

## **Kingston Online Services To Provide Rural Broadband in Kingston, Ontario**

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### **For Immediate Release:**

Kingston Online Services (KOS) today announced that it is now providing fixed-wireless Internet services to Greater Kingston Area (GKA) businesses and homes, offering broadband Internet services in many areas that were previously only able to access the Internet through dial-up.

"We now provide a wireless service with performance comparable to, or exceeding, conventional broadband Internet access to customers," said Steve Cole, President of KOS. "We're also excited about a new standard, which we will soon deploy to add roaming and even greater speeds to our existing clients," added Cole. KOS says that it provides not only excellent performance over the wireless service, but also low network latencies required by online games and Voice-Over-IP phones.

To service the GKA, Kingston Online Services constructed its own 300' tower just north of the 401 highway, which is used as a main distribution point. The new wireless broadband service is available qualifying customers in most of Greater Kingston, as well as Inverary, Sydenham, Elginburg and Odessa. Wolfe, Amherst and Howe Islands either have service now, or will have service within the next two weeks. "When our aggressive expansion is complete, we will provide broadband service as far North as #7 highway, as far East as Gananoque, and as far West as Trenton," says Cole. Kingston Online also services Prince Edward County and Belleville with wireless Internet, with its purchase of a wireless company early this year.

Pricing for the service will be very aggressive, with a \$399.95 basic installation that includes all required equipment, and KOS is currently offering a rebate program worth \$60.00. Ongoing fees will be very similar to other broadband services such as DSL, a service which KOS also provides to the area. "We now provide dial-up, high-speed DSL, fibre and wireless broadband services to the Greater Kingston Area, and we are leveraging it all using our own fibre-optic backbone," said Cole. "Our portfolio of services and experience is very broad, and getting broader." Also included with each wireless service will be a dial-up connection for emergency use, several e-mail addresses and a personal web site.

Kingston Online Services has been operating with services in both Quebec and Ontario since 1993 and has offices in Belleville and Kingston. They can be reached at 613-549-8667, by fax at 613-549-0642 and by e-mail at [info@kos.net](mailto:info@kos.net). They can also be visited at their web site by browsing to <http://www.kos.net/wireless/>