

The expansion is expected to support construction, operations, management and community jobs. It would also create new opportunities for SaskTel and Saskatchewan customers, while helping build secure Canadian digital infrastructure - with Canadian data stored in Canada, by a Canadian company, under Canadian rules.

- **Construction jobs:** Up to 800 to 1,200 construction jobs across trades and engineering would be sustained between 2026 and 2030 and beyond, beginning with construction of the initial 300 MW buildings.
- **Operations jobs:** The 1,200 MW data centre deployment and related natural gas power production would support up to 280 to 500 operations roles.
- **Management jobs:** The establishment of the Bell AI Fabric head office and a nation-leading data centre ecosystem in Saskatchewan would create up to 100 management jobs.
- **Wrap-around services:** Offsite and community jobs connected to a large AI data centre deployment could reach up to 3,000, including opportunities in areas such as security, logistics, maintenance and hospitality.
- **SaskTel partnership:** SaskTel will support Saskatchewan customer access to available services, including Government of Saskatchewan and commercial account requirements.
 - Subject to technical readiness and commercial arrangements, Bell would set aside up to 10 MW of wholesale capacity to SaskTel for Saskatchewan data sovereignty purposes as part of the expansion phase.
 - SaskTel will also act as an agent to resell Bell products and services to SaskTel customers, and Bell will partner with SaskTel on opportunities involving Saskatchewan start-ups, post-secondary institutions, municipalities, citizen services and the public sector.
- **Water use:** Consistent with the site currently under construction, the expanded site will use a closed-loop cooling system that does not rely on municipal water for cooling. Much like a radiator in a vehicle, the system is filled with technical fluid once. The fluid remains in the system and is not discharged or regularly replaced. Saskatchewan's cold, dry climate helps make that work. Beyond normal needs like washrooms, drinking water and fire safety, water use is expected to be similar to an office building with about 130 employees, or a golf course.
- **Power use:** Data centres do use a lot of electricity, which is why power planning is part of the work from the start. The project now includes a phased development of up to 900 MW of additional capacity through Saskatchewan's Bring Your Own Power principle, creating a path to a 1.2 GW Canadian AI infrastructure hub in the province.

Bell is responsible for bringing forward the power the expansion needs as it grows, and Saskatchewan families and businesses will not pay for that additional power.

- **Environmental and regulatory approvals:** Like any major project, this expansion will have to follow local permitting, bylaws and environmental rules. Depending on the final design, that could include approvals related to fuel storage, air emissions, water and coolant management, and wildlife or sensitive habitat. If the project meets the threshold under Saskatchewan's Environmental Assessment Act, it will go through the required assessment process.
- **National significance:** The Sherwood facility would support Canadian AI compute capacity, help keep sovereign data and workloads in Canada, and build on Bell's national fibre infrastructure.