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21ST CENTURY STATE BUILDING: GIGABIT INTERNET DOWNLOAD COVERAGE FROM COAST-TO-COAST-TO-COAST

WHEREAS Confederation came about in 1867 with the promise of an Intercolonial Railway, the first physical “National Policy” exercise which allowed for the further growth of non-Indigenous settlement;

WHEREAS Canada’s second “National Policy” created major infrastructure projects from a transcontinental railway, to highways, the St. Lawrence Seaway, and other projects to further link Canadians from coast-to-coast-to-coast;

WHEREAS these previous “National Policies” were imposed unilaterally upon Indigenous nations and peoples, usually to their detriment;

WHEREAS Canada in the 21st century has the ability and means to achieve equal access to information for all Canadians through the Internet, whether Indigenous or non-Indigenous, young and old, urban, rural and remote;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal Government of Canada pledge within its national infrastructure strategy, implementation of enhanced Internet access with an ultimate goal to bring gigabit download speeds coverage across Canada by 2025;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such an infrastructure strategy to implement enhanced Internet access include proper and dutiful consultation with First Nation, Metis, and Inuit communities and organizations in order to prevent the mistakes of past “national policies,” as well as in the spirit of reconciliation.

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