

Pivot Point: Why 2022 Will Determine the Future Path of Canadian Communications Law and Policy

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CanWISP 2020 Conference - Wrap Up

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Another edition of the CanWISP conference with record attendance is in-the-books. With over 300 attendees and more poutine than we could eat it was our best yet.

The presentations from the conference are below including the backup presentation from Preseem that we had ready to go if needed.

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Two Years Later...

CRTC wholesale decision impacting investment in rural broadband networks

- \$100-million cost impact causes Bell to scale back Wireless Home Internet rollout in smaller towns and rural communities by approximately 20%
- CRTC order comes just a week after Competition Bureau warned of the negative impacts of unrealistic wholesale rates

MONTREAL, Aug. 19, 2019 /CNW Telbec/ - Following the CRTC's August 15 decision to significantly lower the wholesale rates that third-party Internet resellers pay to access network infrastructure built by providers like Bell, the company today announced the estimated \$100-million impact of the CRTC's order will reduce the scope of Bell's broadband Internet buildout for smaller towns and rural communities by 20%, or approximately 200,000 households.

"The CRTC's decision transfers capital from providers like Bell who are building Canada's modern broadband networks to wholesale resellers that invest little to nothing – and there's no assurance or requirement from the CRTC that any of it will be dedicated to network buildouts or otherwise passed on to Canadian consumers," said Mirko Bibic, Bell's Chief Operating Officer. "Putting this kind of unexpected and retroactive tax on capital investment is not the way to ensure the continued development of Canada's Internet infrastructure."

CRTC scraps plan to mandate lower wholesale internet rates



Decision a win for big incumbents with fibre optic networks

[David Paddon](#) · The Canadian Press · Posted: May 27, 2021 4:37 PM ET | Last Updated: May 27, 2021



The CRTC has reversed a 2019 decision to lower the rates that incumbent telecoms can charge smaller companies to use their networks. (Cole Bennetts/Bloomberg)

Two Years Later...

CRTC of 'preliminary view' that Big 3 telecoms may be required to share wireless networks

The CRTC is apparently suggesting that smaller operators need a guarantee they can connect with the bigger network



CRTC opts for facilities-based mandated MVNO model

By opting for a facilities-based approach, the CRTC has rejected a broad-based wholesale MVNO model



By Aisha Malik @AishaMalik1 APR 15, 2021 | 4:01 PM EDT | 0 COMMENTS



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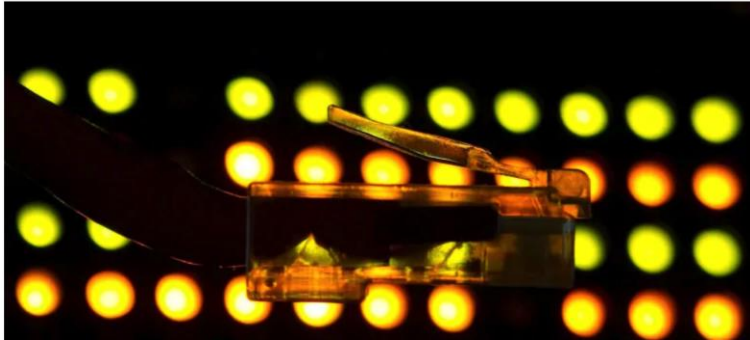
Two Years Later...

Federal Court issues first ever order to block piracy website



Decision is the first nationwide blocking order in Canada, setting a precedent that worries critics

[David Friend](#) · The Canadian Press · Posted: Nov 19, 2019 2:14 PM ET | Last Updated: November 19, 2019



Supreme Court of Canada denies Teksavvy Solutions Inc leave to appeal Canada's first site-blocking Order.

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Two Years Later...

Canadian political parties rally against big telecom gouging ahead of election

BY TERRY PEDWELL - THE CANADIAN PRESS

Posted August 31, 2019 10:03 am



Trudeau Liberals Release Election Platform: No Mention of Wireless Competition or Lower Pricing

BY GARY NG - 6 MONTHS AGO - 1313



Two Years Later...

