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In Telecom Decisions CRTC 2010-94 and CRTC 2010-94-1, dated 17 February 2010 and 18 February 2010 respectively, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) directed that relief for Québec area code 819 be provided through a distributed overlay of a new area code 873 starting 1 June 2013.

New area code 873 has been assigned by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator and will be implemented on the Relief Date of 1 June 2013 as a distributed overlay over the geographic area of western Québec currently served by the 819 area code. The area served by NPA code 819 and the new 873 area code includes the major communities of Hull, Drummondville, Gatineau, Shawinigan, Sherbrooke, Trois Rivières, Val D'Or and Victoriaville. A map showing the location of the area served by area code 819, and a list of the 211 Exchange Areas in the area are attached to this letter.

When the new 873 area code is introduced, no changes will take place in the dialling plans in the area that is served by area code 819 and will be served by area code 873. The dialling plan in this area will be:

- all local calls will be dialled with 10 digits
- toll and alternatively billed calls will be dialled with 10 digits after the appropriate prefix digit(s)

**All international and domestic Telecommunications Service Providers (TSPs) should activate the new 873 area code throughout their networks by the start date for network testing (1 March 2013).**

The following test numbers for the new area code 873 will be made available effective 1 March 2013. Routing of calls to area code 873 can be verified by dialling the 8378 (TEST) numbers which do not provide answer supervision. Billing of calls to area code 873 can be verified by dialling the 2455 (BILL) numbers which provide answer supervision.

Test Number	Exchange Area (Rate Center)	Carrier
873-410-8378	Trois Rivières	TELUS Quebec
873-410-2455	Trois Rivières	TELUS Quebec
873-510-8378	Ottawa/Hull	Rogers Cable Communications Inc.
873-510-2455	Ottawa/Hull	Rogers Cable Communications Inc.
873-610-8378	Ottawa/Hull	Bell Canada
873-610-2455	Ottawa/Hull	Bell Canada
873-710-8378	Val d'Or	Telebec
873-710-2455	Val d'Or	Telebec
873-810-8378	Ottawa/Hull	MTS Allstream
873-810-2455	Ottawa/Hull	MTS Allstream

Calls successfully completed to test numbers will receive the following announcement:

“La communication a été établie avec succès au numéro de vérification de l'indicatif régional 873, à [NOM DUTÉLÉCOMMUNICATEUR], Québec, Canada.  
You have successfully completed a call to the 873 area code test number at [CARRIER NAME] in Québec, Canada.”

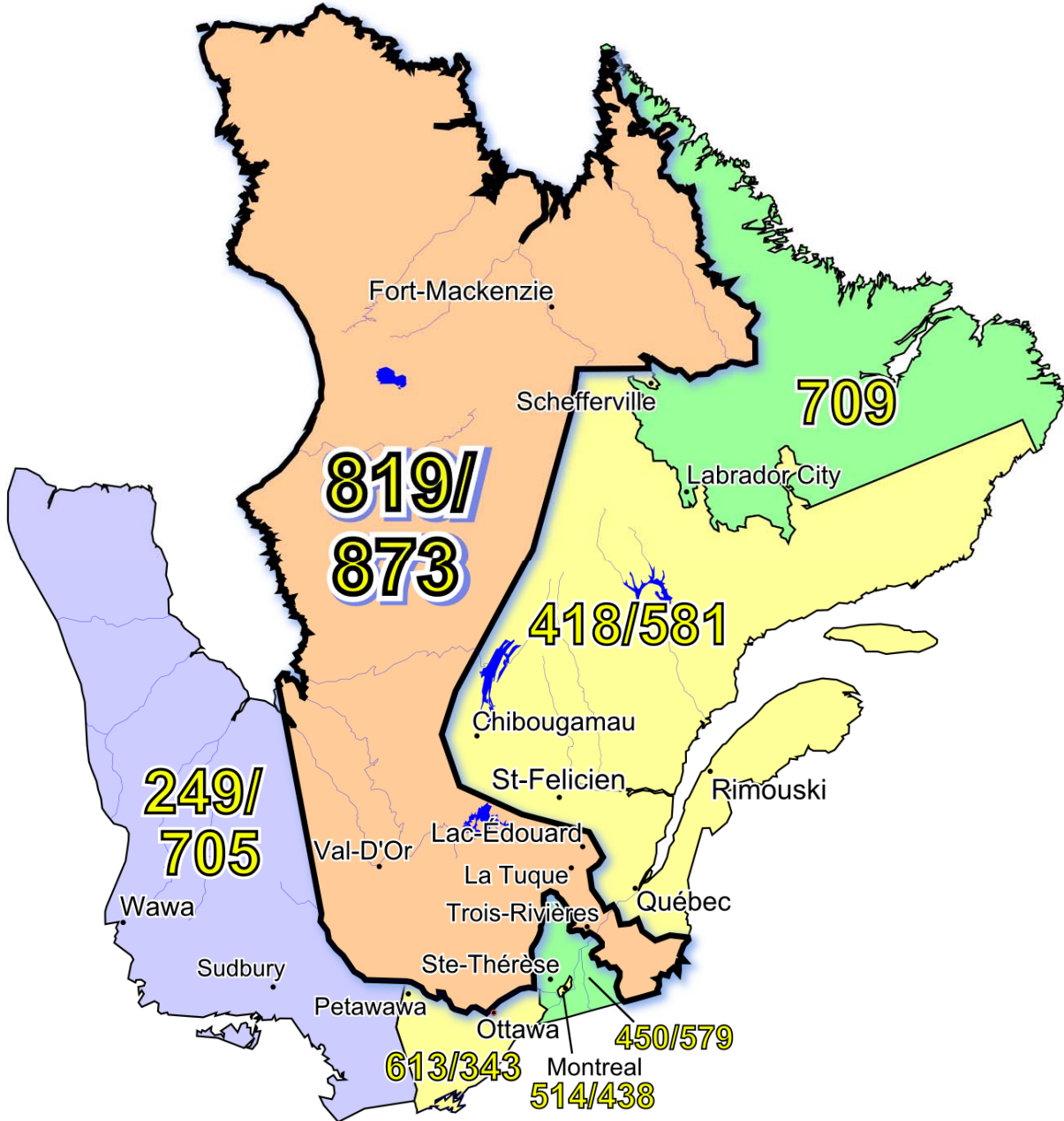
The disconnection dates for the Test numbers will be between 1 July 2013 and 1 August 2013.

