



# Tamaani Wireless Internet From Dream to Reality





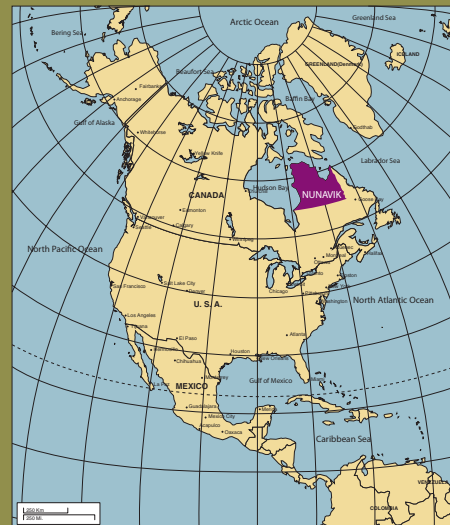
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## Nunavik Geo-Political Situation

### Geographical Location

- Nunavik, Northern Canada Region
- 200,000 sq. miles  
(25% larger than California)
- Remote arctic territory,  
severe climate conditions

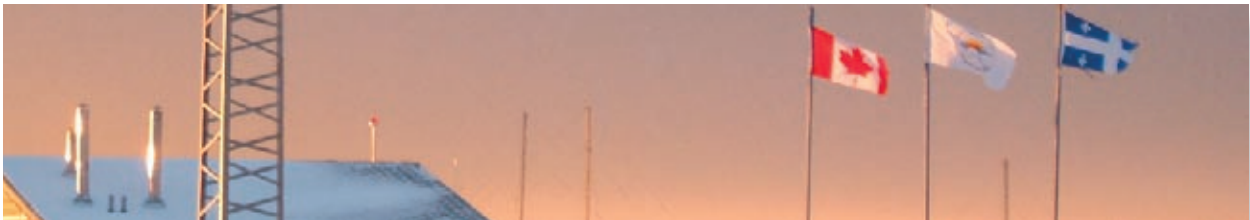




## Nunavik Geo-Political Situation

### Population

- 11,000 permanent residents
- 14 villages varying in size from 180 to 2,500 inhabitants
- 60% of the population is under the age of 25
- 90% of the population speaks Inuktitut as mother tongue



## Nunavik Geo-Political Situation

### The Kativik Regional Government

- Created in 1978 following signing of JBNQA agreement
- Supra-municipal body governing public services

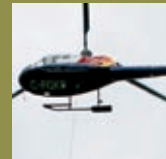
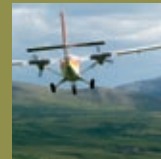
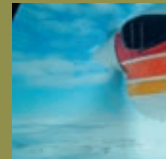




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### Transportation

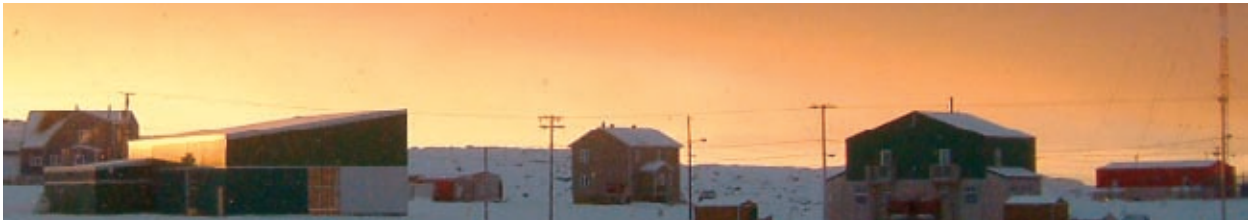
- No roads or railways
- Transportation done by airplane or sealift
- High cost of transportation



## Transportation and Communication

### Communications

- Communications done via satellite (data, voice, video)
- Regular phone service available since 1974
- Only possible way to connect to Internet was at slow speed (9,600 bps) at a cost of \$0.20 per minute
- Telco broadband services not available in the region



## Tamaani Wireless Internet Project

### Historical Background



- 2000 – Kativik Regional Government takes leadership in bringing broadband to Nunavik
- 2002 – Financial agreements signed
- 2003 – Deployment of satellite earth stations in 14 communities
- 2004 – Deployment of wireless distribution system and launch of Tamaani Wireless Internet



## Tamaani Wireless Internet Project

### The Last Mile



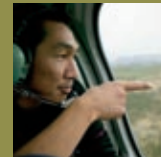
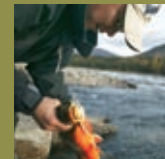
- No bidirectional cable available, no DSL, no ISDN
- Public wireless technologies (802.11 or other) not reliable or efficient, limited market penetration (external antennas, LOS needed, prone to interference)
- MMDS solution most adequate
  - Easy to install and support
  - True Non Line-of-sight
  - Full coverage in 14 communities
  - Allows roaming with other canadian Nunavik communities



## Conclusion

### The Benefits

- Accessibility of services
- Significant opportunity for improved bi-directional communications
- Socio-economic development
- Education, TeleHealth, TeleJustice, Videoconference
- Tourism



## Conclusion

### Our Partners

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