



Valley Community Fibre Network

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The Valley Community Fibre Network is Open for Business

Monday September 22, 2008 – The Valley Community Fibre Network (VCFN) board of directors announced today that the Fibre-optic Network is now “live” and ready for business.

The Valley Community Fibre Network was initiated by the Kings County Technology Committee during the 2004-2005 fiscal year. One of the largest projects ever undertaken by the Kings Community Economic Development Agency, the VCFN is a community-owned and operated fibre-optic telecommunications network spanning 186 km between Middleton and Halifax. The VCFN will provide high-speed telecommunication services to multiple public-sector partners along the route. As well, the VCFN network is now available to private-sector customers with requirements for high-capacity services.

The vision of the VCFN is to provide secure, high bandwidth communications services for business and institutions across the Valley region. High capacity fibre optic networks provide backbone services critical to many high tech applications such as video conferencing and distribution, data connectivity, voice, and security. The network also creates opportunities for high technology businesses and competitive telecommunications service providers to serve the Annapolis Valley area. And to make this happen, Internetworking Atlantic Inc. (IAI) has been hired to manage and operate the service.

Don Clarke, Chairman of the Board had this to say, “The now completed Valley Community Fibre Network has been brought about by a real community effort. It is an example of what can be achieved when local governments come together in a spirit of cooperation. It demonstrates what can be achieved through partnerships. Acadia University, Nova Scotia Community College, CANARIE, ACORN, Nova Scotia Office of Economic Development and ACOA are the partners and Kings Community Economic Development Agency was the glue that brought it all together. Now that we have Internetworking Atlantic Inc. to manage the operations of the network we are now open for business.”

IAI is a leading service provider of optical data communications services throughout the Maritime Provinces and is proud to provide this service to the valley region.

“We are pleased to have been chosen to manage and operate this network. The VCFN represents a pivotal opportunity for both the public sector partners and private sector users. We look forward to assisting the VCFN board and the partners in realizing the benefits that will come from its presence in the Valley” said Bruce MacDougall, IAI President.

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