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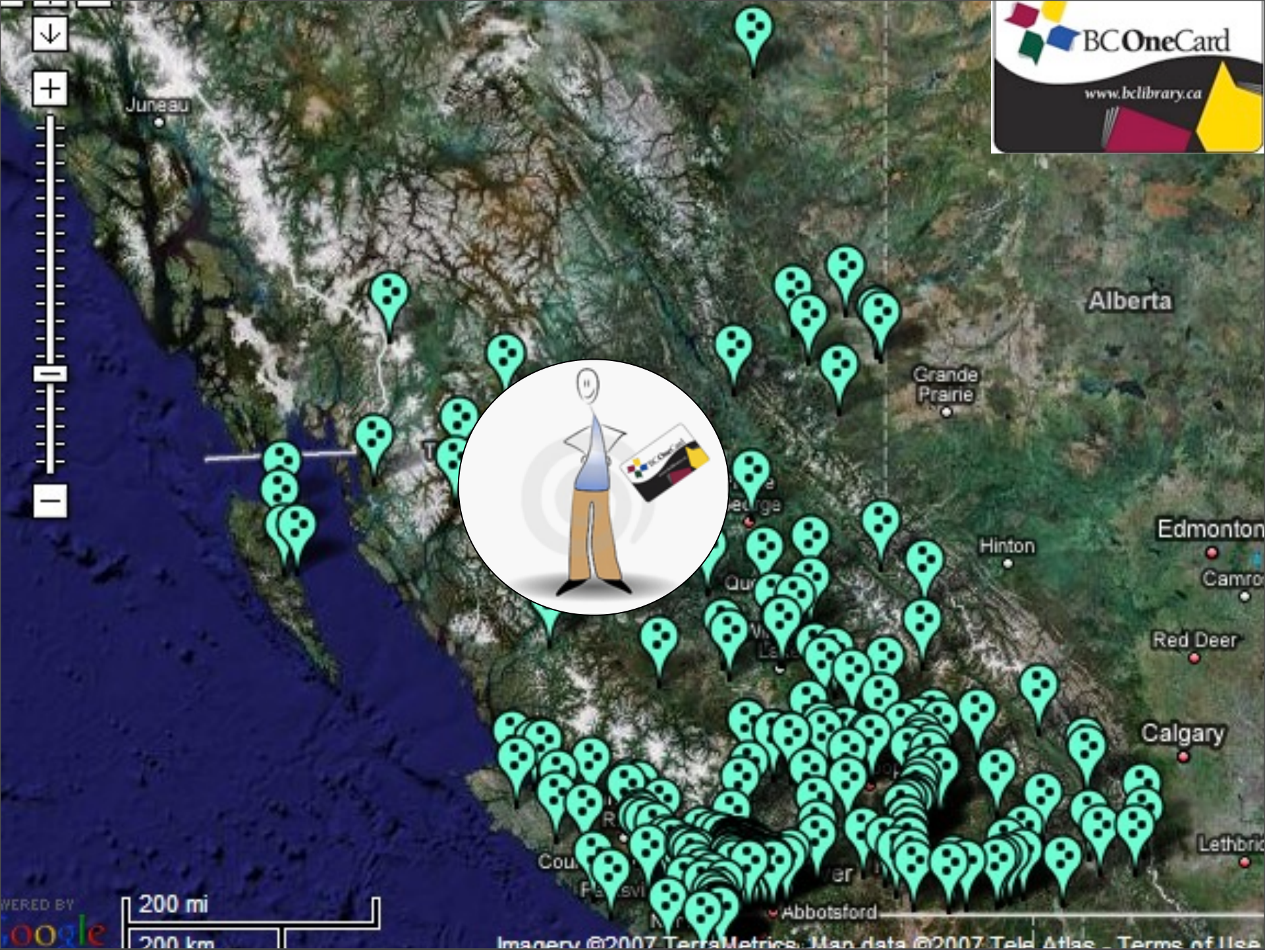
A Vision for Public Libraries in British Columbia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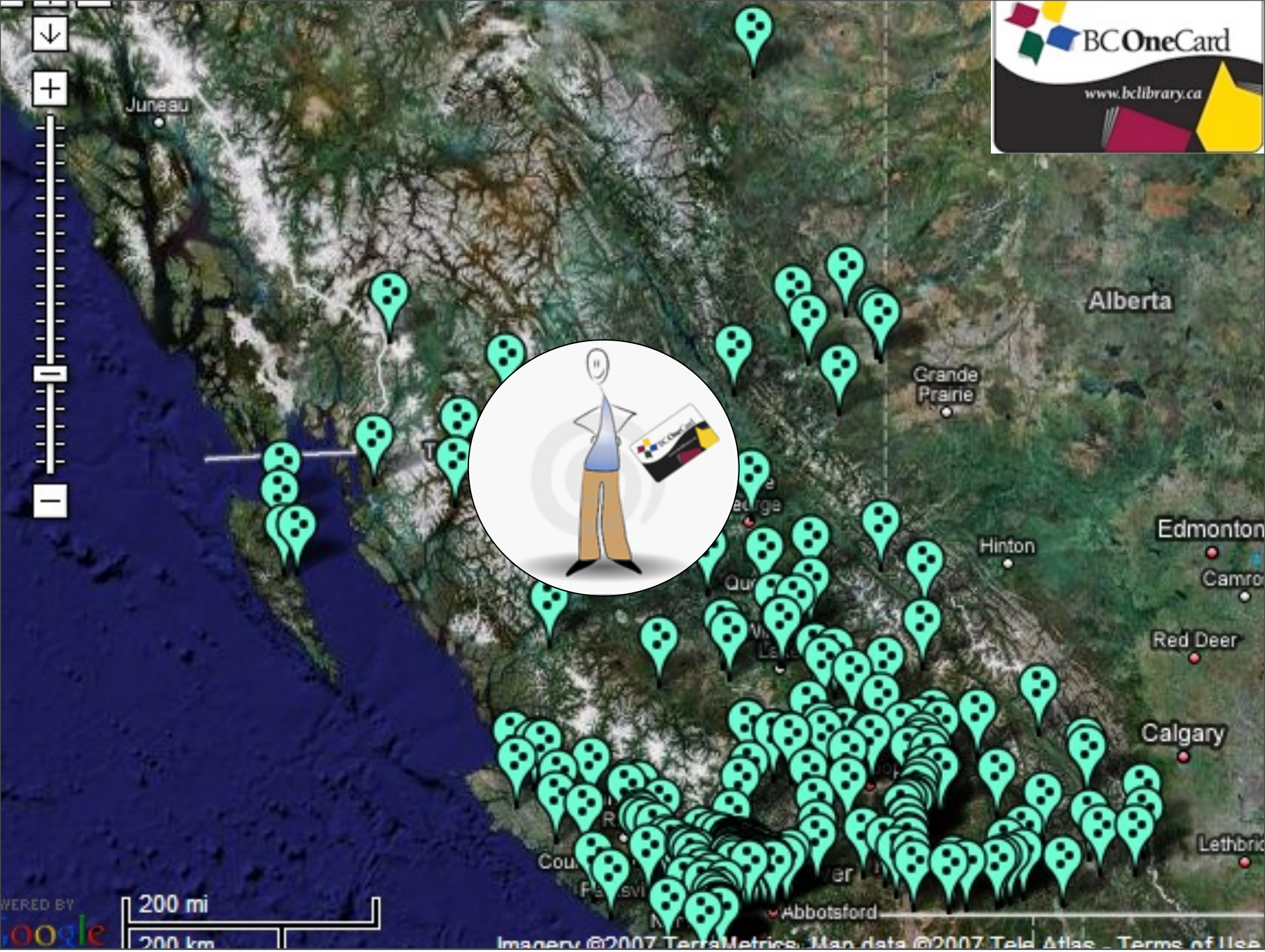
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ILS	Q3 2007
Evergreen	0
Mandarin	19
Horizon	15
Athena	13
L4U	5
None	3
Innovative	3
GEAC	2
Follett	3
Classic Dynix	1
Eloquent	1
Homegrown (WLS)	1
JES	1
LibrarySoft	1
LibraryWorld	1
Unicorn	1
VTLS	1

