

January 15, 2018

Director, Spectrum Regulatory Best Practices Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada 235 Queen Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0A5

Dear Sir/Madam:

Canada Gazette, Part I, October 6, 2017, SLPB-006-17 - Consultation on the Spectrum Outlook 2018 to 2022

On behalf of the Municipality of the County of Richmond, I am writing to express our concerns regarding spectrum allocation in the above consultation document.

Our Municipality supports the views submitted by Seaside Wireless Communications regarding the need for fixed wireless internet service providers to enjoy continued equitable access to spectrum in the 3400-3800 MHz band.

The Municipality of the County of Richmond is widely served by WISPs using fixed TD-LTE equipment capable of increasing speeds to residents by making use of spectrum between 3400-3800MHz. Without continued equitable access to this spectrum, future speed increases will be in jeopardy.

The main concern of the Richmond Municipality is that after almost a decade of local WISPs building and deploying infrastructure funded in part by provincial and federal programs, our residents could be left behind when it comes to upgrading service to meet the ever increasing demand and need for faster speeds and greater bandwidth.

The Municipality of the County of Richmond urges you to consider our concerns regarding the spectrum outlook for 2018 to 2022. Your decision will play a pivotal role in the future health and success of our communities.

Yours Truly; Brian Marchand

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c.c. / Parker Dunham, Director of Communications, Seaside High Speed