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Nunavut's Qiniq gets bandwidth boost from Ottawa handout

New \$80 a month offering promises 1.5 Mbps

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The Qiniq internet service in Nunavut, operated by the [SSI Group of Companies](#) for the Nunavut Broadband Development Corp., began offering more bandwidth June 4 thanks to a \$10.7 million contribution from Industry Canada.

"Rural Canadians deserve the same reliable internet service as urban Canadians," Nunavut MP Leona Aglukkaq said in a news release.

The money to pay for the extra bandwidth comes from an Industry Canada program called "Broadband Canada: Connecting Rural Canadians."

The SSI Group is using the money to offer [a new package branded as "Atiigiallak."](#)

The Atiigiallak plan, which costs \$80 a month, offers download speeds that burst up to 1.5 Mbps and upload speeds of up to 384 Kbps.

The plan comes with 10 gigabyte bandwidth cap. Users may buy more bandwidth at a rate of \$20 per GB.

Qiniq offers other extra features, such as an anti-spam service and roaming, for additional charges.

Until now, Qiniq's faster offering, the Piqsiq plan, offered a top speed of only 768 Kbps.

The Atiigiallak plan is roughly equivalent in speed to [Northwestel's High Speed Iqaluit Ultra DSL plan](#), which offers bandwidth of up to 1.5 Mbps for \$119.95 a month.

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