

## **Digicom Awarded Grant from Quebec Government to Provide Fibre-to-the-Home (FTTH) to 4033 homes**

*Grant will transform Digicom from a Wireless Internet Pioneer to a leader in FTTH in Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean.*

**Alma, QC, CANADA and Toronto, ON, CANADA** (May 18, 2022) – Digicom Inc. (Digicom) of Alma, Quebec is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a grant by the Quebec Government’s Secretariat for High-Speed Internet and Special Connectivity Projects, Ministry of the Executive Council, to provide Fibre-to-the-Home (FTTH) to 4033 homes.

The grant will enable Digicom to build a 722 km fibre backhaul FTTH network, to enable high-speed broadband providing a minimum speed of 50 Mbps/10 Mbps to 4,033 households in 29 different communities in the province of Quebec, located in the municipalities of: Lac-Saint-Jean-Est; Le Domaine-du-Roy; Le Fjord-du-Saguenay; Maria-Chapdelaine and Saguenay. The project completion date is September 30, 2022.

“We are very excited to partner with the government of Quebec to offer high speed fibre to the home (FTTH) to underserved homes in the Saguenay–Lac-Saint-Jean region. This project bridges the gap of the digital divide by offering value-added services to the residents who desperately need high speed. This is a transformational project for Digicom and will establish us as one of the leading independent FTTH providers in the province,” stated Christine Marion, Vice President, Digicom.

“Over the past year, the government has spared no effort to accelerate the deployment of the Internet in the regions. We mobilized the federal government, worked with the municipal sector, settled the pole wars, precisely mapped the places without service and worked with suppliers to iron out all the difficulties. More than \$1 billion has been set aside to support work in all regions of Quebec. This new agreement with Digicom is another step in the right direction. Together, we will make Quebec a world leader in regional connectivity,” stated Gilles Bélanger, Parliamentary Assistant to the Prime Minister (high-speed Internet).

“Access to high-speed Internet is essential for the vitality of our regions, as well as for their social and economic development. With the pandemic, the essential aspect of this service has been amplified. Today's announcement demonstrates, once again, that each of the players – small and large businesses, organizations, MRCs as well as all levels of government – must get involved and contribute in their own way, in order to be able, together, meet the challenge of serving all Quebec households by September,” said Andrée Laforest, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister responsible for the Saguenay–Lac-Saint-Jean region and MNA for Chicoutimi.

“This is a foundational project not only for Digicom, but for the PomeGran group of companies. We are very pleased to partner with the government of Quebec to bring broadband to thousands of households

in 29 communities in Quebec and look forward to helping the Premier fulfill his commitment to the people of Quebec,” said Dr. Kalai S. Kalaichelvan, Chairman & CEO, PomeGran.

Digicom ([www.digicom.ca](http://www.digicom.ca)) is part of the PomeGran group of companies ([www.pomegran.io](http://www.pomegran.io)).

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#### About Digicom Inc.



Founded in 1995, Digicom was one of the first Internet service providers in Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean. Digicom is a true pioneer in its field.

In 1997, wireless technology became Digicom's preferred solution to achieve its performance objectives in order to satisfy its ever-growing customer base. The company then did its own research to develop reliable and inexpensive technological products.

Today, with more than 25 years of experience in providing high-speed internet, Digicom is evolving into a leading independent provider of FTTH in Quebec.

#### About PomeGran Inc.



PomeGran Inc., headquartered in Toronto, ON, Canada, owns and operates fibre and fixed wireless broadband networks across Canada and is an IoT Managed Services Provider that delivers a secure, AI-powered, self-healing platform for Smart Infrastructure. PomeGran, through its EION subsidiary, is a global provider of Broadband Wireless access products that enable effective, economic, and secure wireless high-speed communications solutions.

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