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*Moncton was listed yesterday among the final seven contenders for the title of the world's most intelligent city.*

The finalists were announced yesterday in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The Intelligent Community of the Year award is presented to a community with a demonstrated strategy for generating prosperity and increasing inclusion using broadband and information technology to attract leading-edge businesses, create jobs, improve skills, drive economic growth and improve the delivery of government services.

And Moncton isn't the only New Brunswick city vying for the title. Fredericton was also named to the shortlist released by the Intelligent Community Forum, a New York-based think tank dedicated to growing the broadband economy.

Fredericton Mayor Brad Woodside, who was on hand for the announcement, said the hub city's success in joining Fredericton on the Top Seven list shows the potential in this region.

"When you think about the fact that two are from the same province in Eastern Canada, that is an incredible accomplishment."

Rounding out this year's Top Seven list are Bristol, Va.; Eindhoven, Netherlands; Issy-les-Moulineaux, France; Stockholm, Sweden; and Tallinn, Estonia.

Judges from the Intelligent Community Forum are looking for the development and expansion of broadband networks, and efforts to educate citizens of all ages on the use of computers and the Internet.