

**Number:** PL- 557  
**Date:** 20 January 2021  
**From:** Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA)  
**Subject:** NPA 879 to Overlay NPA 709 (Newfoundland & Labrador, Canada)  
**Related Previous Planning Letters:** PL-503, PL-514, PL-521

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**This Planning Letter supersedes all previous Planning Letters related to NPA Relief Planning for NPA 709 (Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada).**

**In Telecom Decision CRTC 2021-13, dated 18 January 2021, *Indefinite deferral of relief for area code 709 in Newfoundland and Labrador*, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) approved an NPA 709 Relief Planning Committee's report which recommended the indefinite deferral of implementation of overlay area code 879 to provide relief to area code 709 until it re-enters the relief planning window.**

**Accordingly, the relief date of 20 May 2022, which was identified in Planning Letter 521, has been postponed indefinitely. The relief method (Distributed Overlay) and new area code 879 will be implemented when relief is required.**

#### **Background Information:**

In Telecom Decision CRTC 2017-35, dated 2 February 2017, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) directed that relief for Newfoundland and Labrador area code 709 be provided through a Distributed Overlay using new area code 879.

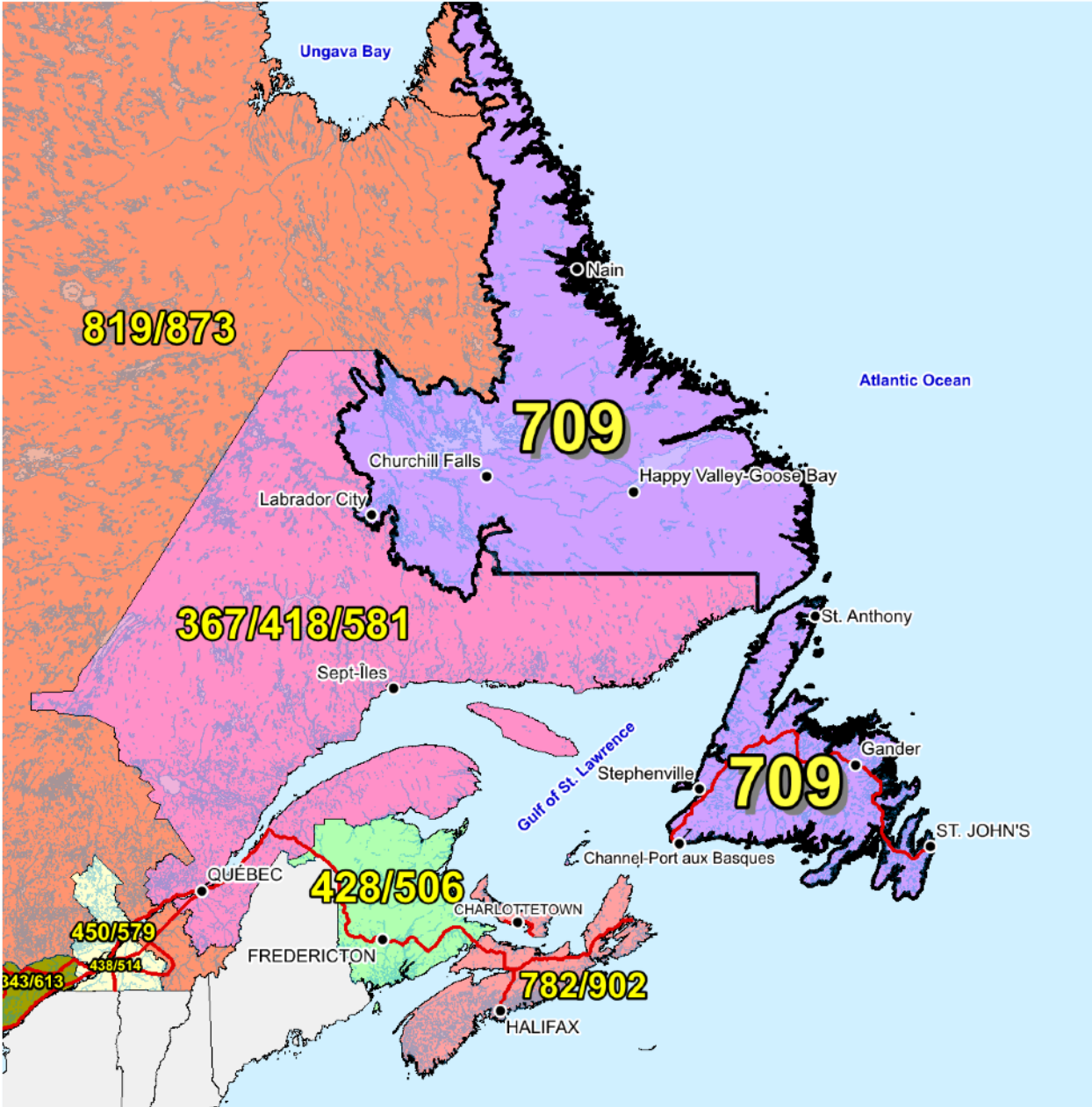
The new area code 879 has been assigned by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) and will be implemented as a Distributed Overlay over the geographic area of the province of Newfoundland and Labrador currently served by the 709 area code. The area code 709 consists of 211 Exchange Areas serving the province of Newfoundland and Labrador which includes the major communities of Corner Brook, Gander, Grand Falls, Happy Valley – Goose Bay, Labrador City – Wabush, Marystown and St. John's. A map showing the location of the area served by NPA 709, and a list of the 211 Exchange Areas are attached to this letter.

