

Valley Community Fibre Network
Board of Directors Meeting July 6, 2009
Minutes

Present: Shirley Pineo, Janet Newton, David Seeley, Bruce MacDougall, Geoff Muttart, Faye Hill, Don Clarke, Dale Facey, Bill McKennan, Terry Yuill, Terry Dalton, Chris Shirritt; Louis Coutinho; Lorraine Glendenning; Neil Carruthers; Hugh Simpson

1. Call to Order: Mr. Clarke called the meeting to order at 10:40 am.

2. Adoption of Agenda: It was moved that the Agenda be adopted with the addition of two items under new business consisting of discussion of the CANARIE funding update and status of Kentville connecting to VCFN. The motion was carried. Newton/Seeley

3. Adoption of Minutes – June 1, 2009: It was moved that the minutes of June 1, 2009 be adopted. Terry Dalton clarified section 7a of the minutes. The motion was carried. Hill/Facey.

4. Operations of the VCFN

A) Network Operational Status Mr. Bruce MacDougall of IAI presented a report of network operations and project completion. Operations reports for May 2009 and June 2009 were presented noting 100% network availability. Work on the Windsor rerouting project was discussed. Mr. McDougall also commented that IAI had reached agreement with the 6 municipalities for the Common Infrastructure. And that it should be operational in 4-6 weeks.

B) Sales and Marketing Mr. Terry Yuill of IAI presented a report of marketing and sales activities for the period June 1st, 2009 to July 6th. The report of activities was distributed to those present.

Mr. Yuill discussed

- Benefits and learnings from the Broadband for Municipalities conference that he attended in Toronto
- Meetings with Telus in Toronto.

Bruce MacDougall discussed

- Attendance of the Canadian Telecom summit in Toronto
- Meetings with CANARIE in Ottawa

Shirley Pineo asked if the costs of marketing activities were covered in IAI's fee. Mr. MacDougall replied affirmatively.

Faye Hill asked if it was necessary to print all reports. IAI responded that they would try to minimise the number of reports printed and make more use electronic distribution and postings.

5. New Business

- Mr. Dalton disclosed that there was \$2 Million CDN available from CANARIE for extensions of network for Research and Education use.
 - o Motion made for IAI to review opportunities to use the CANARIE funding for VCFN use. Motion carried by Hill/Newton.
- Mr. Dalton provided the following update of ACORN/Canarie activity
 - o Green IT Update – NS an application in for legislation for Data Center power use regulation
 - o Fibre to the home on the radar of CANARIE
 - o Eric Bernier and Terry Dalton are the Co-chairmen of CANARIE for Broadband in Canada
- Ms. Hill announced that CBC had reported that Hantsport is the first Municipality in NS to have community wi-fi network.
 - o Mr. Simpson asked how Hantsport did this.
 - o Ms. Pineo asked how it impacted use Internet service in the area
 - o Mr. MacDougall explained how to restrict the use of Internet based on limiting capabilities to a core group of services.
- Mr. Muttart mentioned that there had been no new developments or discussions with Kentville. Mr. Hugh Simpson and Mr. Bill McKennan are to meet with Keith Robicheau. Mr. MacDougall noted that he had a call from Kentville's IT support person.

Motion to go In Camera By Mr. Muttart Motion carried by Newton/Pineo

6. Legal Update

Geoff Muttart provided an update

- Update on NSPI agreement – NSPI believes that they have Ownership of fibre vs. Right to Use fibre. He is working to resolve and finalize agreement
- IAI will see a draft of a Lateral build agreement and expect to have two components; The build, and how to pay for the laterals.

Motion to go Out of Camera carried by Hill/Seeley

Motion that the VCFN executive deal with the legal matter with NSBI. Motioned carried by Pineo/Hill

9. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday September 21, 2009 at 10am KCED.

10. Adjournment: