

# The Edge

Monthly Newsletter

**Broadband is Here!**

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As a follow-up to the Edgewood and Regional High Speed Survey, Allister Milne will be calling to follow up on those who have identified themselves as wanting this utility. Allister and or Danny Brynjolfson will go to your residence and/or place of business to take the G.P.S.

If you have any questions or would like to help with this exciting project please call or fax The Edge. Our contact info, as always, is at the bottom of this page.

## The Edge & BC3/FNTC Broadband Workshop Coming March 27 & 28

During the first day of this workshop, information on wireless broadband will be discussed and topics covered will include exactly what a community network is, an introduction to networking, resources you are able to access, radio demonstrations and deployment, ISP considerations and certain tales of a broadband project that will assist your community with its own broadband initiative. All of this presented by Matthew Asham:

B.C. Wireless Network Society, First Nations Technology Council  
Matthew Asham is the founder of the BC Wireless Project and serves as the Society's president and system Administrator. Matthew also serves as a board member for the CACert.org community driven Certification Authority and ITUA Inc, a non-profit ENUM directory for Voice Telephony and works with the

First Nations Technology Council and British Columbia Connectivity Co-Operative to help bridge the digital divide.

March 28<sup>th</sup> will consist of an E-Biz Workshop:

Come and join us to learn all about E-business! The E-Business workshop day will include definitions of just what an E-business is, web design, marketing tools & strategies, partnerships, E-business models, and how to generate revenue from your project. This workshop has been designed to share with you the tips and tools needed to create your own E-business, what you need to take into consideration when starting out and give you the knowledge to have the ability to grow your business. This workshop to be addressed by Cindy Jeromin:

Cindy has worked in business and community economic development with various private and public sector organizations throughout her career. For the last twenty-five years, she has worked for the Federal Government in a variety of departments including Western Economic Diversification Canada and Infrastructure Canada. Since January 2003, Cindy has been working with Industry Canada, implementing the BRAND program – Broadband for Rural and Northern Development and the National Satellite Initiative. The programs focus on providing high-speed access to rural and northern BC and Yukon communities not presently served. She is certified as Internet Marketing and Business Strategist and a Community Economic Development Professional. She is currently completing a Masters Degree in Knowledge Management from Royal Roads University

Total Number of Surveys Completed 94						
1. Do You have a computer at home	Yes	No				
	67	27				
2. Do You have Internet Access at home?	Home	Work	Both	None		
	30	8	12	12		
3. If you don't have access at home, What is the reason?	I Don't Need or Want it.	I can access elsewhere	I don't know how to use it	I cant afford it, or current available service doesn't meet my needs		
	10	9	3	10		
4. If you currently access Somewhere other than home is it:	CAP Site	School	Work	Other		
	41	2	10	5		
5. If you currently access elsewhere, would You get high speed at home if it were available	Yes	No				
	36	6				
6. Including Yourself how many People are in your household,	Total Number	How Many Go online				
	156	120				
8. How many hours per week does Your household spend online	1-5 hours	6-10 hours	11-20 hours	21 or more hours		
	10	16	10	9		
9. What are your major Barriers to accessing the internet	No local ISP	I don't have the equipment	I don't know how to use the Internet	Access is too expensive	Always get a busy signal	Access too slow for my needs
	12	7	4	8	22	45
10. If you have internet at home, would you Pay more for high speed access	No	Up to \$10 more	More than \$10 more	Wouldn't pay more but said would get it		
	12	33	14	8		

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