

Extreme Networks Transforms Borås Stad Into Smart City

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One of Largest Cloud-Managed Network Installations in Sweden Enables Secure and Reliable Public Wi-Fi and Simplified Network Management

SAN JOSE, Calif., Jan. 10, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- Extreme Networks. Inc. (Nasdaq: EXTR), a cloud-driven networking company, in partnership with NetNordic, has established one of the largest cloud-managed network infrastructures in Borås Stad, Sweden, transforming the municipality into a smart city. The new infrastructure delivers faster and more advanced connectivity, extending secure public Wi-Fi for its citizens, local government, schools, and services, while automating and simplifying network management for the IT team. The transition to smart cities is designed to provide more sustainable resources to residents, while improving quality of life and fueling business innovation.



Municipalities in Sweden are required by law to provide critical welfare services such as schools, childcare, social services, and elderly care, among others. The departments and institutions that power these services require a robust, secure network infrastructure to share information seamlessly and securely. As a result of the global pandemic, Borås Stad has also worked to roll out new services, such as Wi-Fi connected medical wristbands which allow immediate contact with doctors, real-time heartbeat monitoring, and user location information – making reliable, <u>high-speed Wi-Fi</u> critical for proper care.

The ExtremeCloud TMIQ platform reduces the complexity of network management, streamlines operations, lowers maintenance costs, and provides visibility into actionable data and insights from network usage to performance.

Borås Stad as a smart city is another example of how Extreme Networks is helping to lay the groundwork to integrate 5G and Wi-Fi and deliver cloud-based networking services to gain more visibility and better manage networks across the city. Extreme helps provide a seamless connectivity and authentication experience between 5G and Wi-Fi networks, ensuring uninterrupted connectivity for users.

Key Benefits:

- Advanced public Wi-Fi connectivity: Borås Stad has deployed approximately 3,500 ExtremeWireless™ Wi-Fi 6 Access Points to deliver reliable coverage, improved network capacity, and faster data speeds across the city's services. As a result, Borås Stad can deliver seamless digital experiences in sectors such as education and healthcare, attracting businesses to the city and supporting rapid economic growth in the region.
- Streamlined network management and insightful data: ExtremeCloud IQ has given the city's IT staff full oversight of its network infrastructure, enabling nearly all operations to be accessed and viewed in a single <u>cloud network management</u> solution. By reducing the complexity of managing the networking infrastructure, the 3-person engineering team can scale, manage, and maintain over 3,500 access points and millions of connected devices with ease. Additionally, ExtremeAnalytics[™] enables the team to optimize the network and leverage insightful usage trends to improve consumer experiences.

Executive Perspectives:

Andrzej Kardas, Chief Technology Officer, Borås Stad

"Extreme Networks has been a key partner in helping us to build a smart city that meets the current and future demands of our citizens. Leveraging Extreme's solutions, we've created an advanced cloud-managed network that helps us roll out new initiatives through seamless, world-class public Wi-Fi – with minimal overhead, management, and maintenance required on our end. We're proud to have established Borås Stad as a modern and dynamic smart city."

Boris Germashev, Senior Regional Director Northern & Eastern Europe, Extreme Networks

"Borås Stad was struggling to provide its growing population with fast and reliable public Wi-Fi, resulting in connectivity issues that absorbed a lot of the IT teams' time. But with the deployment of ExtremeCloud IQ, Borås Stad has proven that with the right cloud-managed network and solutions, a city can cost-efficiently streamline all networking operations, increase connectivity, and enhance services without complicating its fundamental infrastructure. Borås Stad has now established a strong and functional network to provide the best possible public service benefits for its users."

Additional Resources

- The Era of Smart Communities and Infrastructure Blog
- The Very Latest Smart City Trends Blog
- How the Cloud is Making Smart Cities Safer Blog
- The Smart City What is it and Where is it Going? Blog
- Simple Steps to Get Your Smart City Strategy Back On Track Whitepaper

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