

**COGECO CONNEXION: PROUD RECIPIENT OF THE  
"EMPLOYER OF CHOICE" AWARD AT THE GALA RADISSON**

**Montreal, February 17, 2017** – Cogeco Connexion is honoured to have received the prestigious "Employer of Choice" award at this year's edition of the Trois-Rivières Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Gala Radisson. This distinction is awarded annually to the company that has distinguished itself in the area of human resources and inspired its sector with the quality of its working environment and its team's feeling of belonging.

"It is with considerable pride that we accept this honour," stated Johanne Hinse, Cogeco Connexion's Vice President, Sales, Consumer Markets and Community Relations. "Cogeco is a committed company with a human dimension. Keenly aware that our personnel are key to our success, we strive to develop and implement flexible and respectful human resource management practices while remaining involved in the Trois-Rivières community that is home to our employees."

"Our employees' commitment and dedication are the cornerstones of our philosophy and the success our company has enjoyed for close to sixty years," stated Ken Smithard, President of Cogeco Connexion. "This award attests to our employees' trust and the important position our company holds among the Trois-Rivières region's major economic players," added Mr. Smithard.

Since it was first established 32 years ago, the Gala Radisson has sought to recognize and honour Trois-Rivières companies and celebrate the success of its business men and women. The "Employer of Choice" award is given to the most deserving organization from candidates whose employees, on their own initiative, have submitted them for consideration.

Cogeco Connexion wishes to congratulate the *Corporation de développement culturel de Trois-Rivières* and *Soluce Fiscalité et Comptabilité* on their nomination in this category.

Cogeco Connexion at a glance:

- Wholly-owned subsidiary of Cogeco Communications Inc.
- 2,550 employees
- Customer segments: consumer and business
- Offering: video, high-speed Internet, telephony, fibre-based data and voice transmission, and cloud-based applications for businesses
- 11,000 km of linear optical fibre between Windsor, Ontario and Gaspé, Québec
- Hybrid network: optical fibre and coaxial cable
- Fibre-optic network since 1990
- Internet download speeds provided: 120 megabits per second almost everywhere on the market footprint, and up to 1 gigabit per second in some cities in Ontario

- Community television stations: COGECOTV (15 in Québec and 22 in Ontario, with close to 1,000 volunteers)

#### **ABOUT COGECO CONNEXION**

[Cogeco Connexion](#) regroupes the Canadian cable operations of Cogeco Communications Inc. Cogeco Connexion is the second largest cable operator in Ontario and Québec in terms of the number of basic cable service customers served. It provides its residential and small business customers with video, Internet and telephony services through its two-way broadband cable networks. Cogeco Communications Inc. is a communications corporation and is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest hybrid fibre coaxial cable operator in North America operating in Canada under the Cogeco Connexion brand name in Québec and Ontario, and in the United States through its subsidiary Atlantic Broadband in western Pennsylvania, south Florida, Maryland/Delaware, South Carolina and eastern Connecticut. Through Cogeco Peer 1, Cogeco Communications Inc. provides its business customers with a suite of information technology services (colocation, network connectivity, hosting, cloud and managed services), through its 16 data centres, extensive FastFiber Network<sup>®</sup> and more than 50 points of presence in North America and Europe. Cogeco Communications Inc.'s subordinate voting shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX: CCA).

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