

Number: PL- 589
Date: 19 April 2022
From: Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA)
Subject: NPA 354 to Overlay NPA 450/579 (area surrounding Montréal, Québec, Canada)
Related Previous Planning Letters: 526, 533, **573**

An additional Test Code has been added to this Planning Letter. This Planning Letter supersedes all previous Planning Letters related to NPA relief planning for NPA 450/579 (area surrounding Montréal, Québec, Canada).

In Telecom Decision CRTC 2021-373, dated 12 November 2021, the Commission determined that relief for area code complex 450/579 in the area surrounding Montréal, Québec is to be provided by implementing a distributed overlay of new area code 354, effective 22 October 2022.

A previous relief plan was approved in Telecom Decision CRTC 2019-13 (see PL-526) and then deferred indefinitely in Telecom Decision CRTC 2019-347 (see PL-533).

New area code 354 has been assigned by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) and will be implemented as a distributed overlay over the geographic area surrounding Montréal, Québec currently served by the 450 and 579 area codes. The area served by NPA Codes 450/579 and the new 354 NPA Code consists of 129 Exchange Areas, including the Exchange Areas of Granby, Joliette, Laval-Est, Laval-Ouest, Longueuil, Pont-Viau, Sorel, Ste-Therese, St-Hyacinthe, St-Jean, St-Jerome, St-Lambert and Valleyfield in the area surrounding Montréal, Québec, Canada. A map showing the location of the area served by NPAs 450 and 579, and a list of the 129 Exchange Areas are attached to this letter.

When the new 354 NPA is introduced, the dialling plan for the 354/450/579 overlay area will be as follows:

- All local calls, including Extended Area Service calls, originating within the 354/450/579 overlay area must be dialled with 10-digits; i.e., NPA-NXX-XXXX.
- Toll and alternately billed service calls originating within the 354/450/579 overlay area will continue to be dialled with 10-digits after the appropriate prefix digit(s).

All international and domestic Telecommunications Service Providers (TSPs) should activate the new 354 NPA throughout their networks by the start date for network testing (22 June 2022).

The following test numbers for the new NPA 354 will be made available effective 22 June 2022. Routing of calls to NPA 354 can be verified by dialling the 8378 (TEST) numbers which do not provide answer supervision. Billing of calls to NPA 354 can be verified by dialling the 2455 (BILL) numbers which provide answer supervision.

| Test Number | Exchange Area (Rate Center) | Carrier |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 354-610-8378 and -2455 | Longueuil | Bell Canada |
| 354-210-8378 and -2455 | Longueuil | Vidéotron |
| 354-580-8378 and -2455 | Valleyfield | TELUS Mobility |

| Test Number | Exchange Area (Rate Center) | Carrier |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 354-999-8378 and -2455 | St. Jerome | TELUS Mobility |
| 354-710-8378 and -2455 | Saint-Lambert | TELUS Quebec |

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 354, à [NOM DU TÉLÉCOMMUNICATEUR], Québec, Canada.
 You have successfully completed a call to the 354 Area Code Test Number at [CARRIER NAME] in Québec, Canada.”

The disconnection dates for the test numbers will be between 20 November 2022 and 13 January 2023.

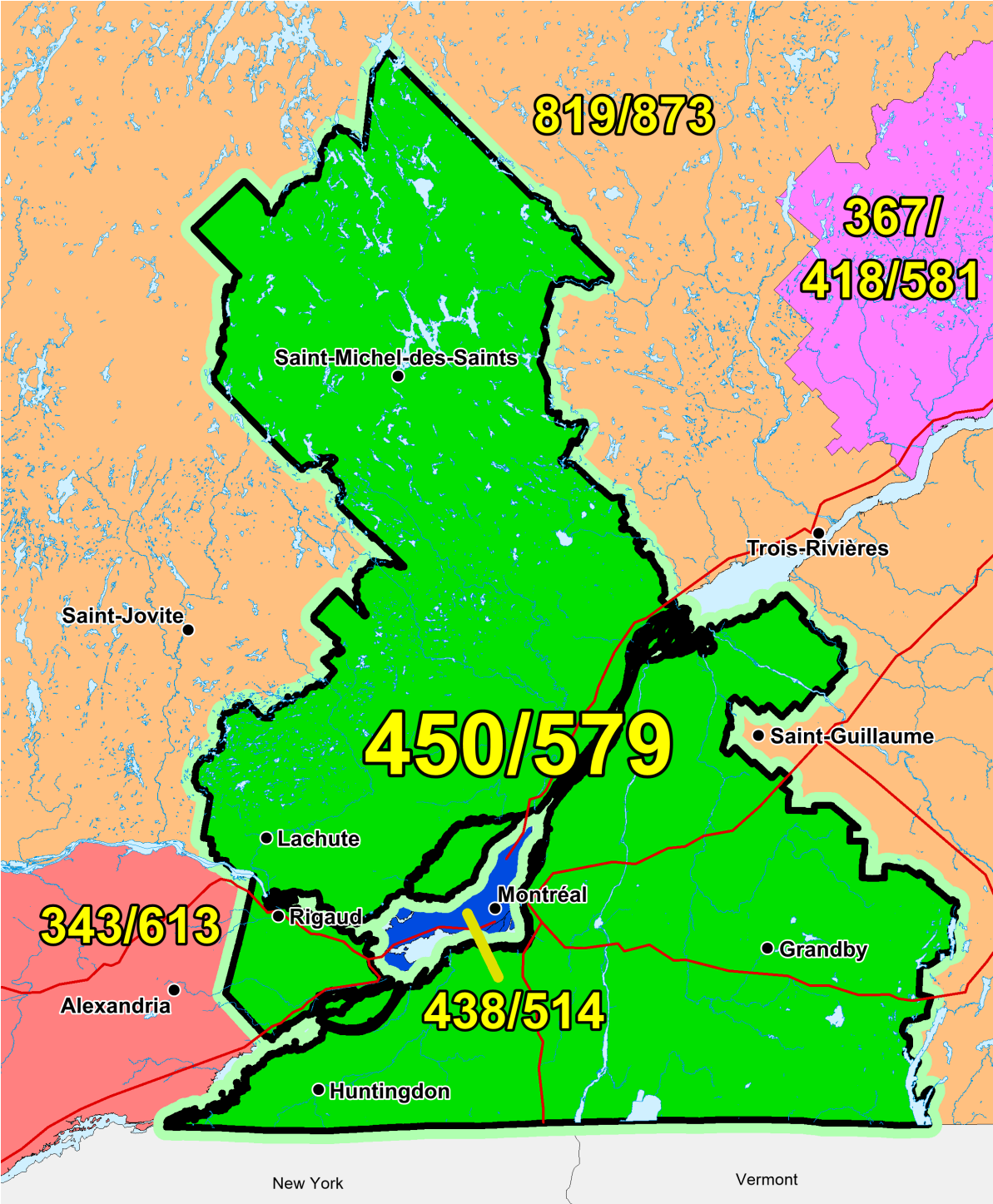
Central Office (NXX) Codes within NPA 354 may be assigned to TSPs starting from 22 April 2022 but cannot be activated in the PSTN prior to the Relief Date of 22 October 2022.

