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## Bevington Calls for more Affordable Telecommunication Services in the NWT

The Member of Parliament for the Western Arctic says it's time Northerners are offered affordable cable, and internet rates. Dennis Bevington says he plans to raise the issue of high fees, and low competition amongst internet and cable providers in the North, when he meets with officials from the Canadian Radio Telecommunications Commission.

"I always have someone come up to me when I'm travelling across the NWT, with complaints about the high prices for internet and television. While I don't sit in front of the TV much, I find the rates between the NWT and provinces like Ontario quite staggering."

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) is an independent public organization that regulates and supervises the Canadian broadcasting and telecommunications systems.

The CRTC does not regulate newspapers, magazines, cell phone rates, the quality of service and business practices of cell phone companies, or the quality and content of TV and radio programs.

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The CRTC reports to Parliament through the Minister of Canadian Heritage.

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