VCN Board Meeting
Thursday, June 18, 2009
411 Dunsmuir St., Vancouver, BC

Board and staff in attendance: Jim Sayre, Travis Keyworth, Brendan Houle, Pedro Mora, Richard Smith, Tony Swain, Michael Felczak, Kalia Turdova, Chris Chanhsamone, Sid Roberts.

Meeting started at 6:20 PM.

MOTION to approve minutes from May 21st, 2009 board meeting – m/s/c.

Kalia presented the staff report:
- The CAP proposal for 2009-2010 has been submitted. The application process is more complicated this year with detailed information requested from the 102 CAP sites.
- Industry Canada has paid all owing amounts for CAP expenses from last year (2008-2009).
- The CAPYI proposal for 2009-2010 has been also submitted. The CAPYI regional coordinator will start hiring interns for the summer.

Chris and Sid presented the technical report:
- Sid and another volunteer worked on updating the help files and content on the new VCN website.
- Volunteers, Doug and Anthea, have been working on the new installation server. The server will be used to install and update computers in the lab and offices.
- The email server ran out of space this past week. Files were temporarily moved to free up space. The hard drives will be replaced next week.
- Hardware testing is continuing on the new PHP server. Plan to do more testing before migration of some of the existing sites begins.

Kalia presented the financial report.

The board discussed the possibility of VCN providing high speed Internet access to members:
- Help desk, along with mobile installation staff and technical service require staff and are expensive in terms of time and energy. According to Craig, these services alone have resulted in small ISPs going out of business. Also, need to pay bandwidth provider total cost each month for the bulk.
- Kalia presented some information on possible cost scenarios if VCN were to provide DSL directly as opposed to if it were to resell it.
- MOTION to become a VCN reseller of Teksavvy, advertise it on our website with required information and sign-up forms, and provide information for members on sharing their Internet connections via wireless routers and wireless mesh routers. m/s/c
- MOTION to see if Chris or Sid can research in detail the costs and staff involved in setting up and running the cost-recovery DSL service sold by the Ottawa freenet. This is dependent on Steven's approval of Chris's and Sid's current time and project priorities. If there are more pressing priorities or time is not available, to hire a student to perform the research and allocate a maximum of $5000 for this research and a summary report to the board. m/s/c

The board discussed Steven's community report:
- How many CAP sites have wireless? How many are willing/interested to setup wireless? VCN

could provide setup support for interested sites via CAPYI students.
- MOTION to put forward a proposal for office space in the new Woodwards building as per Steven's recommendation. m/s/c

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.