



MONTREAL INTERNET EXCHANGE (QIX) CONTINUES GROWTH, ATTRACTING GLOBAL PEERS AND DRIVING NEW PEERING TRAFFIC RECORDS

Some of the largest networks in the world are coming to Montreal to exchange Internet traffic locally through QIX

MONTREAL – July 18, 2017 – Montreal continues to rise among the ranks of key technology hubs, which has again been demonstrated by the growth of the Montreal Internet Exchange (QIX), a non-profit organization working to create a more robust, high-performing Internet in the province of Quebec. Over the course of the last year, the exchange has grown its membership to 60 members and peaked traffic over 50Gbps, highlighting the relevance of Montreal on the global network map and adding another positive factor to attract tech related economic development to the region.

“QIX has grown from a project of passion for many of the original supporters to a core component of the Tech landscape in Montreal,” commented QIX Board of Directors Chair and Interconnection Relations at Google Inc. Sylvie LaPerriere. “QIX provides a one-to-many peering tool where global content, gaming and cloud providers can exchange traffic with international and regional ISPs which makes the Internet more efficient.”

QIX launched in April 2013 as an independent, non-profit exchange with nodes at both 625 and 1250 Rene-Levesque Boulevard West data center locations. Peers can access the QIX nodes through any of Cologix’s seven data centres throughout Montreal. The exchange was established to provide for lower costs and faster performance of Internet traffic in Eastern Canada and to enable traffic patterns that created data sovereignty to keep Internet traffic originating and terminating in Canada from having to traverse through the United States.

“One look at the QIX’s website (www.qix.ca) highlights that the largest content delivery networks, gaming platforms and cloud providers in the world have come to Montreal to peer with the 20+ networks and ISPs available through the exchange,” commented Graham Williams, chief operating officer, Cologix. “All parties involved with QIX are proud to be associated with the value that the exchange has brought to the city and region.”

About Montreal Internet Exchange (QIX)

The QIX’s mission is to establish and operate an Internet Exchange infrastructure that meets the needs of local, national and foreign Network, Content and Internet Service Providers. The objective is to raise the peering rank of Montreal’s privileged place in the Canadian and North American market. The QIX was incorporated as a nonprofit organization (NPO) under the name of the Internet Exchange of Montreal (EIM) Inc. that will allow each member connected to enjoy the benefits and advantages of the exchange. RISQ will be the operator of the EIM and ensure the management of the entire operation of the exchange, including membership and connection members, supervision and technical monitoring, service management portal members and billing.

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