

Number: PL- 639
Date: 30 September 2026
From: Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA)
Subject: NPA 851 to Overlay NPA 782/902 (Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island)
Related Previous Planning Letters:

In Telecom Decision CRTC 2026-190, dated 29 July 2026, the Commission approved the 782/902 Relief Planning Committee's report which recommended relief for area codes 782/902 in the provinces of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Canada be provided through a distributed overlay of new area code 851 starting 27 May 2028.

New area code 851 has been assigned by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) and will be implemented as a distributed overlay over the geographic area Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island currently served by the 782 and 902 area codes. The area served by NPA Codes 782/902 and the new 851 NPA Code consists of 174 Exchange Areas, includes the Exchange Areas of Halifax, Charlottetown, Sydney, Truro and Summerside, in the provinces of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Canada. A map showing the location of the area served by NPAs 782 and 902, and a list of the 174 Exchange Areas are attached to this letter.

When the new 851 NPA is introduced, the dialling plan for the 782/851/902 overlay area will be as follows:

- All local calls, including Extended Area Service calls, originating within the 782/851/902 overlay area must be dialled with 10-digits; i.e., NPA-NXX-XXXX.
- Toll and alternately billed service calls originating within the 782/851/902 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 activate the new 851 NPA throughout their networks by the start date for network testing (27 February 2028).

The following test numbers for the new NPA 851 will be made available effective on 27 February 2028. Carriers can apply for their Test CO Codes starting on 27 August 2027. Routing of calls to NPA 851 can be verified by dialling the 8378 (TEST) numbers which do not provide answer supervision. Billing of calls to NPA 851 can be verified by dialling the 2455 (BILL) numbers which provide answer supervision.

Test Number	Exchange Area (Rate Center)	Carrier
851-610	Halifax	Bell Canada

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

“You have successfully completed a call to the 851 Area Code Test Number at [CARRIER NAME] in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Canada.”

The disconnection dates for the test numbers will be between 27 June 2028 and 27 July 2028.

Central Office (NXX) Codes within NPA 851 may be assigned to TSPs starting from 27 November 2027 but cannot be activated in the PSTN prior to the Relief Date of 27 May 2028.

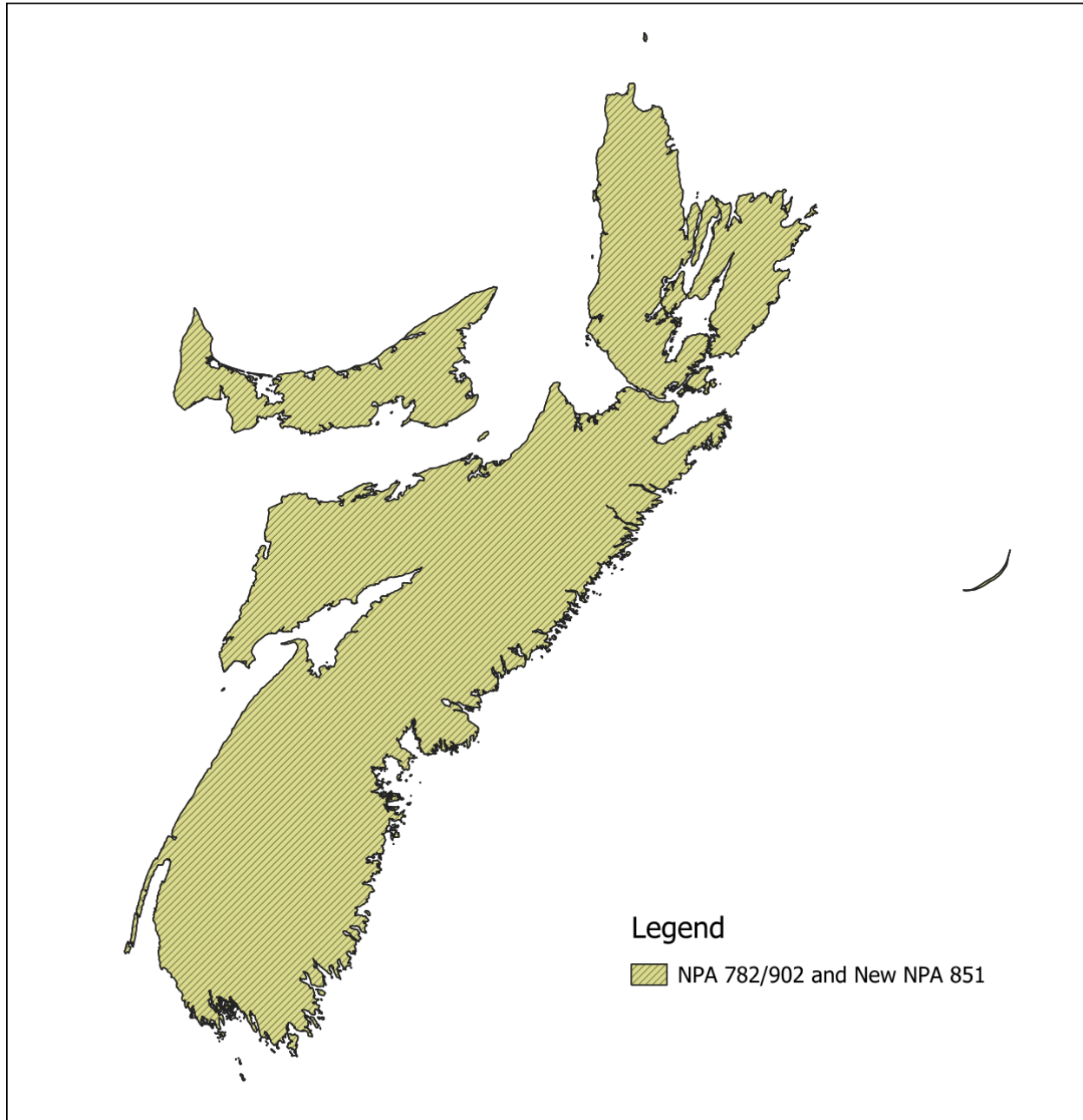
General questions about this relief activity may be directed to the Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA) by visiting https://www.cnac.ca/about/contact_us.htm. Specific questions related to telecommunications services and network routing should be directed to the appropriate TSP.

