

COMMUNICATIONS AND THE WIRED CITY

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ABSTRACT

The attention which is now being given to the future communications networks in Canada in such areas as computer/communication and broadband wired city applications does not in the least exaggerate their importance. The long term impact of communications on such a scale truly challenges the imagination and provokes the far sighted into predictions of the wonderful -- or terrible -- consequences. It is important that these consequences be examined not only in terms of the contribution to improved communications but also in terms of the wider impacts upon society and the environment.

This paper describes some of the programs sponsored by the Department of Communications with the intention of both encouraging the production of these systems and the evaluation on a multidisciplinary plane.