

Exchanges - Area Code 416 - Central Ontario (17 November 1991)

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44      1      66      //      2222      000      000      55555 999 999
4 4      11      6      //      2 0      0 0      0      5      9 9 9 9
44444      1      6666      //      222 0      0 0      0      == 5555 9999 9999
4      1      6 6      //      2      0      0 0      0      5      9 9
4      111      666      //      22222 000      000      5555 9 9

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	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20		
21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21		
22	-	-	Toronto					St Cth	-	-	Tor	22	
23	Toro/C	Toronto								Cksvll	Tor	23	
24	Toronto											24	
25	Toronto								Oakvil	Toro/C	Tor	25	
26	Tor	Tor	Niag F	Hmpton	Toronto			-	-	Tor	26		
27	Cksvll	Pt Crd	<-Cooksville>		Pt Crd	<-- Cooksville -->		Pt Crd	Cksvll		27		
28	-	-	Toronto									28	
29	Toronto					Mrkham	Niag F	Toronto				29	
30	-	-	-	-	Ancstr	-	-	Tor	-	-	30		
31	-	-	-	-	Tor	-	-	<- Hamilton >		-	31		
32	???	Toronto										32	
33	[To/I]	Tor	<-Burlington>		Tor	<-Burlington>		Tor	Oakvil	Tor	33		
34	<- Toronto ->	Cd Spr	Tor	Cstltn	<- Toronto ->		Toro/B	Tor	Graftn		34		
35	<- Toronto ->	Rsenth	Tor	Niag F	Colbrn	<-- Niagara Falls ->				Tor	35		
36	Toronto											36	
37	[Pgr?]	-	-	<- Cobourg ->	Niag F	[PgCa]	[PgCa]	[PgCa]	[PgCa]		37		
38	[Pgr?]	[Pgr?]	Stvnsv	Ham	Pt Rob	Ham	Wldprt	<--- Hamilton --->			38		
39	Toronto											39	
40	-	-	<- Toronto ->	???	Oshawa	Malton	Tor	Toro/C	Tor	Toro/C	40		
41	[T-??]	[Diry]	<- Toronto ->		-	-	-	-	-	-	41		
42	S Pick	Toronto					<Ajax-Pickrg>			Tor	42		
43	Whitby	Tor	Osha/C	Oshawa			-	-	<- Toronto ->		43		
44	Toronto											44	
45	Brampton											45	
46	Toronto										Ni-Lak	Tor	46
47	Unionv	<- Markham ->		Mt Alb	<-Unionville>		Keswck	Unionv	Qnsvil	Unionv	47		
48	Toronto											48	
49	Toronto											49	
50	-	-	Toronto					Cksvll	Rich H	Tor	50		
51	Tor	???	Tor	Unionv	[P514]	Toronto			[P519]		51		
52	Toro/C	Hamilton										52	
53	Toronto											53	
54	Toro/B	Ham	Strtsv	Toro/C	Hamilton							54	
55	[PgCO]	[Pgr?]	[Pgr?]	[Pgr?]	[Pgr?]	[Diry]	[Pgr?]	[Pgr?]	[Pgr?]	[Pgr?]	55		
56	<- Hamilton >	Vineld	Beamsv	Malton	Toro/C	Cksvll	Strtsv	Cksvll	Strtsv		56		
57	Haml/C	Oshawa	Hamilton		Oshawa		<- Hamilton >			Oshawa	57		
58	Toronto				Cldn E	Toronto					58		
59	Toronto											59	

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44 1 66 // 66 000 000 999 999 999
4 4 11 6 // 6 0 0 0 0 9 9 9 9 9 9
44444 1 6666 // 6666 0 0 0 0 == 9999 9999 9999
4 1 6 6 // 6 6 0 0 0 0 9 9 9
4 111 666 // 666 000 000 9 9 9

