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*Leading and Partnering
in our Community
to Serve and Protect*

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Madame Diane Rhéaume
Secretary General CRTC
CRTC
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N2

Dear Madame Rhéaume:

Re: Applications 2006-0508-2 and 2006-0508-0

As Chief of Police for the Halifax Regional Police Department, I would like to express support to the proposal by Mr. Géracitano to provide the All Points Bulletin TV channel in concert with Avis de Recherche TV as public safety programming in support of police and government initiatives.

Halifax Regional Police prides itself on open, timely, transparent communications with the citizens whom we serve. We strive to advise our citizens about incidents in our community, educate them on the measures Halifax Regional Police is undertaking to ensure public safety, and invite them to take an active role in the fight against crime. We currently rely on the news media to get our messages out, resulting in police having little or no editorial control over the content. We prefer to communicate directly with the public and use our website and Town Hall Meetings to do so; however, it is a constant challenge to attract citizens to either communication vehicle.

When investigators have exhausted all investigative avenues within their means, our Public Affairs Section issues media releases and accompanying photos of suspects to involve the public in solving crimes. The response and support from the public is generally overwhelming, and more often than not, this process results in positive identification of the individuals responsible. It would be even more effective if police had editorial control of such messages to the public through our own television network dedicated to police across Canada.

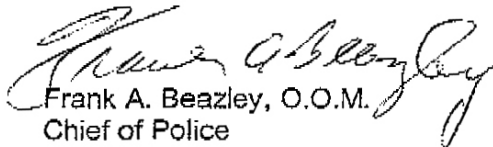
This tool would also be of exceptional importance in educating citizens about potential emergency situations. In my time as Chief of Police, Halifax Regional Municipality endured a category three hurricane followed by a snowstorm only six months later which dumped close to 100 centimeters of snow on our region in just a few short days. The proposed television network would assist municipal government departments, including police, to advise citizens about the impending emergency situation and convey to them the effective ways to manage in the aftermath.

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Ultimately, this proposal supports our Community Response Model of Policing which strives to put police in closer contact with the community we serve to enhance community safety and ensure public confidence in Halifax Regional Police.

Yours truly,



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