

The Edge

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Broadband

The Edgewood Community Internet Society has been given the opportunity to offer The Inonoaklin Valley and Edgewood a broadband connection by British Columbia Community Connections Cooperative (BC3). In order to take advantage of this, the Edgewood Community Internet Society will build a carrier network. A carrier network would allow the Inonoaklin Valley and Edgewood to have a broadband Internet connection much like ADSL or cable. However the Carrier Network must be built before the BC3 funding runs out.

Myth Busters

From the staff and directors at *The Edge*

We are hoping to dispel the myths surrounding the following;

Hours of Operation: On September 29, 2005 *The Edge* received the following demand in a letter from School District #10 "Any and all ECIS functioning hours including administrative time, meetings and hours open to patrons, etc. are to operate outside of school operation hours."

Because of these directions we can no longer be open to the public during school hours, and our hours of operations are 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused our membership. We are hoping to have this resolved soon.

Broadband Point of Presence Placement: On October 12, 2005, a letter was sent *The Edge* from School District #10. This letter stated that "the Board of School Trustees for School District No. 10 have unanimously voted to direct me to deny expansion of any services you intend to provide out of our facility including the base of broadband distribution to the community."

Benefits of Broadband

Will offer Internet service at fair prices to every resident, educational institution, health facility, business, community groups as well as police, fire, and emergency services. Reliable access will enhance the quality of life in the Inonoaklin Valley and Edgewood by:

- Improving communications between families, sending emails and pictures.
- Improving access to services.
- Increasing educational opportunities, such as e-learning.
- Enhancing health care services by personalized health care from medical specialists from far away places.
- Increasing opportunities for business and economic development, such as Internet vending.
- Facilitate mobile data and mobile phone usage for our region.
- To ensure that the region receives the maximum benefit, the Edgewood Community Internet Society will educate residents, businesses, institutions, local governments and community groups on the applications of this system.
- Edgewood requires high speed Internet to continue as a competitive regional coordination provider and become a more significant program coordination centre.

Do you have any questions or comments? Or would you like to volunteer at *The Edge*?

Give us a call at 269-7590!



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