

**Grand Opening of the Edge @ 322 Monashee ave
2007**

Celebrating Inonoaklin Edgewood Broadband with Tea

It was almost a year ago that we broke ground for the tower here at the clinic in Edgewood. The reality is that we now have a high-speed fiber connection with all the equipment, towers, antennas, radios, hardware, software and kilometers of wire. So, whoever said it was wireless? We have had national, provincial, regional and local meetings. Emails, letters of intent, proposals, conference calls and virtual office conferences have all been part of the planning process to gain access to the Information Highway with a fiber connection, that was lit up on December 12, 2006 from Kelowna.

We celebrated our success with our community and our partners by having a tea and open house. We would like to thank the Women's Institute for providing such an excellent tea for our celebration. Fran Rothman, Community Liaison, Network BC sent her best regards to all the folks involved in getting the wireless network operational and working so well. Debra Austin, Community Liaison, Interior Health sent her congratulations.

We would like to thank the following people who helped make this possible: Industry Canada, Lynda Lafleur of Columbia Basin Trust, Human Resources Development Canada Pacific Community Networks, Paul Peterson of RDCK, British Columbia Community Connectivity Cooperative, Edgewood Community Club, BC Hydro and Network BC.

High Speed Picture It!

We surely had our hands full with this one. We here at the Edge feel that the Community plays a huge part in bringing Broadband to our community. We would like to thank the team of skilled and motivated contractors who believe we are now in the 21st century. We will be on the high-speed highway December 11, 2006. We are currently constructing a website so everyone can join in on the entire home grown experience. This site will mostly be made up of our day-to-day pictorial and slide show. We will have it up and running just in time for Christmas.

Fifteen years of Broadband



Need Help Using a Computer?

The world of technology is moving quickly, and it can be hard to keep up. If you still find using computers and the internet confusing but necessary, we can help! Drop in at The Edge during open hours for a one-on-one training session in whatever you need help with, including using email, Facebook, Google, job searching, photo editing and uploading, and other basic computer functions. This service is free, but donations to help keep the community access site running is always appreciated. If there is enough interest we can run group sessions too.

-Removing unnecessary web clutter

When you browse the internet, many websites save files on your computer, called Cookies, which allow them to load faster. They often store other Temporary Internet Files as well. These can be removed easily by accessing “*Start*”, “*All Programs*”, “*Accessories*”, “*System Tools*”, “*Disk Cleanup*”. This may vary on some PCs and can also be found in Windows Search. It is recommended to perform a Disk Cleanup on a regular basis.

-Make sure software is up to date

It is also important that the software and drivers on your computer are up to date. This can be done by following the prompts on the bottom right of your taskbar (They usually pop-up on startup and say “Important Windows Updates Available”). Simply click on the bubble, and follow the prompts to install updates.

Ministry of Labour, Citizens' Services and Open Government Office of the Premier Rural B.C. businesses and families get broadband boost.

VICTORIA – Premier Christy Clark announced today the Province is providing \$2.34 million to expand Internet service to families in over 60 locales in rural B.C.

“Bringing Internet access to our most rural areas is crucial for the future of our young people and their education, for the health of families and for the competitiveness of our businesses,” said Premier Clark. “Not only does it help give British Columbians better access to information and opportunity, but it also brings that information closer and faster to our youngest learners.”

Network BC works collaboratively with local community groups, all levels of government and the private sector, including small Internet service providers, to encourage and facilitate highspeed Internet connectivity. To find out more about Network BC, please visit:

<http://www.network.gov.bc.ca>

Season's Greetings

The Edgewood Community Internet Society is so happy that we were part of the Connecting Canadians Program, Northern Development Initiative Trust and Connecting Canadians BC. It was through this program that we have been able to:

- Increase our bandwidth from an E30 to an E500. Wow! Wow!
- Enhanced and expanded to areas of our under served region and to clients, who had never dreamed of receiving broadband at their location, all from our POP here at The Edge in the Edgewood Community Health Center
- Key to this was the purchase and installation of client equipment and access point infrastructure equipment such as servers, switches, fibre-optic cable connectors, radio and electrical equipment, towers, poles, back-up power supplies, shelters and network broadband connectivity devices including upgrades and adaptations to make it work within our challenging climate and geography.
- The roll out of this program has greatly influenced the importance of broadband on all aspects of our underserved community. Everyone is happy with the equipment and the **amazing** speed.
- We all greatly appreciate the extremely positive results of this program and the help and supportive team that we worked with at all levels.

From all of us at The Edge

May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through!

~Author Unknown



KootenArrow Regional Workshop held at Whatshan Retreat January 2004

ECIS Board of Directors

The board of directors for the Edgewood Community Internet Society had had their Annual General Meeting. The board of consist of old and new individuals. The growth and improvement of Edgewood and areas at the front of their minds. Their position as follows:

- CEO/Chair – Jean Bassett
- Secretary//Treasurer/Installer – Ed McGinnis
- Community Liaison – Rose Jones
- Heritage Director – Teryl Allen
- Director of Industries – Ed Birnie
- On-site Technician & Installer – Courtney Feeney
- On-site Technician – Carlene Enge
- On-site Technician – Thor Enge

The service we have today is through the generosity of Federal and Provincial Government, Columbia Basin Trust, Regional District of Central Kootenay, TELUS, BC Hydro, private and public organizations and last but more importantly IHA.



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| 1. Apple grove | 13. Whatshan First Lake |
| 2. Whatshan Third Lake | 14. McFarlane Road |
| 3. Needles | 15. Whatshan River Road |
| 4. Linsey Lake Road and Pre-emption | 16. Lower Inonoaklin Road |
| 5. Inonoaklin Valley Road | 17. Robinson Road |
| 6. Fauquier | 18. Barnes Creek |
| 7. Naumaulten Mountain | 19. Whatshan Campground |
| 8. Whatshan Settlement Road | 20. Helmer Rd |
| 9. Highway 6 SW | 21. Flick Subdivision |
| 10. Jordan Road | 22. Brydges Rd |
| 11. Calder Road-Selkirk View | 23. Highway 6 East |
| 12. Whatshan Second Lake | 24. Caribou Point |

1. Canada Federal Government
2. British Columbia Provincial Government
3. Pacific Community Networks Association
4. Service Canada
5. TELUS
6. BC Hydro
7. Columbia Basin Trust
8. Network B.C
9. Digital Skills 4 Youths (DS4Y) – Vancouver Networks
10. Interior Health Authority
11. Arrow Slovan Lakes Community Services
12. Canada -Ukraine Civil Liberties
13. Regional District of Central Kootenay
14. And many other societies & organizations.

Registered charities in Canada perform valuable work in our communities, and Canadians support this work in many ways. *The Edge's* Registered Charity #86745 45 RR0001. We welcome regular givers. The Edgewood Community Internet Society RR#1 Site 5, Comp 18 Edgewood B.C. V0G 1J0 Phone: 250-269-7590 Fax: 250-269-7591 E-mail: edge@edgeconnection.ca



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