

The Edge

Monthly Newsletter 2005 Year In Review!

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January- New Strategic Direction in 2005 for Broadband.

We can look forward to the Edgewood area being a model for rural communities in similar need across the country!

February- Buddahgrass, Belly dance and Mediterranean Dinner at Whatshan Retreat an Astounding Success!

We hosted a wonder evening out for the community to enjoy at the Whatshan Lake retreat. The band The Buddhagrass Boys joined to perform their fast paced bluegrass music, along with mystical belly dancer Princess Oujja and her Eunuch

March- 2005 International Summit

Jean Bassett, Philecia Isaacson and Perry Jones represented The Edge at *The Strategic Use of Information and Communication Technology for Communities* 2005 Summit in Vancouver at the end of February. The Summit was an international effort to coordinate the growth and development of Community Access sites around the world.

April- Volunteer Appreciation Tea

We thank all volunteers who make our projects a success! We could not remain open without your help.

The Edgewood Community Internet Society submitted a Phase Letter of Intent on April 11 for the Community Networking Infrastructure Grant.

May- Memorial Edition to Robin Jordan

2005 was the year of the Vet. Robin made an outstanding and lasting impact on our staff, the volunteers and clients of *The Edge*. Robin's wit and humour could turn even the most stressful and strained moments at The Edge into rollicking laughter.

June- Edgewood Community Internet Society Signs Contribution Agreement with Industry Canada for 2005-2006 and with Pacific Community Networks for the CAP Youth Intern Program

Keep on living in the free world!

July- Summer Cyber camps for Youths

Client visits for *The Edge* at an all-time high with nearly 600 visits!

August- Music by the Lake's Edge Music Festival

Our 2005 music festival was an astounding success, where attendees were able to enjoy music flowing from the new shell at the Whatshan Retreat!

September- Loss of Daily Fiscal Funds Due to Reduction of Operating Hours

Our landlords directed us to new hours. As a result the operating hours of *The Edge* became 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. daily. This drastically decreased our client visits and our on-going cash flow. This continues to be a great hardship to be endured.

October- Attended the Network Coordinator's Meeting in Vancouver and Received Confirmation of BC3 Funding

We were able to confirm and release the information that The Edgewood Community Internet Society received the Community Networking Infrastructure Grant funds.

November- Attended BC3 Regional Workshop in Nanaimo and Received RDCK Funding for Broadband

After much lobbying and great footwork, The Edgewood Community Internet Society received a significant amount of funding to go towards the Broadband project from RDCK.

December- News Release from Victoria

Thirty-one rural B.C. communities will soon have access to high-speed Internet service from local Internet service providers (ISP), thanks to a partnership between the Province and TELUS, Labour and Citizens' Services Minister Mike de Jong and TELUS president of business solutions Joe Natale announced today.

A Happy Broadband New Year To Edgewood!

Thank you to all who have worked toward freedom on the information highway!

Special Thanks To:

