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K-Net Confirms Service Continuity Following Negotiations with Rogers Ahead of 3G Shutdown

SIOUX LOOKOUT, ON – K-Net is pleased to provide a community-first update following ongoing discussions and successful negotiations with Rogers Communications regarding the national 3G network shutdown set for December 31, 2025. Through advocacy and direct engagement, K-Net has secured an agreement that protects cellular service continuity for K-Net customers across northern First Nations.

Key Outcomes of K-Net's Discussions with Rogers:

- **K-Net Customers Will NOT Lose Service Due to 3G Shutdown**
Thanks to proactive negotiations, K-Net customers will remain connected in and outside of their home communities. Rogers has confirmed that K-Net users will continue to roam on Rogers' upgraded 2G network, which has been improved to support roaming post-3G shutdown.
- **Roaming with Tbaytel Remains Unchanged**
K-Net has secured assurances that roaming between K-Net and Tbaytel will continue as usual. This ensures no immediate disruption for users relying on cross-network service—especially essential for travel to regional hubs.
- **No Immediate Impact on Local K-Net Mobile Networks**
K-Net's local cellular network will continue to operate as normal. However, Tbaytel customers in First Nations will lose service unless network-wide upgrades are completed.

Future Network Modernization & Community Investment:

K-Net is actively preparing for LTE and VoLTE compatibility and remains committed to modernizing its First Nations cellular network beyond 3G. This work includes:

- Ongoing LTE testing with Rogers
- Investing in core network upgrades
- Developing new pre-paid and business post-paid mobile plans
- Supporting communities interested in funding tower and equipment upgrades



“Through focused negotiations with Rogers, K-Net ensured our customers will not suffer service loss during this national network change,” said K-Net. “But long-term, we need investment. Our goal is not just continuity — it’s to build modern, community-owned cellular infrastructure that lasts.”

Why This Matters:

Reliable communications are essential for:

- Emergency response and public safety
- Medical care and urgent transport
- Education, youth, and family connection
- Local governance and self-determination

K-Net will continue to work with federal funders, First Nations leaders, and telecom partners to push for long-term infrastructure investments and ensure that northern communities aren’t left behind.

For more information and a full list of FAQs, visit www.knet.ca or contact K-Net Communications.

About KNET

KNET (Keewaytinook Okimakanak e-Community) is an Indigenous-led telecommunications organization providing broadband, cellular, and digital services to First Nations across Northern Ontario. For over 25 years, KNET has worked in partnership with communities to build and maintain digital infrastructure that supports health, education, governance, and community connection.

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