

Vancouver Community Network  
Board of Directors Meeting

March 22, 2005

Agenda

1. Changes to the agenda - none

2. Minutes of the previous meeting not available

3. Financial statements,

update on replacement for Lauren not available, update and do it relative to six months looking for bookkeeper, CMA background; have a couple of candidates hiring committee may look for a part-time bookkeeper or contract it out (send them out or have the bookkeeper come in); one person might be available.

4. Program report (Peter)

CAP youth initiative - going very well, two co-ordinators who are very competent and they will deliver CAP along with CAP Youth by topping up their salaries.

CAP statement of intent sent in, hope to sign in April or May; extension geographically, to Whistler and up the valley BC Yukon Technical Support Network is now complete. Report is available. CRACIN - three grad students doing essays, also CAP Youth Regional Co-ordinators will also put in essay submissions.

We hosted a student from Montreal who interviewed nine volunteers on her topic of immigration and community networking.

Peter attended the "Lawful Access" consultation

5. Technical report (Steven)

Technical upgrades schedule is on track; further details in next month's meeting.

Three things broke (part of the help desk operation) and time was spent fixing those things (volunteer listing, reminder to renew membership, help@vcn.bc.ca mailbox)

6. 2005 Summit

large and energetic workshop on equipment recycling and refurbishing, small workshop on societies database, very good presentation from CRACIN,

Steven noted some opportunities for VCN:

we should represent ourselves as a telecenter (an "innovation centre" in Industry Canada terminology). do something with GVRD at the World Urban Forum 2006 - social GIS. should apply for "Microsoft donations". we should do a hot spot, hotspot strategy. we should expand our dial-up service to include chilliwack and abbotsford, abbotsford freenet is dwindling. peace river internet society is very innovative; we can learn

from them; they have added “5X” to their suite of services with “slipstream” - makes it a lot faster. Richard spoke of the potential link with MUSE II. Michael asked if we can provide remote storage (a web interface instead of FTP?) as a place for the public to hold things.

#### 7. Enterprising non-profits program

a draft report was circulated, board will read through it and bring it to the next meeting. Come the end of March, the staff will be looking to identify new programs and projects; will this come from the Enterprising Non-Profits program?

#### 8. E-mail, spam

Michael sent out a summary of the ASSP system that we are on the path to implementing.

#### 9. Lawful access

The proposal looks worse than we thought; now on the shared web space for board members. FIPA has an information page. Martin is working with media to comment, as is Jim, Richard suggested that we contact and work with libraries. Peter suggested we get our key points to Daryl Evans of FIPA. Richard suggested we think about setting up seminars to train people on how to manage their data, encrypt their emails.

#### 10. New, old and other business

#### 11. Adjourn