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From: Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA)
Subject: NPA 273 to Overlay NPA 367/418/581 (Eastern Québec)
Related Previous Planning Letters:

In Telecom Decision CRTC 2025-269, dated 10 October 2025, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission approved the 367/418/581 Relief Planning Committee's report which recommended that relief for area codes 367/418/581 located in Eastern Québec, Canada be provided through a distributed overlay of new area code 273 starting 27 February 2027.

New area code 273 has been assigned by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) and will be implemented as a distributed overlay over the geographic area of Eastern Québec currently served by the 367, 418 and 581 area codes. The area served by NPA Codes 367/418/581 and the new 273 NPA Code consists of 258 Exchange Areas, including the Exchange Areas of Alma, Chicoutimi and Québec in the northern and eastern parts of the province of Québec in Canada. A map showing the location of the area served by NPAs 367, 418 and 581 and a list of the 258 Exchange Areas are attached to this letter.

When the new 273 NPA is introduced, the dialling plan for the 273/367/418/581 overlay area will be as follows:

- All local calls, including Extended Area Service calls, originating within the 273/367/418/581 overlay area must be dialled with 10-digits; i.e., NPA-NXX-XXXX.
- Toll and alternately billed service calls originating within the 273/367/418/581 overlay area will continue to be dialled with 10-digits after the appropriate prefix digit(s).

All international and domestic Telecommunications Service Providers (TSPs) should activate the new 273 NPA throughout their networks by the start date for network testing (27 November 2026).

The following test numbers for the new NPA 273 will be made available effective 27 November 2026. Carriers can apply for their test CO Codes starting on 27 May 2026. Routing of calls to NPA 273 can be verified by dialling the 8378 (TEST) numbers which do not provide answer supervision. Billing of calls to NPA 273 can be verified by dialling the 2455 (BILL) numbers which provide answer supervision.

Test Number	Exchange Area (Rate Center)	Carrier
273-610	Québec	Bell Canada
273-710	Sainte-Marie-de-Beauce	TELUS Communications (Quebec)

Calls successfully completed to test numbers will receive the following announcement:

“La communication a été établie avec succès au numéro de vérification de l'indicatif régional 273, à [NOM DU TÉLÉCOMMUNICATEUR], Québec, Canada.

You have successfully completed a call to the 273 Area Code Test Number at [CARRIER NAME] in Québec, Canada.”

The disconnection dates for the test numbers will be between 27 March 2027 and 27 April 2027.

Central Office (NXX) Codes within NPA 273 may be assigned to TSPs starting from 27 August 2026 but cannot be activated in the PSTN prior to the Relief Date of 27 February 2027.