Since Telecom Decision CRTC 2017-35, the Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA) has performed regular Number Resource Utilization Forecasts (NRUFs) to monitor the number of Central Office Codes that remain available for assignment in NPA 709. The CNA released the July 2020 Relief Planning NRUF results on 18 August 2020, which indicated that the Projected Exhaust Date had been delayed by 51 months to June 2028.

General questions about the deferral of this relief activity may be directed to the CNA, at [www.cnac.ca](http://www.cnac.ca). Specific questions related to telecommunications services and network routing should be directed to the appropriate TSP.

Attachments

**Map of the NPA 709 area**  
(After relief the NPA 709 area will be the NPA 709/879 area)



## Exchange Areas in NPA 709

Existing Exchange Areas in NPA 709; these will be in NPA 709 and 879 after the overlay

Arnold's Cove
Badger
Baie Verte
Bay L'Argent
Bay Roberts
Beaumont
Bell Island
Belleoram
Bellevue
Benoit's Cove
Birchy Bay
Bishop's Falls
Black Duck Cove
Black Tickle
Bonavista
Botwood
Boyd's Cove
Branch
Brent's Cove
Brig Bay
Brigus
Brown's Arm
Buchans
Burgeon
Burin
Burlington
Campbellton
Cape Broyle
Carbonear
Carmanville
Cartwright
Catalina
Centreville
Chance Cove
Change Islands
Chapel Arm

Charlottetown (Bonavista Bay)
Charlottetown (Labrador)
Churchill Falls
Clareville
Clarke's Head
Codroy
Come By Chance
Comfort Cove - Newstead
Conche
Cook's Harbour
Coomb's Cove
Corner Brook
Cottrell's Cove
Cow Head
Daniel's Harbour
Deer Lake
Degras
Eastport
Englee
English Harbour East
English Harbour West
Fairhaven
Fermeuse
Fleur De Lys
Flower's Cove
Fogo
Forteau
Francois
Freshwater
Gambo
Gander
Garden Cove
Garnish
Gaultois
Glenwood
Glovertown

Grand Bank
Grand Falls
Grandois
Green Island Cove
Greenspond
Grey River
Griquet
Hampden
Happy Valley - Goose Bay
Harbour Breton
Harbour Main
Hare Bay
Harry's Harbour
Hawkes Bay
Heart's Content
Heart's Delight
Hermitage
Hickman's Harbour
Hillgrade
Hillview
Hopedale
Horwood
Island Harbour
Isle Aux Morts
Jackson's Arm
Jamestown
Jeffreys
Joe Batt's Arm
King's Cove
King's Point
L'Anse Au Loup
Labrador City - Wabush
Ladle Cove
Lamaline
LaPoile
Lark Harbour
LaScie

Leading Ticks
Lewisporte
Little Bay
Little Bay Islands
Little Harbour
Little Heart's Ease
Long Harbour
Long Pond
Lourdes
Lower Island Cove
Lumsden
Main Brook
Makkovik
Mary's Harbour
Marystown
McCallum
McIvers
Millertown
Milltown
Ming's Bight
Monkstown
Monroe
Moreton's Harbour
Mount Carmel
Musgrave Harbour
Musgravetown
Nain
Natuashish
New Chelsea
New Harbour
Newman's Cove
Nipper's Harbour
Norman's Bay
Norris Arm
Northwest River
Old Perlican
Pacquet
Paradise River
Pasadena
Petit Forte
Pinsent's Arm

Plate Cove
Point Leamington
Pool's Cove
Port Albert
Port Au Port
Port Aux Basques
Port Blandford
Port Hope Simpson
Port Rexton
Port Saunders
Portugal Cove
Postville
Pouch Cove
Princeton
Raleigh
Ramea
Red Bay
Reef's Harbour
Rencontre East
Rigolet
River Of Ponds
Robert's Arm
Rocky Harbour
Roddickton
Rose Blanche
Rushoon
Seal Cove (Fortune Bay)
Seal Cove (White Bay)
Seldom
Sop's Arm
South Brook
Springdale
St. Alban's
St. Anthony
St. Brendan's
St. Bride's
St. George's
St. John's
St. Lawrence
St. Lewis
St. Mary's

Stephenville
Stephenville Crossing
Summerford
Summerside
Terra Nova
Terrenceville
Torbay
Trepassey
Triton
Trout River
Twillingate
Upper Island Cove
Wesleyville
Western Bay
Westport
Whitbourne
Wild Cove
Williams Harbour
Witless Bay
Woody Point