Columbia:  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/connectivity-in-bc>