

K-Net — First Nations-Owned Broadband and Telehealth Network

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · Canada

Quality score: 96/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Since 1994, Keewatinook Okimakanak's K-Net has built First Nations-owned broadband and telehealth infrastructure in remote northwestern Ontario, growing from 6 founding communities to 100+, and helped shape Canada's community-led 'First Mile' telecom policy.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	4/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	1/1
Evaluation evidence	1/1
Demonstrated reach	1/1
Documented learning	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-03

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