



## **WESTMAN COMMUNICATIONS ANNOUNCES \$2 MILLION FIBRE CONNECTION TO KILLARNEY**

**KILLARNEY, May 15, 2013** – Westman Communications Group announced today that construction of a \$2 Million fibre optic link between Brandon and Killarney and an upgrade of Killarney’s cable system will be commencing shortly. This fibre link will provide residents and businesses of Killarney with more video content, higher Internet speeds and for the first time an alternative for local phone service.

The construction will occur during the summer with the new voice and upgraded video and Internet services being launched later this year. Most notably, Killarney residents will have access to over 100 High Definition channels, an additional 100 standard definition channels, and the Westman Video On Demand service (nearly 5,000 titles including HD movies). To enhance the viewing experience even more will be the arrival of the award winning Westman PRISM which is a new whole-home entertainment system that thousands of households in the Westman Region are now enjoying.

“Westman PRISM includes an advanced multi-room HD-DVR that will connect your entire home,” says John Quail, Chief Marketing Officer of Westman Communications Group. “With the capability of watching and recording up to six programs at once, TV viewing will now be on your schedule, anytime, anywhere in your home. In addition to many other benefits of Digital and high definition TV, Westman PRISM has built-in Wi-Fi Internet, Phone and remote programming options via iPad and computer.”

Quail added “During our April equity payout, our members in Killarney indicated a desire for Westman Communications to give them an alternative for local and long distance phone services. Money spent on phone service will generate equity and support local community programming on WCG<sup>TV</sup> Channel 12.”

The fibre build to Killarney is part of a multi-million dollar network expansion program which in the past year has included bringing new services to Souris and Rivers. The Westman fibre network now consists of these towns as well as Brandon, Dauphin, Carberry, Neepawa, Minnedosa, Shilo, and Virden with more planned for the next 12 months.

## **About Westman Communications Group**

Westman Communications Group is the operating name for Westman Media Cooperative Ltd., which provides service throughout Western Manitoba. Westman is a customer-owned cooperative, which operates cable systems in 36 communities. Westman is a leader in entertainment, communication and information technology products and services including Home Phone, Digital TV, and High Speed Internet. Westman also owns and operates local radio stations 880 CKLQ and 94.7 STAR FM, which broadcast throughout Western Manitoba. Westman is proud of its strong commitment to its customers and the communities it serves.

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