Central Office (NXX) Codes within area code 873 may be assigned to TSPs starting from 1 December 2012, but cannot be activated in the PSTN prior to the Relief Date of 1 June 2013.

General questions about this relief activity may be directed to Glenn Pilley or Suresh Khare, of the Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA), at 613-563-7242. Specific questions related to telecommunications services and network routing should be directed to the appropriate TSP.

Attachments

**Map of the NPA 819/873 Area**  
(After relief the NPA 819 area will be the NPA 819/873 area)



## Exchange Areas in NPA Code 819/873

Existing Exchange Areas in NPA 819; these will be in NPA 819 and 873 after the overlay

Akulivik	Fabre	Macamic
Amos	Ferme-Neuve	Magog
Angliers	Fort-Coulonge	Malartic
Arthabaska	Fortierville	Maniwaki
Arundel	Fugèreville	Manouane
Asbestos	Gatineau	Manseau
Aston-Jonction	Gentilly	Maskinongé
Aupaluk	Gracefield	Matagami
Ayer's Cliff	Grand'Mère	Mont-Laurier
Aylmer	Grand-Remous	Montebello
Barraute	Grenville	Nantes
Béarn	Ham-Nord	Nédelec
Beaucanton	Inukjuak	Némaska
Bécancour	Ivujivik	Nicolet
Belleterre	Joutel	Nomingue
Bishopton	Kangihsualujuaq	Norbertville
Bouchette	Kangihsujuaq	Normétal
Bromptonville	Kangirsuk	North Hatley
Buckingham	Kazabazua	Notre-Dame-du Bon- Conseil
Bury	Kingsey Falls	Notre-Dame-de-la-Paix
Cadillac	Kuujuaq	Notre-Dame-de-la-Salette
Campbell's Bay	Kuujuaaraapik	Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes
Champlain	L'Annonciation	Notre-Dame-du-Laus
Chapeau	L'Avenir	Notre-Dame-du-Nord
Charette	La Corne	Obedjiwan
Chartierville	La Minerve	Ottawa-Hull
Chelsea	La Patrie	Palmarolle
Chénéville	La Reine	Papineauville
Chesterville	La Sarre	Parc de la Vérendrye
Chisasibi	La Tuque	Parent
Cléricy	Labelle	Perkins
Clova	Lac-des-Écorces	Plessisville
Coaticook	Lac-Drolet	Princeville
Compton	Lac-du-Cerf	Puvirnituk
Cookshire	Lac-Édouard	Quaqtaq
Danville	Lac-Mégantic	Quyon
Daveluyville	Laforge	Radisson
Deauville	Latulipe	Rémigny
Deschaillons	Laurierville	Richmond
Drummondville	Laverlochère	Rivière-Héva
Dubuisson	Lebel-sur-Quévillon	Rochebaucourt
Duparquet	Lorrainville	Rock Island
Dupuy	Louiseville	Rouyn-Noranda
East Angus	Louvicourt	Saint-Ludger
East Hereford	Low	Salluit
Eastmain	Luskville	Sanmaur
Eastmain 1	Lyster	

Sawyerville  
Scotstown  
Senneterre  
Shawinigan  
Shawville  
Sherbrooke  
South Durham  
St-Adolphe-d'Howard  
St-Adolphe-de-Dudswell  
St-Albert  
St-Alexis-de-Monts  
St-Andre-Avellin  
St-Barnabe  
St-Boniface-de-  
Shawinigan  
St-Bruno-de-Guigues  
St-Célestin  
St-Cyrille  
St-Donat-de-Montcalm  
St-Émile-de-Suffolk  
St-Eugène-de-Guigues  
St-Faustin  
St-Felix-de-Kingsey  
St-Germain-de-Grantham  
St-Grégoire  
St-Guillaume  
St-Jovite  
St-Léonard-d'Aston  
St-Malo  
St-Mathieu  
St-Nazaire  
St-Paulin  
St-Pierre-de-Wakefield  
St-Pierre-les-Becquets  
St-Roch-de-Mekinac  
St-Sébastien  
(Frontenac Co.)  
St-Sylvère  
St-Wenceslas  
Ste-Agathe  
Ste-Angèle  
Ste-Anne-du-Lac  
Ste-Eulalie  
Ste-Gertrude  
Ste-Marie-de-Blandford  
Ste-Monique-de-Nicolet  
Ste-Sophie-de-Lévrard  
Stoke  
Taschereau  
Tasiujaq  
Temiscaming

Thurso  
Tingwick  
Trois-Rivières  
Umiujaq  
Val David  
Val-D'Or  
Val-des-Bois  
Victoriaville  
Ville-Marie  
Villeroy  
Wakefield  
Warwick  
Waskaganish  
Waswanipi  
Waterville  
Weedon  
Wemindji  
Wickham  
Windsor  
Woburn  
Wotton  
Yamachiche