

British Columbia Association of Municipal Chiefs of Police

February 13, 2007

Madame Diane Rheame
Secretary General CRTC
CRTC, Ottawa (Ontario)
K1A 0N2

Dear Madame Rheame:

**Reference: Letter of Support
Article 7 of CRTC 2007-1,
Application numbers 2006-0508-2 and 2006-0509-0**

On behalf of the Municipal Police Chiefs in British Columbia, this letter will support the above applications, in which the proprietors of Avis de Recherche TV and All Points Bulletin TV seek Public Interest status under provisions of the *Broadcasting Act*.

The prospective implementation of the *All Points Bulletin* television channel in this Province is seen as a very progressive step to the enhancement of public safety, allowing for broad dissemination of information to the public in real time.

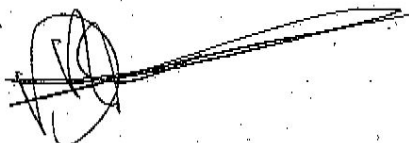
Increasingly, the rapid release of information pertinent to criminal cases has proven critical to the successful resolution of these incidents by law enforcement agencies. Initiatives such as the *Amber Alert* program are a case in point.

Several member departments of our Association have independently used media such as the internet to publish bulletins regarding wanted criminals, missing persons, public safety and crime prevention. While many of these initiatives have been successful, one can scarcely imagine the dramatic results that could flow from a television broadcast that captured these key public safety concerns. There is little doubt that television is still the most effective medium for reaching large segments of our society in a very short time frame.

In conclusion, our Association wholeheartedly supports the applications before you, believing that they are genuinely in the public interest for all Canadians.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,



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