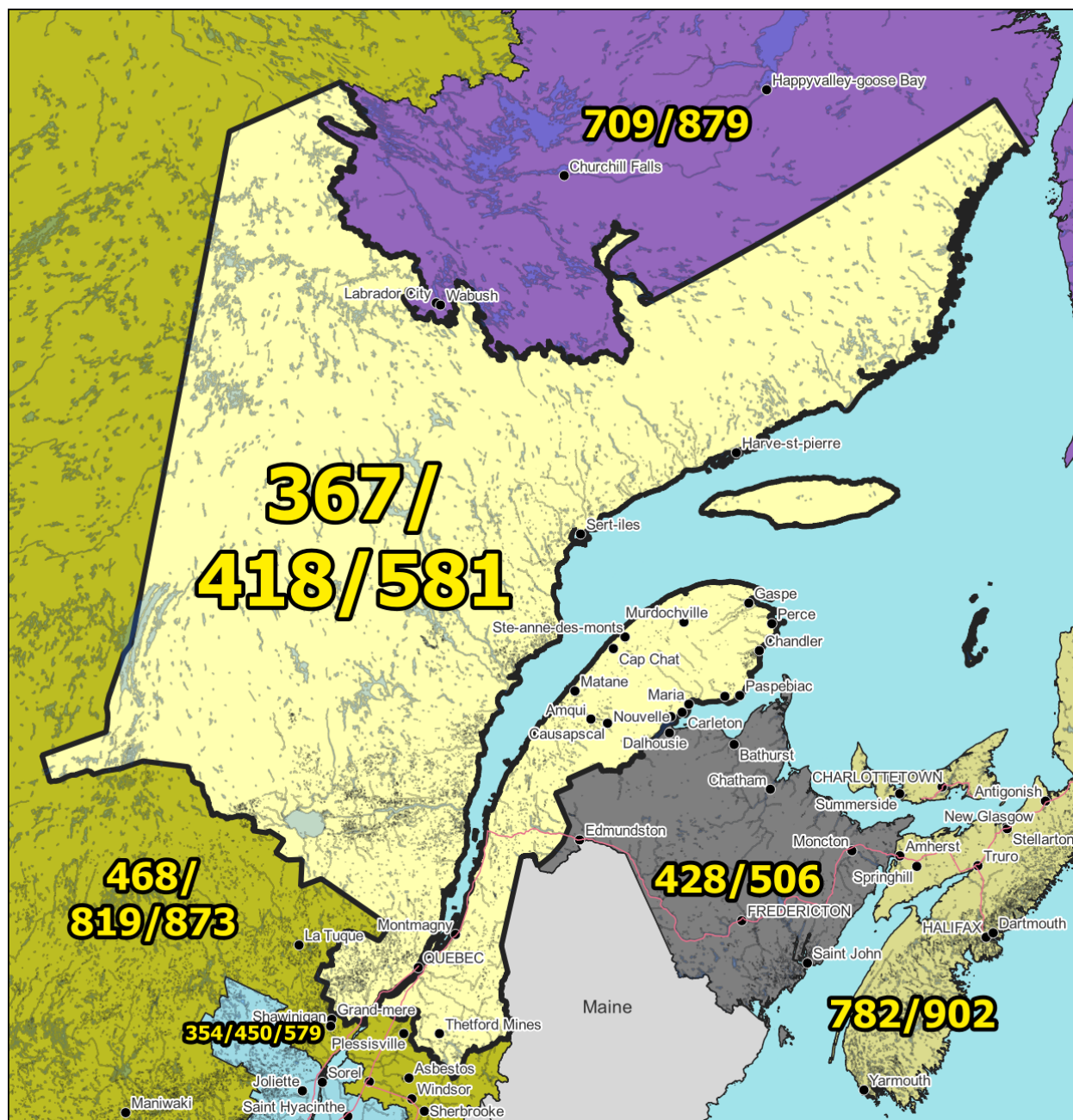
General questions about this relief activity may be directed to the Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA) by visiting https://www.cnac.ca/about/contact_us.htm. Specific questions related to telecommunications services and network routing should be directed to the appropriate TSP.

Attachments

Attachment 1

Map of the 367/418/581 area

(After relief the NPA 367/418/581 area will be the NPA 273/367/418/581 area)



Exchange Areas in NPA 273/367/418/581

Exchange Area
Aguanish
Albanel
Alma
Amqui
Anse-St-Jean
Armagh
Baie-Comeau
Baie-Comeau (Hauterive)
Baie-des-Sables
Baie-Johan-Beetz
Baie-St-Paul
Baie-Ste-Catherine
Baie-Trinite
Barachois
Batiscan
Beauceville
Bergeronnes
Bic
Biencourt
Black Lake
Blanc-Sablon
Boischatel
Bonaventure
Bonne-Esperance
Cabano
Cap-aux-Meules
Cap-Chat
Cap-des-Rosiers
Cap-Saint-Ignace
Caplan
Carleton
Causapscal
Chambord
Chandler
Chapais
Charny
Chateau-Richer
Chevery
Chibougamau
Chicoutimi
Chute-aux-Outardes
Chute-des-Passes

Exchange Area
Clarke City
Clermont
Cloridorme
Colombier
Courcelles
Delisle
Desbiens
Disraeli
Dolbeau
Donncona
East Broughton
Esprit-Saint
Ferland
Fermont
Forestville
Frampton
Garthby
Gaspe
Girardville
Godbout
Grande-Entree
Grande-Riviere
Grande-Vallee
Harrington Harbour
Havre-Aubert
Havre-aux-Maisons
Havre-Saint-Pierre
Hebertville
Hebertville-Station
Ile-aux-Coudres
Inverness
Jonquiere
L'Ile-Verte
L'Islet
La Baie (Chicoutimi Co.)
La Dore
La Guadeloupe
La Malbaie
La Martre
La Pocatiere
La Romaine
Lac Bouchette

