

The Edge

Monthly Newsletter

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Important Dates to Remember in May!

- *** Come to the Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast on May 8th at 9 am with an Auction to follow at The Edgewood Ball Park
- *** Backfire Cafe will be opening for the spring & summer season on Saturday May the 7th!! They will be open seven days a week from 11 am – 8 pm serving tasty snacks & drinks!
- *** A Ready, Set, Learn Preschool Program started in April in Edgewood!! Children aged 3-5 come and meet on Mondays and Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:30 pm at the Edgewood Elementary School! Karlene Harper is the preschool teacher and you can reach her at 269-7298 with any questions.
- *** Peace Day on May 10th!!



It is with deep sorrow that the family of Barry Arthur Robin Jordan announces his sudden passing on April 13, 2005 at the age of 57 years.

Robin was born on September 20, 1947 in Nakusp. He lived most of his life in Edgewood and was an active person in the community.

Robin is survived by his wife Sheryl, the mother of his children Betty, his son Malin, his daughter Jennifer (Mike), Billy, Trina, J.R (Sarah), and Mikey.

Robin was predeceased by his mother Agnes and his stepmother Linda.

He will be sorely missed by his father Lloyd Jordan, his brothers and sisters Grant (Val), Judy, Candy (Lorne), Perry, Trooper, Cindy, Jody (Rick), Jaime (Mel), and Mathew.

Robin will also be missed by his nine precious grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, the entire Campbell family, his fellow Vietnam veterans and by many close friends.



Semper Fi.

A memorial service will be held at the Edgewood Legion Hall on Saturday May 7, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.

Thank You for your continued support!

Be sure to Contact The Edge with YOUR Events to be included in our monthly Newsletter and Calendar



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Special Thanks To:



We have submitted a Phase 1 Letter of Intent on April 11, 2005 for the following **COMMUNITY NETWORKING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**. **If you have any questions please contact Jean Bassett at *The Edge*.**

The **BC Community Connectivity Cooperative (BC3)**, of which I am a member, have received a total of \$600,000 in funding from **NetWorkBC** (Ministry of Management Services) to provide grants of up to \$20,000 in support of "Last-Mile" infrastructure to communities on the Provincial Digital Divide List.

***Background**

This grant is designed to assist communities that have completed several of the steps towards community connectivity. Those of you who have been planning and working towards broadband connectivity in your community already understand that working towards this is a significant commitment of time and resources. This grant complements that process and is designed to be a part of a larger solution. We understand that the maximum grant may not be enough to support all network initiatives. However, in our experience, this will provide a base level of connectivity and we hope that the grant will provide a solid funding base to leverage other funds.

Definition of Last Mile Infrastructure

Last Mile Infrastructure includes all of the networking equipment (such as routers, antennae, etc.) and supplies required to connect local buildings in a community to a point-of-presence (POP). Typically, these POPs will be provided through either the provincial Telus initiative or another private or government program. The grant can also be used for labour in the installation of this equipment.

Grant Process:

The project will be in two phases as set out below.

Phase I

Only interested communities that are on the Provincial list can complete the attached *Letter of Intent*. Letters of Intent will be reviewed by an independent committee, and those applicants that best demonstrate a community connectivity vision will be invited to participate in Phase II.

Phase II

The successful communities will be required to complete an application form, defining how they plan to use the funding to successfully deliver broadband to their community. These plans will be evaluated by the committee, and successful applicants will be notified.

Guidelines:

- **Applications to access this funding will be accepted only from those communities that are on the Digital Divide list provided by the Province.**
- **Only one application will be supported from each community in Phase 2.**
- **Projects will be funded by August 31, 2005.**
- **Projects must be completed and funds disbursed by March 31, 2006.**
- **The maximum grant per community is \$20,000**
- **Applications will be considered from both for profit and not-for-profit organizations but applicants must reside in the community for which the funding is requested.**
- **Preference will be given to applicants who have not directly benefited from previous government funding to establish broadband facilities in their communities.**

Deadline:

- **The submission deadline for the *Letter of Intent* is 5pm, April 29th, 2005.**
- **By May 6th, we will be advised whether our community should proceed to step 2 – the completion of a longer application, which will be forwarded to us at that time.**

***BC Community Connectivity Cooperative (BC3) April 7, 2005**