

## **HIGH SPEED INTERNET UP AND RUNNING**

Apart from warmer weather, summer brings along great news on the High Speed Internet front. Yes, the Prescott and Russell Rural Connections program is right on schedule and many residents have — or will have in the near future — access to an affordable and reliable High Speed Internet Service.

The two service providers, Xplornet Communications Inc. (Xplornet) and Bell Aliant, have been working away since the project launch in September 2010 in order to bring High Speed Internet access to some 4,000 additional residents throughout the United Counties.

Xplornet's installation of fixed wireless service is nearing completion. Work has been completed in eight locations: Hammond, Pendleton, Curran, Plantagenet, St-Eugène, Clarence, Lefavre and Wendover. At each of these sites, communication towers have been installed on farm silos, grain elevators or water towers, reducing the costs of building towers from the ground up. One more site, Casselman North, is scheduled to be completed by the end of July.

Bell Aliant has expanded the availability of Wired High Speed Internet (DSL) services on several existing networks in Prescott and Russell. These upgrades in Bourget, L'Original, Plantagenet, St-Eugene and St-Isidore are now complete.

Bell Aliant's newly installed DSL network was ahead of schedule until an important quantity of cable was stolen in May. This has unfortunately delayed installation in the Vinette Road and St-Pascal-de-Baylon areas of Clarence-Rockland. Service from these sites should be available by the end of June.

The United Counties of Prescott and Russell encourages its residents to take advantage of this opportunity to subscribe to the High Speed Internet Service they have been waiting for.

Residents are invited to contact the two service providers to find out when and how they can subscribe to High Speed Internet.

Xplornet: [www.xplornet.com](http://www.xplornet.com) or 1-866-841-6001

Bell Aliant: [www.bell.ca](http://www.bell.ca) or 1-866-242-0008

**For more information: [www.prescott-russell.on.ca](http://www.prescott-russell.on.ca)**

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