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Municipal Clerk  
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ATTACHMENTS  
AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING  
IN LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Dear Ms. Scholes:

**Re: Request for resolution in council for Metro Vancouver Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) submission**

On November 27, 2009, the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors endorsed a Metro Vancouver submission (Attachment 1) to the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission's (CRTC) policy review and consultation of the community channel. Metro Vancouver is asking municipalities for their endorsement by resolution of this submission. Council resolutions would be included with Metro Vancouver's submission.

*The submission to the CRTC must be in by February 1, 2010, so we are asking you to please forward your resolution to Metro Vancouver no later than January 28, 2010.*

The consultation will consider if the community channel is operating as laid out in the policy framework of 2002 and if not, what changes are necessary.

The heart of the issue is who should operate the community channel and how should it be funded. Should the community channel be operated by citizens and citizen groups as mandated under current CRTC policy or by cable operators? The CRTC policy expects cable operators to provide access to citizens and offer training to create community programming. Currently, the cable levy money in Metro Vancouver amounts to about five million dollars annually. This money is used by Shaw who has re-branded the community channel for their own purposes and is cutting the community out of the process of producing community programs.

The Board of Directors of Metro Vancouver encourages municipalities to support the community control of the community channel by:

- a) returning to Metro Vancouver a Resolution-in-Council endorsing Metro Vancouver's submission; and
- b) faxing a letter directly from your municipality supporting the community control of the community channel to the CRTC at fax 819-994-0218 or by using the CRTC website. (Refer to backgrounder for instructions)

A draft resolution and letter to the CRTC are attached.

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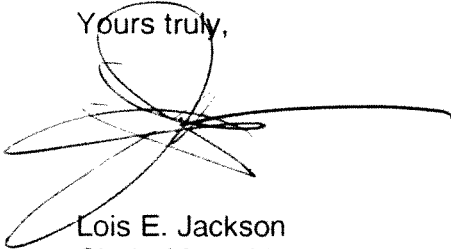
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Please return municipal resolutions supporting the submission to Marianne Pengelly by email ([marianne.pengelly@metrovancover.org](mailto:marianne.pengelly@metrovancover.org)) or fax (604-436-6399). If you have any questions or require additional information, Ms. Pengelly can be reached at 604-451-6027.

Yours truly,



Lois E. Jackson  
Chair, Metro Vancouver Board  
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**Attachments:**

1. Metro Vancouver submission to the CRTC (2294971)
2. Draft Resolution (2294126)
3. Draft letter to the CRTC (2296359)
4. Backgrounder (2294984)
5. Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2009-661 (2296360)