



Telecom Order CRTC 2026-170

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Broadband Fund – Acceptance of statement of work for Lemalu Holdings Ltd.’s (operating as MCSnet) transport fibre project in Rich Lake, Alberta

Background

1. In Telecom Decision 2025-149, the Commission awarded up to \$859,281 to Lemalu Holdings Ltd. (operating as MCSnet) [MCSnet] for its project to build approximately 33 kilometres of fibre infrastructure and two new points of presence. This project will bring high-capacity transport services to the eligible community of Rich Lake, Alberta, comprising approximately 246 households and four anchor institutions.
2. In accordance with the conditions of approval set out in Telecom Decision 2025-149, MCSnet confirmed in writing its acceptance of the funding award. On 17 February 2026, MCSnet submitted its completed statement of work for Commission approval.

Commission’s analysis

3. The statement of work submitted by MCSnet is consistent with the approved project, except for the removal of one of the four anchor institutions, which was destroyed in a fire in August 2025.

Conclusion

4. The Commission approves the finalized statement of work, including the removal of the anchor institution destroyed in the August 2025 fire.
5. The Commission will provide the statement of work separately and in confidence to MCSnet.
6. Provided that MCSnet complies with all conditions of funding set out in Telecom Decision 2025-149, the Commission will direct the Central Fund Administrator to make payments to MCSnet for its transport project. Failure to comply with these conditions could result in funding being delayed or not being disbursed.
7. The Commission reminds MCSnet of the following condition of funding set out in subparagraph 42(j) of Telecom Decision 2025-149: Where a risk of adverse impact on an Aboriginal or treaty right becomes known and a duty to consult exists, MCSnet must advise the Commission within **20 days** and submit a plan detailing the form and process for fulfilment of the duty.

Release of any additional funding will be contingent on demonstration that any necessary consultations were held to the Crown's satisfaction.

8. MCSnet is required to submit quarterly progress reports and expense claims beginning no later than **12 October 2026**, or as otherwise approved by the Commission, until the project is completed.
9. Finally, in accordance with the Commission's determinations in Telecom Decision 2025-149, MCSnet must file for Commission approval a final implementation report within **90 days** of construction being complete and broadband services being offered. In the report, MCSnet must confirm that project construction is complete and that broadband services are being offered. The date on which the final implementation report is submitted will be considered the project completion date. MCSnet must also demonstrate in the report that the project has met the requirements set out in all related decisions, as per subparagraph 42(l) of Telecom Decision 2025-149.

Secretary General

Related document

- *Broadband Fund – Project funding approval for Lemalu Holdings Ltd.'s (operating as MCSnet) transport fibre project in Rich Lake, Alberta, Telecom Decision CRTC 2025-149, 19 June 2025*