

## Media Release :

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Re: Alberni Community Wireless internet hotspot

The City of Port Alberni is pleased to announce the completion of the Alberni Community Wireless internet hotspot. This internet hotspot will provide a free internet access point for public use and will cover the Alberni Valley Multiplex, Bob Daily Stadium, Glenwood Centre and Echo field house areas.

This hotspot was established as a result of a P3 (Public Private Partnership) agreement with Alberni Technology Solutions Inc. This project was completed at no cost to the City of Port Alberni, as Alberni Technology Solutions provided all of the equipment and technical support required to complete the installation of the hotspot.

The Alberni Community Wireless internet hotspot employs the use of advanced technology such as metering and bandwidth management with throttling. The primary use for this hotspot is to allow user's internet access to perform basic query searches, website and email access. Intensive use such as large downloads or streaming is discouraged and file sharing is not permitted. The hotspot will detect intensive activity and intuitively degrade the user's bandwidth allocation to allow other users to remain unaffected.

The City of Port Alberni and Alberni Technology Solutions encourage you to enjoy this free service while you are located in the coverage area. To access this hotspot, please select "Alberni Community Wireless" when setting your wireless connection. As this service is provided free of charge, the City of Port Alberni and Alberni Technology Solutions will not provide technical support for connection issues encountered while accessing the Alberni Community Wireless internet hotspot.

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