



# The Edge

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## 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.”

Premier Christy Clark promised to expand broadband Internet into B.C.’s rural communities and make B.C. one of the most connected jurisdictions in the world.

Since 2008, the Province has provided \$6.83 million through Network BC’s Connecting Citizen’s Grant Program and funded nearly 150 connectivity projects to establish the infrastructure needed to bring high-speed Internet services to over 210 new locales in B.C. Today, 93 per cent of British Columbians have access to high-speed Internet.

“This year, we are providing more money for connectivity projects in B.C. than ever before,” said Stephanie Cadieux, Minister of Labour, Citizens’ Services and Open Government.

“By investing in 51 new projects, we will help bring health and education opportunities, local business development, and job creation and training to thousands of people living in B.C.’s smallest communities.”

With these grants, more families, businesses and individuals will soon have access to high speed Internet services for the first time. The provincial government is committed to creating new economic opportunities for families by expanding broadband into their communities.

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/>



The Whatshan Family days will be taking place from July 8<sup>th</sup> to July 11<sup>th</sup> this year.

With an open jam on Friday, which starts at 8 pm, and the David Sheppard Band, and The Cats & The Fiddle on Saturday, it promises to be another fun filled week for the whole family!

All weekend long there will be horse shoe tournaments, Frisbee golf, tours, and challenging rope courses. As well, there will be face painting, t-shirt and mask making, a scavenger hunt, and cake walks. Also, there will be belly dancing Saturday and karaoke on Saturday and Sunday!

The Edgewood Internet Society would like to proudly announce that it is one of the 60 rural communities that received Network BC government funding for broadband.

We are also proud to announce that we have received our 2011-2012 Community Access Program application!

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