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Broadband High-Speed Internet Program Offering Free Computer and Internet Workshops

As part of the Building Connected Communities project to enhance high speed internet for local residents and businesses within the County of Brant and the Six Nations Territory, a series of free Computer & Internet workshops have been created to assist in the development of new skills, highlight opportunities, educate and enlighten. These hands-on workshops will be delivered in a convenient comprehensive format and are available to anyone interested free of charge.

Registration is available online at <http://www.buildingconnectedcommunities.ca/events-1> or by completing and submitting a registration form available at any of the County of Brant Service Offices, County of Brant Public Library Branches, County of Brant Community Centres or the Two Rivers Community Development Centre. Class size is a maximum of 15, and minimum of 4. Space is limited, interested participants are encouraged to register early as this is a one time offering, and free of charge.

Topics of the workshops for both personal and business-related include:

- Computer Essentials Part 1
- Computer Essentials Part 2
- Introduction to the Internet
- Social Media for Personal Use
- Intro to Email & Instant Messaging
- How to Build Your Own Website
- Intro to Internet Safety & Security
- What to Look For when Buying Computers
- Getting Your Business on the Web
- Creating Websites That Work
- Social Media for Business
- Marketing Online
- Effective Email Marketing & Newsletters
- Selling Online & Online Marketplaces

The project is funded by the County of Brant, the Six Nations of the Grand River, Brant County Power Services Inc., Silo Wireless and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs as well as the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs.

QUICK FACTS

- *Building Connected Communities* is a \$2.4-million broadband network infrastructure project that will bring high-speed Internet access to underserved rural areas in Brant County and the Six Nations Territory. When completed, broadband Internet service will be available to nearly all of the County of Brant and the Six Nations Territory.
- Service coverage maps are available at http://www.buildingconnectedcommunities.ca/docs/Current_Coverage_Map.pdf
- The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs is providing approx. \$800,000 in funding for *Building Connected Communities* under the provincial government's Rural Connections Program. For more information on Rural Connections visit the Government of Ontario website at <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/rural/ruralconnections/rural-connections-broadband.htm>

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