



County of Forty Mile No. 8

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Mr. Larry Shaw,
Director General,
Telecommunication Policy Branch,
Industry Canada,
300 Slater Street,
OTTAWA, ON K1A 0C8

Dear Mr. Shaw:

RE: CAFC's Position Paper – 150 MHz Bandwidth

The County of Forty Mile No. 8 Council has recently reviewed information relating to Industry Canada's document entitled, "*Proposals*", and changes to the Spectrum in Certain Bands below 1.7 GHz.

The proposed change, if implemented, will have a significant impact on the small rural fire/emergency service departments. These small departments will not be able to afford the 800 MHz adventure and will run the risk of having their communication channels jammed by non-public safety users if Industry Canada allows the general public to use radio devices in 150 MHz bandwidth.

The documents Council reviewed do not appear to have any clear indication of alternate bandwidths that may be made available to emergency first responders, and if this is the case, Council strongly urges Industry Canada to refrain from taking any part of the 150 MHz bandwidth away from the Fire Services.

Council concurs that, "*Protecting the lives and property of Canadians is the number one priority of the Fire Services and it should be an equal priority for the Federal Government*", and we, therefore, recommend that Industry Canada abandon its move to attempt to force Canadian

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Fire Departments to abandon their 150 MHz bandwidths.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynden Hutchinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "H".

**LYNDEN HUTCHINSON,
REEVE.**

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