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RAPID LYNX PROVIDES AN UPDATE ON PROGRESS ON PHASES 1 AND 2 OF BROADBAND PROJECT AND ATTENDS INDIGENOUS CONNECTIVITY SUMMIT

MEMBERTOU, NS: Further to reporting an overall 62% rate of completion of the Rapid Lynx Telecommunications (RLT) backbone network on April 30, 2023—RLT is providing a further update on the progress of the broadband project that began construction in 2020¹. The network will be the only long-haul fibre optic network in Ontario's Far North, and it will be 100% owned, controlled, and operated by the Matawa First Nations.

To-date, the following has been completed in Phase 1:

- 70% - including consults, engineering, and construction

To-date, the following has been completed in Phase 2:

- 35% - including consults, engineering, and construction

A further update on RLT's progress will be made at Matawa First Nation Management's 36th Annual General Meeting (AGM) taking place in Neskantaga First Nation from July 31 – August 1, 2024 (the AGM will also be livestreamed).

This week, RLT will be participating with other Indigenous broadband companies from both Canada and the United States at the [Indigenous Connectivity Summit](#) in Membertou, Nova Scotia including a panel discussion this morning.

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¹ Involves connections between Eabametoong, Marten Falls, Nibinamik, Webequie First Nations with interconnection at Aroland First Nation. Phase 2 began in 2022 and involves connections between Aroland, Constance Lake, Ginoogaming and Long Lake #58 First Nations.