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	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
60	-	-	Tor	Cksvll	<- Toronto ->	Toro/B	<-----	Toronto	----->		60
61	-	-	[Repr]	Malton	[P613]	Tor	Cksvll	Toro/?	<- Toronto ->	Aj-Pck	61
62	<-----	Toronto	----	Bowmvl	<-Cooksville>	Tor	<--	Dundas	->	Cksvll	62
63	<- Toronto ->	Burl	Tor	Burl	<- Toronto ->	Burl	Tor	Burl			63
64	Stouff	St Cth	Stouff	Winona	Oshawa	Ham	St Cth	Unionv	Ancstr	Clarmt	64
65	<-----	Toronto	-----	Brklin	<-----	Toronto	----	Frlton			65
66	Thornh	Tor	Sy Crk	Tor	Sy Crk	Tor	Whitby	Tor	Whitby	Thornh	66
67	<-----	Malton	-----	<- Toronto ->	<---	Malton	----	Mt Hop			67
68	St Cth	Burl	St Cth	Aj-Pck	<St Cath'nes>	Aj-Pck	<St Cath'nes>	Wtrdwn			68
69	<- Toronto ->	Binbrk	<-----	Toronto	-----	Bowmvl	<- Toronto ->				69
70	-	-	-	-	-	[P705]	-	-	-	-	70
71	-	-	???	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
72	Toro/C	Oshawa	Sutton	Oshawa	Tor	Oshawa	Toro/C	Aurora	Oshawa	Beeton	72
73	Tor	Thornh	Wellnd	Tor	<- Welland ->	Tor	Rich H	Thornh	Tor		73
74	<-----	Toronto	-----	Toronto	-----						74
75	<-----	Toronto	----	Welcom	<-----	Toronto	-----				75
76	<-----	Toronto	-----	Thornh	Cldnia	<- Toronto ->	Hgrsvl	Tor			76
77	Rich H	Thornh	Cayuga	Oak Ri	Dunnvl	Brdfnd	Selkrk	<- Toronto ->	Fshrvl		77
78	-	-	<-----	Toronto	-----	Nwtntl	Tor	Wellnd	Tor		78
79	<-----	Brampton	-----	Cstlmr	Malton	Brampt	Gard H	Tor	Brampt		79
80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80
81	-	-	-	Tor	-	Oakvil	(Tor?)	-	-	Strtsv	81
82	<Streetsvll>	<-Clarkson-->	Strtsv	Oakvil	Strtsv	Oakvil	Strtsv	Oakvil	Strtsv	Oakvil	82
83	Newmkt	S Pick	Maple	King C	<Pt Colborne>	Newmkt	S Pick	Vctria	S Pick		83
84	Brampt	Aurora	Oakvil	Snlgrv	<- Oakville >	Brampt	Oakvil	Cksvll	Oakvil		84
85	<-Woodbridge>	Uxbrdg	Newmkt	Cmpblv	Clrksn	Wdbrig	Bolton	Strtsv	Nobltn		85
86	<-----	Toronto	-----	Toronto	-----						86
87	Tor	F Erie	Tor	Geotwn	Cksvll	<-- Milton ->	Geotwn	Milton	Thornh		87
88	Palgrv	< Thornhill >	<Richmd Hill>	Pt Hop	Thornh	Gormly	Bthsda	Thornh			88
89	Cksvll	Pt Crd	Pelham	Kleinb	Rdgway	Newmkt	<-Cooksville>	Newmkt	Wainft		89
90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90
91	-	-	[Emrg]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91
92	<-----	Toronto	-----	Toronto	-----						92
93	Tor	Toro/B	<- Toronto ->	<St Cath'nes>	Totten	St Cth	-	-	Schmbg		93
94	Unionv	Tor	?L?	???	Tor	Grmsby	Unionv	Tor	Toro/B	Cksvll	94
95	(950S)	Bolton	[T-??]	[T-??]	Tor	[T-TK]	[T-??]	W Linc	[T-TK]	[T-??]	95
96	<-----	Toronto	-----	Toronto	-----						96
97	[T-VA]	<-----	Toronto	-----	[976S]	<-----	Toronto	----			97
98	<-----	Toronto	----	Orono	St Cth	Pt Pry	Blkstk	Nwcstl	St Cth	Keswck	98
99	-	-	[T-??]	[T-??]	-	[T-??]	[T-??]	[T-ID]	[T-??]	[T-??]	99

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Abbreviations of towns and cities used in the table:

