



**Minutes of the EDG Quarterly Meeting
held Monday, 2008-MAR-03, at the Coast Bastion Inn
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
(18 persons in attendance)**

1. **Welcome by Pat Ahern and Sherree Walter and Roundtable Introductions**
2. **Presentation by Thomas Goodwin of WorkAble Solutions**
Mr. Goodwin made a presentation to EDG about this Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance initiative. www.workablesolutionsbc.ca is a comprehensive website where job seekers with disabilities are connected to employers in B.C. There are also numerous resources available on the website, at no cost.
3. **MATCH Forum (Wade Simmons)** – Wade advised that the Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance provided funding for the latest EDG initiative, the MATCH Forum, scheduled for March 27 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. The purpose of the forum is to match local employers with local people with disabilities. There will be agencies and resources on hand to assist with the hiring and retention process. The Assistant Deputy Minister will present the funding cheque to the City of Nanaimo on March 25. Information regarding the forum was distributed to EDG members. If you are an employer and would like to participate, contact Katie Ferland at 755-4465.
4. **Mid-Island Transportation Task Force (Pat Ahern)** – Pat provided an update and advised that the deadline for proposals for the movement of goods and persons study is March 14. The purpose of the study is to find out what is already in the community in terms of reliable data surrounding transportation. The Task Force hopes to address gaps and move transportation issues forward.
5. **EDG Letters of Support (Pat Ahern)** – Pat advised that a policy is now in place to help the steering committee make decisions surrounding letters of support. A copy of the policy will be distributed to all EDG members for their information.
6. **Next meeting** – Monday, June 2, 2008, Coast Bastion Inn from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. (Room TBA)