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From: Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA)

**Subject:** NPA 782 to Overlay NPA 902 (Nova Scotia/Prince Edward Island, Canada)

**Related Previous Planning Letters:** 

In Telecom Decision CRTC 2012-528, dated 1 October 2012, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) directed that relief for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island area code 902 be provided through a distributed overlay using new area code 782 effective 30 November 2014.

The new area code 782 has been assigned by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) and will be implemented on the relief date of 30 November 2014 as a distributed overlay over the geographic area of the provinces of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island currently served by the 902 area code. The area code 902 consists of 173 Exchange Areas serving the provinces of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island which includes the major communities of Amherst, Antigonish, Bridgewater, Charlottetown, Halifax, Kentville, New Glasgow, Port Hawkesbury, Sackville, Summerside, Sydney, Truro and Yarmouth. A map showing the location of the area served by NPA 902, and a list of the 173 Exchange Areas in the area are attached to this letter.

Commencing on 23 August 2014, many calls dialled with 7 digits will first be connected to a network announcement notifying callers that the local number they have dialled must be preceded by its area code and that their call will now proceed after which the call will be completed. Carriers operating in NPA 902 that opt to employ a network announcement will phase in this network announcement during the period 23 to 30 August 2014 and maintain it until mandatory 10-digit local dialling is introduced on 30 November 2014.

When mandatory local 10-digit dialling begins, many calls dialled with 7 digits will be connected to a network announcement informing the caller that the number they dialled must be preceded by its area code, their call cannot be completed as dialled, and to hang up and redial using the area code. Carriers operating in NPA 902 that opt to employ a network announcement will phase in this network announcement during the period 16 to 30 November 2014, and replace it by a standard network announcement starting between 2 March and 2 April 2015.

The dialling plan for the area served by NPA codes 782 and 902 will be as follows:

- All local calls, including Extended Area Service calls, originating within the 782/902 overlay area must be dialled with 10-digits; i.e., NPA-NXX-XXXX.
- Toll and alternatively billed calls originating within the 782/902 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 ensure that the new 782 NPA is activated throughout their networks by 30 May 2014 which is the start date for network testing.

The following test numbers for the new NPA 782 will be made available effective 30 May 2014. Routing of calls to area code 782 can be verified by dialling the 8378 (TEST) numbers which do not provide answer supervision. Billing of calls to area code 782 can be verified by dialling the 2455 (BILL) numbers which provide answer supervision.

Test Number	Exchange Area (Rate Center)	Carrier
782-610-8378 and -2455	Halifax	Bell Aliant

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

"You have successfully completed a call to the 782 area code test number at [CARRIER NAME] in Nova Scotia (or Prince Edward Island), Canada."

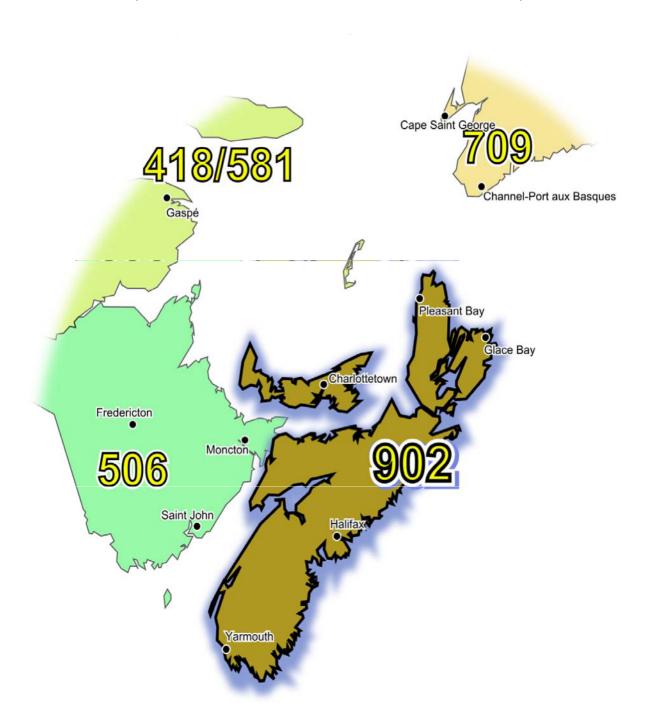
The disconnection dates for the test numbers will be between 30 December 2014 and 31 January 2015.