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Common ILS – Background

- The Federated Libraries Integrated ILS Project (FLIP) grants – established to enable library federations to purchase state-of-the-art, standards-based ILS's.
- "Non-Public" partner grant condition.
- Six groups were engaged in the evaluation and procurement process leading to a common ILS.
- Relationships, making friends, empowering.
- SirsiDynix / Horizon 8

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Common ILS – More Background

- 53 BC public libraries (74%) had envisioned a migration to Horizon 8
- 14 Horizon 7.x public libraries face a major migration in the next few years.

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Spring 2007;

Stakeholders, Georgia site visit, proposal development,
GPLS visits BC, ABCPLD endorsement of 2 concurrent processes:

1. Pilots
2. ILS Governance Committee and Functional Sub-Committees

Ultimately, a community operated ILS

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Overall Risk Assessment:

Evergreen open ILS presents no greater risk than that associated with the acquisition of an ILS product in the traditional vendor marketplace.

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Risk reducers:

- software and hardware architecture are in use in a jurisdiction of similar size and composition to BC; scaleable
- Knowledge transfer; an open community provides opportunities for “By and for BC”; No need for escrow clauses
- For those BC libraries who might not opt in to Evergreen, its existence in the province would serve as insurance against a volatile marketplace

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More risk reducers:

- Significantly lower Total Cost of Ownership compared with traditional solutions ($4M vs $10M over 5 years)
- Centralized database and centralized staffing ensure service continuity and relieve local pressures while fostering a development community
- As we demonstrate success, others will come around …

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Project Conifer

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Open Source Integrated Library System

equinox SOFTWARE

michigan evergreen

a blog to update libraries on the progress of michigan's open source ils project

KING COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

UPEI University of Prince Edward Island Robertson Library

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Georgia Public Library Service wins Mellon Award for Technology Collaboration

GPLS News, December 2007

From left: LaJeunesse, Singleton, Veatch, Berners-Lee, Garcia and Walker

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has named the Georgia Public Library Service as one of 10 recipients of the second annual Mellon Awards for Technology Collaboration. The $50,000 grant recognizes GPLS for the development and release of the Evergreen open-source library automation system.

The Mellon Awards honor not-for-profit organizations for leadership in the collaborative development of open-source software tools with particular application to higher education and cultural heritage not-for-profit activities. The awards were presented Dec. 10 by Sir Timothy Berners-Lee, director of the World Wide Web Consortium and inventor of the World Wide Web, at the Fall Task Force meeting of the Coalition for Networked Information.

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