Netmizaaggamig Broadband and Community Network Partners to Host Community Sign-Up Celebration for Indigenous Owned Broadband Network

## Community Outreach Campaign to Slated for November 24th & 25th

(Mobert, Ontario, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021) –Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg Chief and Council have signed an agreement with Community Network Partners for the construction and operations of a next generation broadband fibre optic network for the community. Broadband services will begin to come on-line in community buildings before the end of 2021, with the entire community receiving services by March, 2022.

The construction will take place beginning November 2021 and a community wide Community Outreach campaign will take place November 24<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>, allowing residents to sign-up for residential and enterprise grade internet packages with the new 100% indigenous owned internet services provider. Community residents are invited to the Band Hall from 11:00am – 3:30pm to sign-up for services during the campaign and on November 24<sup>th</sup> a special luncheon and cake cutting ceremony will be also be held.

Ensuring that Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg had access to high-speed broadband was a major priority for the Chief and Council. Band Councillor, Thurston Kwissiwa and Community Broadband Champion explained, "Access to highspeed internet is an essential service, and the need for this service was highlighted during the pandemic. Council recognized early on that we would be required to take matters into our own hands if we wanted to improve our situation and make sure that our school was connected for the coming school year. We want to provide our students with every opportunity to access learning. This begins with providing reliable, high-speed access to the internet. Our council has worked tirelessly at providing this service for the past three years. I wish to thank all of council and our partners for achieving this amazing milestone.".

With this investment Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg has positioned itself as a leader in innovation, fostering continued growth in economic development and supporting residents who value affordable high speed connectivity along with a well-balanced life rooted in community.

## **ABOUT COMMUNITY NETWORK PARTNERS**

Founded in 2020, Community Network Partners empowers municipalities and First Nation communities to develop, build and operate community based broadband networks.

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