Central Office (NXX) Codes within NPA 782 may be assigned to TSPs starting from 30 May 2014, but cannot be activated in the PSTN prior to the Relief Date of 30 November 2014.

General questions about this relief activity may be directed to Glen Brown or Suresh Khare, of the Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA), at 613-563-7242. Specific questions related to telecommunications services and network routing should be directed to the appropriate TSP.

Attachments

## Map of the NPA 902 area (After relief the NPA 902 area will be the NPA 782/902 area)



## Exchange Areas in NPA 902

Existing Exchange Areas in NPA 902; these will be in NPA 782 and 902 after the overlay

Advocate Digby Louisdale Alberton (PEI) Dingwall Lunenburg Amherst East Bav Mabou Annapolis Royal Ecum Secum Maccan Antigonish Eldon (PEI) Mahone Bay Argyle Elmsdale Maitland Arichat Eskasoni Margaree Avlesford Freeport Margaree Forks

Baddeck French Village Marion Bridge Barrington Gabarus Melrose Bass River Georgetown (PEI) Merigomish Bear River Glace Bay Meteghan Bedeque (PEI) Goldboro Middleton Berwick Goshen Mill Village Blandford Grand Narrows Monastery

Boisdale Great Village Montague (PEI)

Borden (PEI) Guysborough Morell-St. Peters (PEI)
Boularderie Halifax Mount Stewart (PEI)
Bridgetown Hantsport Mount Uniacke

Bridgewater Heatherton Mulgrave

Brookfield Hopewell Murray River (PEI)
Brooklyn Hubbards Musquodoboit

Caledonia Hunter River (PEI) Musquodoboit Harbour

Canning Ingonish Neil's Harbour
Canso Inverness New Germany
Cardigan (PEI) Kennetcook New Glasgow
Carleton Kensington (PEI) New Haven (PEI)
Charlottetown (PEI) Kentville New London (PEI)

Chelsea Kenzieville New Ross
Chester Ketch Harbour New Waterford

Cheticamp Kingston Noel

Cheverie L'Ardoise North Sydney
Chezzetcook LaHave O'Leary (PEI)

Clark's Harbour Lake Charlotte Oxford
Clarksville Larry's River Parrsboro
Collingwood Lawrencetown Pictou

Country Harbour Liscomb Port Bickerton
Covehead (PEI) Liverpool Port Dufferin
Crapaud (PEI) Lockeport Port Greville
Debert Louisbourg Port Hawkesbury

Port Hood Shubenacadie
Port Maitland Souris (PEI)
Port Morien South Lake (PEI)
Port Mouton Southampton
Prospect Road Springfield
Pubnico Springhill

Pubnico Springhill
Pugwash St. Ann's Bay
Queensport St. Margarets
River Hebert St. Peters
River John Stewiacke

Riverport Summerside (PEI)
Rusticoville (PEI) Sydney
Sackville Tangier

Saltsprings Tatamagouche
Sandy Cove Thorburn
Saulnierville Tignish (PEI)

Sheet Harbour Truro
Shelburne Tusket

Sherbrooke Tyne Valley (PEI)

Note: PEI designates Prince Edward Island.

Upper Musquodoboit Upper Stewiacke Vernon River (PEI)

Wallace Walton Waverley Wedgeport

Wellington (PEI)

Wentworth Weymouth Whycocomagh

Windsor Wolfville

Woods Harbour

Yarmouth