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City rolls out free Wi-Fi

43 new wireless hot spots to be available by early 2016

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Six new civic sites in Vancouver are offering free public Wi-Fi as part of a plan to have 43 wireless hot spots throughout the city.

During the summer, the networks were added to Mount Pleasant, Champlain Heights, Coal Harbour and Roundhouse community centres as well as Langara and Fraserview golf course clubhouses.

The next four sites to offer Wi-Fi will be Creekside Community Recreation Centre, the Gathering Place, Trout Lake Community Centre and the McCleery Golf Course Club House.

The remaining 33 sites are expected to be connected by the first quarter of 2016.

In April, Telus was awarded the contract to install the public Wi-Fi at all 43 locations at no cost to the city.

The Vancouver Public Library has provided free Wi-Fi in all 22 locations since 2007. It has also been installed at city hall and the park board office.

A digital strategy report presented to city council in April



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Free Wi-Fi will be available at community centres across Vancouver early next year.

assessed Vancouver's digital services in comparison to other cities around the world. It found Vancouver lags cities such as Boston, Chicago and Seattle.

Here's how to connect to VanWiFi:

- Select the VanWiFi network on your device's Wi-Fi settings.
- Open your browser. You will be automatically redirected to a Wi-Fi terms and conditions page. Read and click to accept.
- You'll be redirected to the VanWiFi home page and connected to the Internet.

New Wi-Fi locations

City's list includes community centres, outdoor pools, marinas, parks and the



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