



Green infrastructure offers limitless opportunities for the Valley Region.

On November 29, more than eight-five representatives from various valley businesses, organizations and government agencies gathered at the Old Orchard Inn to learn of the future possibilities, solutions and services the Valley Community Fibre Network will offer this region of Nova Scotia.

Highlights during the three-hour sessions included a status report on the VCFN infrastructure build and a high level overview of Hewlett-Packard security options and Cisco Connected Communities applications.

Connected Communities is the vision for networking citizens with their community, government and work to allow individual choice and improved quality of life. During the event, participants were shown through illustration and hands-on display various applications such as video and web conferencing as well as case study overviews of wireless broadband deployment.

Presenter, Glen Stacey, System Engineer with Cisco Systems applauded the efforts of the VCFN. He noted no where else in rural Nova Scotia is there such high quality green technological infrastructure giving the community limitless opportunities for economic growth.

The VCFN is a community-owned and operated 72-strand fibre optic network. For 186 km, it follows Highway One, connecting Halifax with Middleton, numerous municipal partners, institutes and customers along the route. Eighty percent of the build is finished with an anticipated complete date set for early 2008.

Beyond simply improving public services, the VCFN facilitates high speed global connections, innovative solutions for business and greater incentive to live and work in the Annapolis Valley. The network opens doors and opportunities for high technology businesses and gives schools access to global expertise through on-line learning and videoconferencing.

The VCFN leases fibre optic strand pairs to customers and offers solutions for technological challenges like transferring large volumes of data within limited broadband capacity.

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