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*“Technology is a way organizing the universe so that man doesn’t have to experience it.”*

*-Max Frisch*

### Connecting NorthEastern Ontario

A Connect Ontario workshop was held in Cochrane on June 25th. Close to 30 representatives representing 11 communities from across the region gathered to participate. The purpose of the workshop was to introduce the community members to each other, to discuss the priorities of the communities, and to start to discuss a governance model.



The morning session was informational based, and a guest speaker from Mississauga.ca, Mr. Gary Williams, made a presentation to the group about their municipal website. Mississauga approached their project with a phased strategy, first bringing online recreational users, community calendars and some financial transactions.

Their next phase will see a greater user personalization option, which will allow user’s to customize their web content to their own preferences. GIS and building permits will also be introduced in their next phase.

The afternoon session was workshop based, with two main exercises, thinking like an online user, and the discussion of a governance model. A third explored some of the process and end product. These concerns

were documented and will be included in the RFP for vendors, slated to be released in late August.

#### Buzzword

##### XLink

Short for XML Linking Language, a computer language that allows both unidirectional and bi-directional links to other resources (e.g. files, images, documents) to be embedded in XML documents, similar to the hyperlinks found in HTML Web pages.

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### Music industry struggling to tune in on-line profits

Globetechnology.com (June, 2003)

The music industry is confronting a challenge that would severely tax any business group: how to compete profitably with something that's being given away for free...

**See the Full Story:**

<http://www.globetechnology.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20030711.rmusi0711/BNSStory/Technology/>

### Visa plans smart cards by 2010

Calgary Herad (July, 2003)

Almost all Visa credit cards in Canada will contain embedded computer microprocessors by 2010 and most merchants will have the equipment to process them, Visa Canada predicts...

**See the Full Story:**

<http://www.canada.com/technology/story.html?id=F0299195-FBFC-47DF-8424-B3F78CDB84C4>

### The Internet's rent-a-cops

Globetechnology.com (July, 2003)

Next time you try to download the latest rock or pop tune over the Internet, don't be surprised if you get a message chewing you out as a thief.

Chances are, the digital reprimand would be the work of Randy Saaf or Marc Morgenstern, whose small companies belong to a budding cottage industry devoted to thwarting file-sharing and other Internet piracy...

**See the Full Story:**

<http://www.globetechnology.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20030706.wbinternet0706/BNSStory/Technology/>

### The Next Big Thing...The Cell Phone

Business 2.0 (July, 2003)

Forget WiFi. The real wireless revolution is being driven by the cell phone--and is already creating rich opportunities for huge players and small startups alike...

**See the Full Story:**

<http://www.business2.com/articles/mag/0,1640,50167,00.html>

### NakedWireless

NakedWireless.ca (July, 2003)

Finding an unsecured wireless computer network in Canada should be as hard as looking for a needle in a haystack. Unfortunately, at the moment it's akin to shooting fish in a barrel...

**See the Full Story:**

<http://www.nakedwireless.ca/home.htm>