Aj-Pck	- Ajax-Pickering	Newmkt	- Newmarket
Ancstr	- Ancaster	Niag F	- Niagara Falls
Beamsv	- Beamsville	Ni-Lak	- Niagara-on-the-Lake
Binbrk	- Binbrook	Nobltn	- Nobleton
Blkstk	- Blackstock	Nwcstl	- Newcastle
Bolton	- Bolton	Nwtntl	- Newtonville
Bowmvl	- Bowmanville	Oak Ri	- Oak Ridges
Brampt	- Brampton	Oakvil	- Oakville
Brdfrd	- Bradford	Orono	- Orono
Brklin	- Brooklin	Oshawa	- Oshawa
Bthsda	- Bethesda	Palgrv	- Palgrave
Burl	- Burlington	Pelham	- Pelham
Cd Spr	- Cold Springs	Pt Crd	- Port Credit
Cksvll	- Cooksville	Pt Hop	- Port Hope
Clarmt	- Claremont	Pt Pry	- Port Perry
Cldn E	- Caledon East	Pt Rob	- Port Robinson
Cldnia	- Caledonia	Qnsvil	- Queensville
Clrksn	- Clarkson	Rdgway	- Ridgeway
Cmpblv	- Campbellville	Rich H	- Richmond Hill
Coburg	- Cobourg	Rsenth	- Roseneath
Colbrn	- Colborne	Schmbg	- Schomberg
Cstlmr	- Castlemore	Selkrk	- Selkirk
Cstltn	- Castleton	Snlgrv	- Snelgrove
Dunnvl	- Dunnville	S Pick	- South Pickering
F Erie	- Fort Erie	St Cth	- St Catharines-Thorold
Frlton	- Freelon	Sy Crk	- Stoney Creek
Fshrvl	- Fisherville	Strtsv	- Streetsville
Gard H	- Garden Hill-Bewdley	Stvnsv	- Stevensville
Geotwn	- Georgetown	Thornh	- Thornhill
Gormly	- Gormley	Tor	- Toronto
Graftn	- Grafton	Totten	- Tottenham
Grmsby	- Grimsby	Uxbrdg	- Uxbridge
Ham	- Hamilton	Vctria	- Victoria
Hgrsvl	- Hagersville	Vineld	- Vineland
Hmpton	- Hampton	Wainft	- Wainfleet
Keswck	- Keswick	Wdbrig	- Woodbridge
King C	- King City	Welcom	- Welcome
Kleinb	- Kleinburg	Wellnd	- Welland
Malton	- Malton	Whitby	- Whitby
Markha	- Markham	Wldprt	- Wellandport
Milton	- Milton	W Linc	- West Lincoln (Smithville)
Mt Alb	- Mount Albert	Wtrdwn	- Waterdown
Mt Hop	- Mount Hope		

Other abbreviations

- ??? - This exchange seems active, but details are unknown
- ?L? - like ???, but considered as a long distance call from Toronto

- Haml/C - Cellular exchange, Hamilton (not currently certain if Cantel or not)
- Toro/B - Bell Cellular exchange, Toronto
- Toro/C - Cantel cellular exchange, Toronto
- Toro/? - unknown cellular/other exchange, Toronto
- Osha/C - Cantel cellular exchange, Oshawa

- [Diry] - Directory Assistance Exchange
- [Emrg] - Emergency 911 service
- [P514] - protected prefix - for 514 Montreal - presumably to avoid confusion
- [P519] - protected prefix - for 519 area code boundary
- [P613] - protected prefix - for 613 area code boundary
- [P705] - protected prefix - for 705 area code boundary
- [PgCa] - This exchange active for pagers (Page Canada, etc)
- [PgCO] - Customer-owned toll paging exchange
- [Pgr?] - This exchange active for some special service, likely for pagers
- [Repr] - Repair
- [To/I] - Toronto exchange, needs valid identifier number though
- [T-ID] - Used for identifying current telephone number
- [T-VA] - used for various tests or communications
- [T-TK] - listed as a talk test exchange
- [T-??] - possibly a phone test active using this exchange
- [976S] - 976 Service - for special announcements, party lines, etc.

