

Our newsletter returns after a winter vacation!

HIGH SPEED INTERNET: We're happy to announce that there is now *no activation fee* for ADSL customers, and *no contract*. This means anywhere ADSL is available you have Max as an affordable alternative, and we won't tie you into a contract with penalty charges! Be sure to check the alternatives because other ISPs can charge over \$140 to cancel a 'contract' if you move or decide to stop. Just like with cell phones, some 'deals' only sounds sweet until you see the bill or your circumstances change.

Wireless expansion: wireless internet service is now available to residents of Willicks Trailer Park with a new repeater we've installed. Repeaters are planned by this summer to go into place at Murray Ridge, Cassiar Ranch, Kring Rd and Dog Creek to enable access to hundreds of more people. Service to Tache is also being planned for the late summer. Radios on Dickinson have been twinned, and another radio dedicated for Stones Bay is being added to Mt Nielsp. The repeaters and twinning mean less customers per radio and better speed under heavy loads. Feeder radios are in the process of being changed out as well.

BAGLE VIRUS: We hate to mention it, but despite our repeated mentions (since November) there's users out there with bagle virus that affect the whole link out of Fort St. James. Please check your systems, if you have this virus you are infecting all your friends computers.

WWW.FSJAMES.COM: is now getting almost 8,000 hits per month. As it is now viewed more than the newspaper and hundreds of times a week by people out of town, we're getting a lot of interest in ads, event notices and domains from people in and out of Fort St. James. The menu is being redesigned, and some links will soon be more prominent. Whole sections have been moves to our new server to take advantages of speed and extra services.

The site tries to make a 'portal' similar to MSN or Yahoo, but *relevant to living here*. News is Canadian first. BC news is prominent. With a couple clicks, you access The Sun, The Province, The PG Citizen. One click and you can sign into your online banking at *our local banks*. *Our weather* is right on the main page, *our theatre* listings, and links to *our tv* schedule. *Menus* for local restaurants are available at a click. Interactive sections allow you to *put your own* buy and sell ad up for free, *list your own business yourself* in the online yellow pages, post your favorite pictures of the Fort *yourself*, or even start your own online photo album so you don't have to attach files to your friend out of town. If you're having an event that people in town may be interested in you can *post your event* easily, whether it's a fundraiser, a garage sale, or a new dancer at the pub. Go ahead, use the system please.