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Satellite Internet for Remote Areas (SIRA)



The Satellite Internet for Remote Areas program may offer a solution to businesses should they meet the eligibility requirements. This program is targeting businesses and not-for-profit organizations who are still using dial up for internet access and are not able to get broadband access through other existing means such as DSL, cable, wireless, or fibre.

MCN is offering a subsidy for satellite broadband to qualifying businesses. Eligible applicants may receive up to 75% of the supported costs of equipment and installation of 2-way high-speed internet service (Ka-band), to a maximum of \$1000. Supported costs include the satellite dish and associated connectivity equipment, and installation fees. The service provider chosen must be an authorized Telesat reseller. This program is available for a limited time and you may apply for assistance while funds last.

MCN will be accepting applications from the Parry Sound - Muskoka area.

More information on the SIRA program can be found on the MCN website at

<http://www.mcnet.ca/projects/SIRA/>

If you have additional questions regarding this information then please call or contact Laurie Hutcheson, SIRA Project Administrator.

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Technology Conference in Muskoka?

MCN is working to secure resources to organize a Technology Conference for Muskoka.

This conference will showcase technology as an industry. Presentations from leaders in the technology industry will get people excited about what technology can do for business and economic development in our region.

If you are interested in getting involved in planning or would like to send us your comments or ideas regarding this venue, please contact MCN.



Dates for Fall Workshops

Sign up Now!

The next workshop offered in the Best Practices series will focus on Technology Management. Two different workshop levels will be offered addressing needs for either a small organization or a medium / enterprise organization. Today's organizations rely on their information systems to store and manage information. The workshop will help business organizations understand how to successfully manage technology purchases, how to minimize technology risks and how to protect their business information. Whatever your level of expertise, participants will gain valuable information about how to manage company technology assets. The workshops cover topics including total cost of ownership, backup and disaster recovery planning and technology policies.

Free Office Suite Software

WHAT IS OPENOFFICE.ORG? OpenOffice.org is a really good word processor, presentation program, database, spreadsheet and drawing program. It may be downloaded completely free of any license fees, used for any purpose—private, educational, government and public administration, commercial – and passed on free of charge to family, friends, students, employees, etc. OpenOffice.org works with Microsoft Windows, Mac OS X X11, GNU/Linux, and Solaris. It is compatible with all other major office suites, and is free to download, use, and distribute. Visit www.openoffice.org to get your copy. Did we mention it's free?



Technology Management Workshop for a Small Organizations and Businesses

Date / Time	Location
October 3 / 9-12 pm	Bracebridge – Employment Resource Centre, 195 Wellington Street
October 18 / 9-12 pm	Huntsville – Town of Huntsville, 2 nd floor meeting room
October 12 / 9-12 pm	Gravenhurst – Gravenhurst Public Library – 180 Sharpe W.
October 24 / 9-12 pm	Port Severn – Baxter Ward Community Centre,
November 1 / 9-12 pm	Burk's Falls – Burk's Falls Employment Resource Centre

Technology Management Workshop for Medium Sized Organizations and Businesses

Date / Time	Location
November 7 / 9-12 pm	Bracebridge – Employment Resource Centre, 195 Wellington Street
November 15 / 9-12 pm	Huntsville – Town of Huntsville, 2 nd floor meeting room
November 23 / 9-12 pm	Gravenhurst – Gravenhurst Public Library 180 Sharpe W.

To find out more about our free workshops call us at 646-9044 or visit www.mcnet.ca
Register by phone or email: mcn.info@mcnet.ca



Quick Guide to High Speed Internet In Muskoka and Almaguin

Types of Broadband Service			
Type of Service	Performance	Price Range (Month)	Available in Muskoka/Almaguin
DSL	.2 TO 5Mbps	\$25 and up	Selected Locations
CABLE	.2 to 10Mbps	\$25 and up	Selected Locations
FIBRE	1 to 1000Mbps	Call your ISP	Selected Locations
WIRELESS	.2 to 10Mbps	\$35 and up	Selected Locations
SATELLITE	.2 to 2Mbps	\$55 and up	Most Locations
NOTE: All prices are approximate for monthly fees. Please check with your ISP for actual pricing including setup and installation fees.			

Service Providers			
Name	Phone	Web	Notes:
Bell Sympatico	310-7873	Bell.ca	DSL
Bell Mobility	1-888-454-2676	Businessonthego.ca/faster	Wireless
Burk's Falls Radio & TV	1-705-382-2726		Satellite
Candlelight	1-866-629-6616	Candlelight.ca	Wireless
Cogeco	1-800-267-9000	Cogeco.ca	Cable
Cottage, Home & Business Wireless Internet	1-705-762-3535	chbhightspeed.net	Wireless
Daniel's Computer Services & Web Design	1-705 385 3249	www.CallDaniels.biz	Satellite
Hemmings TV & Audio service, Huntsville	1-705-789-3662		Satellite
Huntsville Electronics	1-705-789-7951		Satellite
Huroniasatellite Systems, Midland	1-800-553-4419	huroniasatellite.on.ca	Satellite
Indigiinet	1-866-235-7510	Indigiinet.com	Wireless
Lakeland Energy	1-705-646-9014	Lakelandenergy.com	Fibre
MCC Solutions	1-705-635-3473	Mccsolutions.ca	Satellite, Wireless, Hotspot
Muskoka.com	1-705-645-6097	Muskoka.com	Cable, DSL, Wireless, Satellite and Fibre
Surenet	1-866-700-1977	Surenet.net	Cable, DSL
Vianet	1-800-788-0363	Vianet.ca	Cable, DSL, Wireless, Fibre
W3 Connex	1-888-235-9326	W3connex.com	Wireless, Fibre

NOTE: MCN has made best efforts to include all known service providers and properly describe their services. If you are a service provider and we have missed you, or information needs to be updated, please contact us.