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## Broadband Update

Core Broadband continues to work on building the infrastructure for expanded broadband access in Muskoka. The schedule below shows expected start and end dates, and when the first service is expected in each Town(ship).

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Township	Project Start Date	First Service Available to the Public *	Expected Deployment End Date
Township of Georgian Bay	Q2 - 2007	Q3 - 2007	Q1 - 2009
Town of Huntsville	Q2 - 2007	Q1 - 2008	Q3 - 2008
Township of Lake of Bays	Q2 - 2007	Q3 - 2008	Q4 - 2008
Town of Bracebridge	Q2 - 2007	Q3 - 2008	Q2 - 2009
Town of Gravenhurst	Q2 - 2007	Q4 - 2008	Q3 - 2009

\* NOTE: These are expected dates. Schedules may change depending on project variables

## Technology Learning Centre

MCN has unveiled our new *Technology Learning Centre (TLC)*. LOOK what our TLC has for you:

- Broadband access for mobile workers
- Learning tutorials:
  - Over 420 technology related courses including web, media, networking, office applications, security, and much, much more!

Contact MCN to access a self paced online technology course.  
It's free, so why wait!



## Web 2.0 Workshop

MCN is offering a new Web 2.0 workshop this fall. This workshop focuses on the new online applications available for your business. We invite you join us to learn about the best finds on the web!

## What is Web 2.0 ?

Web 2.0 applications use the web as a platform to deliver broadband applications. There are many definitions of Web 2.0 to be found on the web. The definition from the [Wikipedia](#) website reads "Web 2.0 refers to a perceived transition of the World Wide Web from a collection of websites to a computer platform serving web applications to end users."

The most prominent examples of Web 2.0 are sites that engage users in social networking, online collaboration and user driven interactivity. Popular sites that are good examples of Web 2.0 are [eBay](#), [Wikipedia](#) and [Blogger](#). [Google](#) now lets you share a calendar with other people, and enables you to edit and collaborate with multiple people with their online documents and spreadsheets.

The Internet will have an even greater presence as it becomes the platform for more computer applications. Internet users will be able to do more on the web from anywhere. All you will need is broadband and a web browser.

To discover what Web 2.0 has to offer, contact MCN to register for a workshop.  
Call: 705.646.9044 Ext. 4000  
Email: [mcn.info@mcnet.ca](mailto:mcn.info@mcnet.ca) or visit [www.mcnet.ca](http://www.mcnet.ca) to view the workshop schedule and locations.

## E-Business Profile Payne Marine

Payne Marine is a recipient of MCN's SIRA program, and having access to broadband has added value to their business operations.



Mark Payne

Mark Payne explains "It has always been our focus to stay on the leading edge of technology in every aspect of our business and having high speed Internet has helped us do that. Broadband has changed the way we do business including online parts ordering from our suppliers, submitting on line warranty claims, and online banking. We operate very differently than we did just a few short years ago. Our clients also reap the benefits of being able to check their email, do online banking, or check their stocks at our location right here in Northern Ontario. When they are at home many people enjoy our web cam to look at the weather, or check on their boat tied in its slip. Broadband is certainly one of those things you wonder how you ever managed without all those years!"

Check out <http://www.paynmarine.com> and see what's happening there!

