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### CHURCHILL COMMUNITY NETWORK OPENS IN SEPTEMBER 2002



developing Broadband capability for this northern community. As a result of the partnership developed between government, community and private sector stakeholders, CCNET deployed the hardware for its network the week of July 22-26, 2002. The satellite/wireless solution will provide both commercial and residential customers with a reliable 2Mbps high speed Internet service.

The objectives were to upgrade the existing CCNET network using satellite and wireless technology to provide reliable, affordable high speed internet service to the community of Churchill; to develop a community-owned and managed Internet Service Provider commercial entity involving a variety of revenue streams within the IT context; to secure 50 commercial users on the improved network and convert and secure 150 residential users within one year of deployment; to retire the capital costs within two years of deployment; to create three full-time jobs short term and one and one half full-time jobs long term and finally to create a working model for other remote communities to follow.

#### SEPTEMBER, 2002 – CHURCHILL, MB –

The Churchill Community Network was established with a Grand Opening on September 12, 2002 in Churchill, Manitoba. The event included a luncheon, an official ribbon cutting ceremony and a sample e-mail being sent from Minister Mihychuk from Churchill to the Premier in his Winnipeg office. Guests included the Board Members of CCNET, Mayor and Council as well as other local dignitaries.

A project proposal was submitted to the Department of Industry, Trade and Mines in August of 2001 by Global Wireless Networks of Vancouver on behalf of the Churchill Community Network (CCNET) to explore the possibilities



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