



# KTUNAXA NATION

## FIT COMMUNITY

### FULLY INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGIES

#### **Why a FIT Community?**

The First Nations Technology Council believes that implementing a FIT Community Model Project will demonstrate to government, to the private sector and to other First Nations that investing in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in First Nations communities makes good business sense. The FNTC see the FIT Community Project as a partnership between themselves and the chosen Community Cluster.

#### **What is a FIT Community?**

A FIT (Fully Integrated Technologies) Community has developed sufficient information and communication technology (ICT) infrastructure to remove lingering digital-divide obstacles. Members of the community have sufficient skills to use a wide range of ICT tools.

A FIT Community employs technology to promote and share their culture as the community deems appropriate, to improve health care for all community members, to deliver educational opportunities that would normally not be available in rural or remote communities, to create jobs and participate in the global economy in whatever areas the community chooses, and as a tool to improve governance and accountability. A broadband network to all community buildings, together with high levels of computer literacy and internet utilization among community members makes this possible but without a vision of what a FIT Community could be, community transformation may not occur.

#### **What's in it for the FIT Community Partner?**

Some of the possible benefits to be gained by the FIT Community Partner through participation in the project include:

- Providing cost-affordable broadband network connectivity to all or most homes and businesses located within the Community Cluster by contracting with anchor service subscribers who will use the network and contribute to long-term operating costs;
- Increasing computer literacy for all members of the community;
- Getting long-term commitments for improved delivery of education, health services, community economic development, and other services through expanded use of the Internet in service delivery and through increased local delivery of services;
- Creating new opportunities to use ICT capacity to revitalize traditional culture;
- Establishing local broadband network and computer desktop technical support for all Community members;
- Increasing integration of the Internet into the business processes of established local businesses and service delivery agencies;