- (Tor?) - reported as an exchange for Toronto; not found to be in service yet

- (T-??) - reserved for phone test
- (950S) - reserved for future alternate long distance services, etc

Notes on Area 416

In the fall of 1993, the 416 area code will be split. Bell Canada has announced that only Toronto exchange will retain the 416 area code. Every other place in what is now 416 will be changed to the new 905 area code. From this list, Toronto prefixes (including cellular and pager) will remain in 416. All other localities will move to 905.

Some potential pitfalls of the 905 area code are 1) that 905 used to be the area code used to dial Mexico City (Mexico can now be called under the overseas dialing setup); 2) 905 somewhat resembles area code 705 which will be adjacent to the north adding to some confusion; 3) a preferable area code would have been 210 due to faster rotary dialing; since the announcement of the 416 split, 210 has been assigned to split the 512 area code in Texas. This split is expected to change the dialing of local calls that cross the Toronto boundary ie. dial area code + local number if dialing a local call into or out of Toronto (no 1 + is needed beforehand unless the call is indeed long distance). The split will be completed at the start of 1994 (the end of the "permissible" dialing period in which 905 may or may not be used for calls outside Toronto).

In March 1990, the dialing system in 416 was changed to allow for NXX codes (N is a digit from 2 to 8, X is any digit 0 to 9) from the previous NNX prefix format. Basically, area codes style numbers may now be used for exchanges. This means that the area code 416 will have to be dialed for all long distance calls within 416 (previously, just 1 + number has to be dialed). Local dialing will remain as is, with just the dialing of seven digits. The list shows new exchanges as they are assigned.

The first exchanges to get the new style of prefixes were of the form 50X, 51X, 60X and 61X. Note that exchanges like 514, 519, 613 were not assigned, and may never be assigned since it may become necessary to use the area codes for purposes of local dialing across area code boundaries. Indeed, since 905+number will be required to dial from Toronto to outlying local exchanges, 905 will not be assigned as a prefix. New prefixes of the 40X, 41X and 81X form have also been placed in service in recent months.

Some exchanges in the 90X or 91X series may be assigned for WATS line service as has been the case previous to the change to extra exchange prefixes. The exact assignments are unknown at this time. Possible mistakes resulting in calls to 911 may also be a factor in avoiding new prefixes of the 91X form at this time (and 911 itself will not become a prefix in ordinary service for obvious reasons).

Any blanks in the list mean the exchange is not in service as of last report, or the exchange number is being used for some other unknown purpose. There are sometimes things like billing codes used internally by Bell, for instance. There may also be other exchanges for such things as cellular telephones, pagers and test circuits that are not usually mentioned in phone books, etc. An effort was made to list each exchange that appears to be active, even if it is listed with question marks to mark an unknown status.

Some exchange profiles follow. Sometimes an exchange can be primarily devoted to use by a single company, since a Centrex or similar system can

take up most or all of a telephone exchange prefix. Here are some of these exchanges in Toronto (remember that not all numbers in a specific company exchange need to be related to that company; some parts of these exchanges can go to other services, companies or to the general public):

392 - Metro Toronto municipal	393 - TTC/Metro schools/other Metro
539 - Toronto Transit "time line"	592 - Ontario Hydro
599 - Bell Canada	866 - Bank of Nova Scotia
867 - Bank of Montreal	965 - Ontario government
973 - Federal government	974 - Royal Bank
978 - University of Toronto	980 - Bank of Commerce
982 - Toronto-Dominion Bank	

The above list is not complete; there may be other exchanges designated for a predominantly single company or usage.

In addition, 870 and 872 are Toronto exchanges used for recorded messages, broadcast station contest lines, ticket agencies, and other "mass calling" purposes. These kind of lines can be called "choke" exchanges, to handle conditions that can get very congested.

Exchanges like 320 and 942 seem to be active from some places, but not from others. These may be test exchanges, or exchanges to be activated in the near future, or localised testing exchanges. It could also be a programming error in a few telephone switches.

997 is an exchange used for numbers that will identify the telephone number that is calling. 996 is used for some testing as well. 958 and 970 are used for other tests and are accessed by dialing 1+416+ beforehand.

999 is sometimes used for testing; if so, the exchange will give another dial tone when 999 + the number that's calling is dialed.