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TELUS investing \$80 million to connect Abbotsford homes and businesses directly to advanced fibre optic network

Direct fibre connection will dramatically boost data capacity, providing local homes access to Internet speeds of up to 150 megabits per second, and even faster speeds for businesses, healthcare providers and schools

Abbotsford, B.C. – TELUS is investing \$80 million to connect more than 90 per cent of homes and businesses in Abbotsford directly to its fibre optic network. Planning is currently underway, and construction work will begin early this summer. TELUS anticipates connecting all homes and businesses by the middle of next year.

“Direct fibre connection unleashes infinite possibilities now and into the future,” said Tony Geheran, TELUS Executive Vice-President and President of Broadband Networks. “This investment from TELUS will enhance the connectivity in Abbotsford homes, businesses, schools and healthcare centres, future proofing the community for generations to come. This new technology will provide youth and students with better access to online education tools, while businesses large and small will have new tools helping them to thrive in the growing digital economy.”

The gigabit-enabled TELUS fibre optic network is among the most advanced communications infrastructure available in the world today, enabling connected residents to immediately take advantage of dramatically faster Internet speeds of up to 150 megabits per second, while interested businesses, schools, healthcare providers, and institutions can access even more speed and capacity. As demand and Internet technologies evolve in the coming years TELUS will offer faster speeds and more capacity, sufficient for decades to come. This new fibre optic infrastructure will also be the backbone of TELUS’ wireless network, enabling even more wireless capacity and speed. Local healthcare providers, educators and technology companies will be able to draw upon the technology to reimagine how they deliver existing services and develop entirely new solutions.

“We live in a connected world where we rely on Internet to communicate daily,” said Abbotsford South MLA Darryl Plecas. “This is a significant investment in our community and the addition of this increased high-speed network will continue to benefit residents long into the future.”

“Access to high-speed Internet is essential in today’s world,” Abbotsford-Mission MLA Simon Gibson said. “TELUS is making a significant investment in Abbotsford and this is great news for our community.”

“Supporting the development of a Vibrant Economy and Complete Community in Abbotsford is a key goal for Council in ensuring Abbotsford is positioned well for the future,” said Abbotsford Mayor, Henry Braun. “TELUS’ leading-edge fibre optic network will transform communications and technology opportunities for businesses and residents in our community by providing exceptional connectivity, speed, and capacity that will fuel our City’s continued growth.”

This investment is part of TELUS’ commitment to invest \$4.5 billion throughout B.C. through 2019, at no cost to taxpayers. For more information, please visit telus.com/Abbotsford.

The capital investment disclosed in this release is consistent with TELUS' overall capital expenditure guidance for 2016, issued on February 11.

TELUS in B.C.:

TELUS is planning to invest more than \$4.5 billion in new infrastructure and facilities across its home province of British Columbia over the next four years. By the end of 2019 TELUS expects to have invested more than \$51 billion in British Columbia since 2000 to extend the reach of advanced wireless and wireline telecommunications infrastructure throughout the province. As part of that commitment, TELUS has connected homes, businesses, schools and healthcare institutions in more than 24 communities directly to TELUS' fibre network in order to support sustained innovation and fuel the province's economic growth. The TELUS Health team is leveraging technology innovation to deliver better health outcomes for British Columbians as a leading provider of electronic medical records for physicians and as a partner of the B.C. government in introducing home health monitoring.

In support of the company's philosophy to give where we live, TELUS, team members and retirees have contributed more than \$135 million and 3.76 million volunteer hours to charitable and community organizations throughout British Columbia since 2000. Created in 2005 by President and CEO Darren Entwistle, TELUS has 15 local community boards dedicated to supporting local projects. The three Community Boards in B.C. have donated more than \$12.9 million in support of nearly 1,500 local charitable projects since inception, in partnership with regional TELUS Community Action Teams.

In September 2015 TELUS opened its new headquarters, TELUS Garden, located in downtown Vancouver. Rich with innovative architectural, technological and environmental features, TELUS Garden is the first office tower in Canada to receive the new Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum certification for sustainable development. The one million square foot development also includes a 53-storey residential tower currently under construction and targeting LEED Gold standards with 424 green homes and retail space.

Forward-looking statement:

This news release contains statements about expected future events, including TELUS' projected multi-year capital and operating expenditures that are forward-looking. The investments described for 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 are subject to the ongoing review and approval of TELUS' Board of Directors. By their nature, forward-looking statements require the Company to make assumptions and predictions and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties. There is significant risk that the forward-looking statements will not prove to be accurate. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements as a number of factors (such as regulatory and government decisions, the competitive environment, economic conditions, our ability to purchase spectrum licences through auctions or third parties, and our earnings, free cash flow and financial position) could cause actual capital and operating expenditures to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. Accordingly, this news release is subject to the disclaimer and qualified by the assumptions (including the assumptions for our 2016 annual guidance, semi-annual dividend increases through 2016, ability to sustain and complete our multi-year share purchase program through 2016), qualifications and risk factors referred to in the 2015 Management's Discussion and Analysis for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, which are specifically incorporated by reference herein, and in other TELUS public disclosure documents and filings with securities commissions in Canada (on SEDAR at sedar.com) and in the United States (on EDGAR at sec.gov). Except as required by law, TELUS disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements.

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