Independent panel report calls for more Canadian streaming content and an ad-free CBC



Heritage minister has said legislation could be coming within the year



Eli Glasner · CBC News · Posted: Jan 29, 2020 12:00 PM ET | Last Updated: January 29



YouTube warns federal bill could hit digital creators' earnings from abroad

By Marie Woolf, The Canadian Press — The Canadian Press — Mar 25 2022



Two Years Later...

Telus issues challenge to Ottawa with its decision to use Huawei 5G, tech expert says



By **Alex Boutilier** Ottawa Bureau
Mon., Feb. 17, 2020 | 2 min. read



A decision on Huawei's future in Canada might be coming soon: Here's how we got here

The government has taken months to decide whether Huawei should be given access to Canada's 5G network



By **Nida Zafar** @nida_zafar JAN 21, 2022 | 12:10 PM EST | 0 COMMENTS



Where Are We Today?

Pivot Point

Competition

Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry reaffirms that competitiveness is central to a vibrant telecommunications sector

From: [Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada](#)

Statement

March 3, 2022 – Ottawa, Ontario

Today, the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, issued the following statement on affordability and competition in Canada's telecommunications sector:

"Access to affordable and reliable Internet and wireless services is critical in today's society and economy. That's why our government is making every effort to ensure that telecommunications services are reliable, innovative, competitive and—most crucially—affordable.

"Affordability and competition have been central to all our work in the telecommunications sector. We have encouraged greater competition, which has led to small regional players growing and challenging larger ones. Roaming on the big three networks has been regulated. We have [fulfilled our commitment](#) to track and reduce cellphone prices across a number of mid-range data plans and to reduce the costs by 25% within two years. We have also invested an historic \$7.2

Ottawa to block the 'wholesale transfer' of wireless licences in Shaw-Rogers deal



A woman holds two cellphones in this photo illustration, Monday March 29, 2021 in Chelsea, Que. The federal government says it will block the wholesale transfer of wireless licenses owned by Shaw Communications Inc. to Rogers Communications Inc. THE CANADIAN PRESS/Adrian Wyld

Rogers' takeover of Shaw clears CRTC hurdle. Here's what happens next



By [Sean Boynton](#) • Global News

Posted March 25, 2022 11:45 am

Blockbuster Transaction
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Potential factors could prevent Rogers-Shaw merger

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Rogers plans to buy Shaw in deal worth \$26 billion


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Request for Information: Rogers Communications Inc. / Shaw Communications Inc.

September 2021

 A Request for Information published by the Bureau is not a final decision about a proposed merger, but provides the Bureau's areas of investigation that may benefit from information from market participants and Canadians. The Bureau's investigation of the Proposed Acquisition is ongoing and no conclusions have been reached at this time.

The Bureau encourages all those with relevant information to confidentially [share their information or experiences with the Bureau](#) by **October 29, 2021**.

Courts

Telus files appeal of CRTC's wireless reselling decision

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TekSavvy launches appeal of CRTC's decision on wholesale broadband rates

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Independent telecom TekSavvy Solutions Inc. is seeking leave to appeal a controversial ruling on wholesale broadband rates by Canada's telecom regulator that has sparked outrage among small internet-service providers.

In a May ruling, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) reversed its own 2019 decision that lowered the rates large phone and cable companies can charge smaller internet service providers (ISPs) for access to their broadband networks.

Media Giants Request Dynamic Order to Block Pirated NHL Streams in Canada

July 9, 2021 by **Ernesto Van der Sar**

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Several of the largest Canadian media companies, including Bell and Rogers, are asking the Federal Court for a new and broader piracy blocking order. To prevent multi-million dollar losses, the media giants want Internet providers to dynamically block IP-addresses that provide access to pirated NHL streams.

