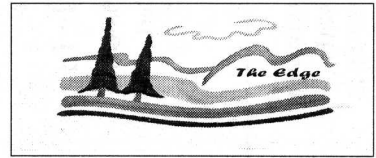


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MP Jim Abbott, Area K Director Paul Peterson and proponents of community high-speed Internet projects in Burton, Edgewood and Fauquier gathered at the Nakusp Seniors Hall on Saturday for an announcement of new funding to support Internet initiatives in their communities. Pictured from left are: Kootenay-Columbia MP Jim Abbott, Frank Poirier, Peter Klopp, Paul Peterson, Rosalea Cranna, Jean Bassett, Elke Storvick



The Federal Provincial contribution to Inonoaklin Valley Edgewood areas Broadband is \$15,304.00. The next step is Environmental Assessment. This is currently being reviewed by Hemmera, www.Hemmera.com.

The funding was made available through the Canada-B.C. Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CBCMRIF), which enables communities across B.C. to become healthier, greener and more sustainable places to live.

“Communication is vital to the sustainability of a community,” said Hon. Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors’ and Women’s Issues. “We’re pleased that through this funding partnership we are able to support Kootenay area residents with this type of infrastructure that makes a real difference in people’s lives.” More details of this program are available online at www.canadabcmrif.ca.

Improved Internet Access For Inonoaklin Valley Edgewood Communities

Kootenay-Columbia MP Jim Abbott traveled to Nakusp on Saturday where he met with RDCK Area K Director, Paul Peterson and representatives from the communities of Burton, Edgewood and Fauquier to announce funding for rural high-speed Internet initiatives in those communities.

Jean Bassett, Chair of the Edgewood Community Internet Association, said the funding will allow them to extend their service to a broader geographic area, and will also allow for other improvements. “High speed Internet is crucial to the economic well being of business owners, tourism operators, farmers, forest services, health care providers as well as students and educators. It improves the knowledge of our workforce, promotes equal access and fosters innovation.”

Baby steps to Inonoaklin Edgewood Broadband

Step 1

Phone The Edge for site test, signal strength and review with our engineer. www.intheairnetworks.com

Step 2

Inonoaklin Edgewood Broadband quote based on site test and signal strength. Quote is **NOT** an invoice and therefore prices are subject to be change.

Step 3

Pay invoice at The Edge before installation.

Step 4

Phone *Okanagan Net* (www.okanagan.net) for your user name and password. Call The Edge when you have your user name and password. Their phone number is 250-860-2699.



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