Attachments

Attachment 1

Map of the 782/902 area

(After relief the NPA 782/902 area will be the NPA 782/851/902 area)



Attachment 2

Exchange Areas in NPA 782/851/902

#	Exchange Area
1	Advocate
2	Alberton
3	Amherst
4	Annapolis Royal
5	Antigonish
6	Argyle
7	Arichat
8	Aylesford
9	Baddeck
10	Barrington
11	Bass River
12	Bear River
13	Bedeque
14	Berwick
15	Blandford
16	Boisdale
17	Borden
18	Boularderie
19	Bridgetown
20	Bridgewater
21	Brookfield
22	Brooklyn
23	Caledonia
24	Canning
25	Canso
26	Cardigan
27	Carleton
28	Charlottetown
29	Chelsea
30	Chester
31	Cheticamp
32	Cheverie
33	Chezzetcook
34	Clark's Harbour
35	Clarksville
36	Collingwood
37	Country Harbour

#	Exchange Area
38	Covehead
39	Crapaud
40	Debert
41	Digby
42	Dingwall
43	East Bay
44	Ecum Secum
45	Eldon
46	Elmsdale
47	Eskasoni
48	Freeport
49	French Village
50	Gabarus
51	Georgetown
52	Glace Bay
53	Goldboro
54	Goshen
55	Grand Narrows
56	Great Village
57	Guysborough
58	Halifax
59	Hantsport
60	Heatherton
61	Hopewell
62	Hubbards
63	Hunter River
64	Ingonish
65	Inverness
66	Iona
67	Kennetcook
68	Kensington
69	Kentville
70	Kenzieville
71	Ketch Harbour
72	Kingston
73	L'Ardoise
74	LaHave

#	Exchange Area
75	Lake Charlotte
76	Larry's River
77	Lawrencetown
78	Liscomb
79	Liverpool
80	Lockeport
81	Louisbourg
82	Louisdale
83	Lunenburg
84	Mabou
85	Maccan
86	Mahone Bay
87	Maitland
88	Margaree
89	Margaree Forks
90	Marion Bridge
91	Melrose
92	Merigomish
93	Meteghan
94	Middleton
95	Mill Village
96	Monastery
97	Montague
98	Morell-St. Peters
99	Mount Stewart
100	Mount Uniacke
101	Mulgrave
102	Murray River
103	Musquodoboit
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104	Harbour
105	Neil's Harbour
106	New Germany
107	New Glasgow
108	New Haven
109	New London
110	New Ross

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#	Exchange Area
111	New Waterford
112	Noel
113	North Sydney
114	O'Leary
115	Oxford
116	Parrsboro
117	Pictou
118	Port Bickerton
119	Port Dufferin
120	Port Greville
121	Port Hawkesbury
122	Port Hood
123	Port Maitland
124	Port Morien
125	Port Mouton
126	Prospect Road
127	Pubnico
128	Pugwash
129	Queensport
130	River Hebert
131	River John
132	Riverport

#	Exchange Area
133	Rusticoville
134	Sackville
135	Saltsprings
136	Sandy Cove
137	Saulnierville
138	Sheet Harbour
139	Shelburne
140	Sherbrooke
141	Shubenacadie
142	Souris
143	South Lake
144	Southampton
145	Springfield
146	Springhill
147	St. Ann's Bay
148	St. Margarets
149	St. Peters
150	Stewiacke
151	Summerside
152	Sydney
153	Tangier
154	Tatamagouche

#	Exchange Area
155	Thorburn
156	Tignish
157	Truro
158	Tusket
159	Tyne Valley
160	Upper Musquodoboit
161	Upper Stewiacke
162	Vernon River
163	Wallace
164	Walton
165	Waverley
166	Wedgeport
167	Wellington
168	Wentworth
169	Weymouth
170	Whycocomagh
171	Windsor
172	Wolfville
173	Woods Harbour
174	Yarmouth