Canadian Internet Policy

Streaming giants need to do more to support Canadian culture, heritage minister says



Pablo Rodriguez said updating the country's broadcasting law is long overdue

The Canadian Press · Posted: Feb 17, 2022 10:16 AM ET | Last Updated: February 17



The Netflix logo is displayed on a tablet in this 2017 file photo. As the federal government looks to overhaul the Broadcasting Act, Heritage Minister Pablo Rodriguez says streaming giants like Netflix, Disney and Amazon should do more to contribute to Canadian culture. (Elise Amendola/The Associated Press)

Online-news legislation coming ‘as soon as possible’: Rodriguez

The government will introduce legislation “as soon as possible” to help Canadian online news sites make money, Heritage Minister Pablo Rodriguez said Wednesday. Rodriguez was speaking at a “Future of News” event organized by Canada 2020, an independent and progressive think tank. By introducing Bill C-11, the Online Streaming Act, on Feb 2, the government [...]

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Government heads back to drawing board with online harm bill after negative reaction in consultations



Civil society groups raise red flags to Heritage Department



[Raffy Boudjikianian](#) · CBC News · Posted: Feb 03, 2022 9:00 AM ET | Last Updated: February 3



Copyright

Government of Canada Launches Consultation on How to Implement its CUSMA Commitment to Extend Canada's General Copyright Term of Protection

From: [Canadian Heritage](#)

News release

OTTAWA, February 11, 2021

In today's fast-paced creative economy, it is critical for Canada to maintain a comprehensive copyright framework to encourage creation, acquisition and commercialization of copyrighted content.

Information on the Modern Copyright Framework for Online Intermediaries consultations

Background

The dissemination and use of copyright-protected content on the Internet has expanded in recent years. Online intermediaries – the entities that facilitate access to such content – have also proliferated and diversified. In some cases, they now play more active roles in user activities involving copyright-protected content. These developments have increasingly brought into focus the liability and obligations of online intermediaries, which is an evolving area of law around the world. In Canada, questions have emerged regarding the extent to which the copyright framework for online intermediaries still achieves its underlying objectives, including protecting and encouraging the use of copyright-protected content online, safeguarding individual rights and freedoms in an open Internet and facilitating a flourishing digital market.

Consultation

The goal of this consultation is to help the Government ensure that Canada's copyright framework for online intermediaries reflects this evolving digital world. The Government welcomes all comments providing additional perspectives or evidence concerning these issues and potential options.

This consultation ran from April 14, 2021 to May 31, 2021 and is now closed. The [consultation paper](#) is available online and a PDF version is available as well.

Consultation on a Modern Copyright Framework for Artificial Intelligence and the Internet of Things

From: [Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada](#)

Background

Developments in artificial intelligence (AI) are raising questions as to whether the copyright framework can adequately address new situations. Examples of new situations include the use of copyrighted works as part of text and data mining to train and develop AI applications, and the use of AI to create, produce and distribute literary, musical and other kinds of works. At the same time, the increase in the number of software-enabled products and the growth of the Internet of things (IoT) is introducing its own set of new challenges to copyright law. The IoT highlights not only the importance of technological protection measures (TPMs) for rights holders, but also the barriers to consumers' ability to repair certain software-enabled products equipped with TPMs that prevent access to software. Challenges are also appearing in certain manufacturing industries, where small and medium enterprises are encountering increasing difficulties in developing interoperable products, in part because of the presence of TPMs.

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Coping with Data

A modern, national privacy protection law should be a priority for re-elected Trudeau government: Egan

DECEMBER 20, 2021



A bilateral data-sharing deal with U.S. better than status quo, says privacy watchdog

WASHINGTON — Canada's privacy watchdog wants the federal government to ensure any bilateral data-sharing agreement with the United States includes "explicit safeguards" to protect the rights of Canadians.

James McCarten, The Canadian Press
Mar 25, 2022 12:42 PM



Commission

CRTC chairman Ian Scott defends meeting with Bell CEO at pub

Network Operators group files CRTC application for Ian Scott to recuse himself from internet competition decisions

Anja Karadeglija

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CRTC Chairman and CEO Ian Scott. PHOTO BY NATIONAL POST, FILE

Coalition

How the Liberal-NDP agreement will work and what it might mean for Canadians



Parties agreed to work together on 7 key policy areas, including health, climate change and affordability

[Peter Zimonjic](#) · CBC News · Posted: Mar 22, 2022 4:40 PM ET | Last Updated: March 22



Photo illustration featuring Justin Trudeau, left, and Jagmeet Singh in Ottawa on March 22, 2022. (Adrian

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