Exchange Area
Lac-au-Saumon
Lac-aux-Sables
Lac-Etchemin
Lac-Frontiere
Lambton
Laterriere
Leeds
Les Boules
Les Eboulements
Les Escoumins
Les Mechins
Levis
Loretteville
Luceville
Manicouagan 5
Maria
Matane
Matapedia
Metabetchouan
Milot
Mistissini
Moisie
Mont-Joli
Mont-Louis
Montmagny
Murdochville
Mutton Bay
Natashquan
Neuville
New Carlisle
New Richmond
Newport
Normandin
Notre-Dame-des-Laurentides
Notre-Dame-du-Lac
Nouvelle
Parc-des-Laurentides
Pentecote
Perce
Peribonka
Petite-Riviere-St-Francois
Pointe-a-la-Croix
Pont-Rouge
Port-Cartier
Port-Daniel
Port-Menier
Portneuf
Quebec

Exchange Area
Rimouski
Riviere-a-Pierre
Riviere-au-Renard
Riviere-au-Tonnerre
Riviere-Bleue
Riviere-du-Loup
Riviere-Saint-Jean
Roberval
Sacre-Coeur
Saint-Adelphe
Saint-Agapit
Saint-Alexis-de-Matapedia
Saint-Anselme
Saint-Antoine-de-Tilly
Saint-Apollinaire
Saint-Augustin
Saint-Augustin (Duplessis)
Saint-Basile
Saint-Bernard-de-Dorchester
Saint-Camille
Saint-Casimir
Saint-Charles
Saint-Come
Saint-Damien-de-Buckland
Saint-Edouard-de-Lotbiniere
Saint-Fabien
Saint-Fabien-de-Panet
Saint-Flavien
Saint-Francois
Saint-Gabriel
Saint-Gedeon-de-Beauce
Saint-Georges-de-Beauce
Saint-Henri-de-Levis
Saint-Jean-Port-Joli
Saint-Joseph-de-Beauce
Saint-Lambert-de-Lauzon
Saint-Leon-le-Grand
Saint-Luc
Saint-Magloire
Saint-Malachie
Saint-Marc-des-Carrieres
Saint-Martin
Saint-Michel
Saint-Moise
Saint-Odilon
Saint-Pamphile
Saint-Patrice-de-Beaurivage
Saint-Paul-de-Montminy

Exchange Area
Saint-Prosper-de-Dorchester
Saint-Raphael
Saint-Raymond
Saint-Rene-de-Matane
Saint-Roch-des-Aulnaies
Saint-Simon-de-Rimouski
Saint-Stanislas
Saint-Theophile
Saint-Tite
Saint-Ubalde
Saint-Ulric
Saint-Zacharie
Sainte-Agathe-de-Lotbiniere
Sainte-Anne-de-la-Perade
Sainte-Anne-des-Monts
Sainte-Blandine
Sainte-Claire
Sainte-Croix
Sainte-Felicite
Sainte-Henedine
Sainte-Justine
Sainte-Lucie
Sainte-Marie-de-Beauce
Sainte-Perpetue
Sainte-Rose
Sainte-Thecle
Sault-au-Mouton
Sayabec
Schefferville
Sept-Iles
Squatec
St-Alexandre
St-Ambroise-de-Chicoutimi
St-Andre
St-Eleuthere
St-Ephrem-de-Beauce
St-Felicien
St-Ferdinand-D'Halifax
St-Fereol
St-Fidele
St-Fulgence
St-Gedeon
St-Hilarion
St-Honore
St-Honore (Chicoutimi Co.)
St-Honore (Temiscouata Co.)
St-Irenee
St-Jean-de-Dieu

Exchange Area
St-Jean-ile-d'Orleans
St-Just-de-Bretenieres
St-Methode-de-Frontenac
St-Nicolas
St-Pacome
St-Pascal
St-Philippe-de-Neri
St-Prime
St-Simeon
St-Tite-des-Caps
St-Urbain
St-Victor-de-Beauce
Ste-Anne-de-Beaupre
Ste-Anne-de-Portneuf
Ste-Brigitte-de-Laval
Ste-Catherine
Ste-Petronille
Ste-Rose-du-Nord
Stoneham
Stratford
Tadoussac
Tete-a-la-Baleine
Thetford Mines
Tring Jonction
Trois-Pistoles
Val-Alain
Val-Brillant
Valcartier
Vallee-Jonction
Ville Degelis