General questions about this relief activity may be directed to Suresh Khare or Kelly T. Walsh, of the Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA), at 613-702-0016. Specific questions related to telecommunications services and network routing should be directed to the appropriate TSP.

Attachments

Attachment 1

Map of the 450/579 area
(After relief the NPA 450/579 area will be the NPA 354/450/579 area)



Attachment 2

Exchange Areas in NPA 354/450/579

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| Actonvale |
| Baie-Du-Febvre |
| Beauharnois |
| Bedford |
| Beloil |
| Berthierville |
| Boucherville |
| Bromont |
| Brownsburg |
| Chambly |
| Chateauguay |
| Chomedey |
| Clarenceville |
| Contrecoeur |
| Coteau-du-Lac |
| Coteau-Landing |
| Cowansville |
| Crabtree |
| Dunham |
| Eastman |
| Farnham |
| Franklin Centre |
| Frelighsburg |
| Granby |
| Hemmingford |
| Henryville |
| Howick |
| Hudson |
| Huntingdon |
| Joliette |
| Knowlton |
| L'Epiphanie-l'Assomption |
| Lachute |
| Lacolle |
| Lanoraie |
| Laprairie |
| Laval-Est |
| Laval-Ouest |
| Lavaltrie |

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| Lawrenceville |
| Le Gardeur |
| Les Cedres |
| Longueuil |
| Mansonville |
| Marieville |
| Mascouche |
| Mirabel-Aéroport |
| Mirabel-St-Augustin |
| Mirabel-Ste-Scholastique |
| Morin Heights |
| Napierville |
| Notre-Dame-de-Stanbridge |
| Oka |
| Ormstown |
| Pierreville |
| Pont-Viau |
| Rawdon |
| Rigaud |
| Riviere-Beaudette |
| Roxton Falls |
| Saint-Liboire |
| Shawbridge |
| Sorel |
| St-Aime |
| St-Alphonse-de-Rodriguez |
| St-Andre Est |
| St-Barthelemy |
| St-Blaise |
| St-Bruno |
| St-Calixte-de-Kilkenny |
| St-Cesaire |
| St-Chrysostome |
| St-Clet |
| St-Constant |
| St-Damase |
| St-Denis |
| St-Eustache |
| St-Felix-de-Valois |

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| St-Gabriel-de-Brandon |
| St-Hippolyte |
| St-Hugues |
| St-Hyacinthe |
| St-Jacques |
| St-Jean |
| St-Jean-de-Matha |
| St-Jerome |
| St-Jude |
| St-Lambert |
| St-Lin |
| St-Marc |
| St-Michel-des-Saints |
| St-Ours |
| St-Paul-D'Abbotsford |
| St-Pie |
| St-Pie-de-Guire |
| St-Polycarpe |
| St-Remi |
| St-Sauveur |
| St-Simon |
| St-Thomas-d'Aquin |
| St-Vincent-de-Paul |
| St-Zenon |
| St-Zephirin |
| Ste-Adele |

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| Ste-Anne-des-Plaines |
| Ste-Helene-de-Bagot |
| Ste-Julie-de-Vercheres |
| Ste-Julienne |
| Ste-Justine-de-Newton |
| Ste-Madeleine |
| Ste-Marguerite |
| Ste-Marthe |
| Ste-Martine |
| Ste-Rosalie |
| Ste-Rose |
| Ste-Sabine |
| Ste-Therese |
| Ste-Victoire |
| Sutton |
| Terrebonne |
| Upton |
| Valcourt |
| Valleyfield |
| Varenes |
| Vaudreuil |
| Venise-en-Quebec |
| Vercheres |
| Waterloo |
| Yamaska |