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To the Spectrum Licensing and Auction Operations Branch,

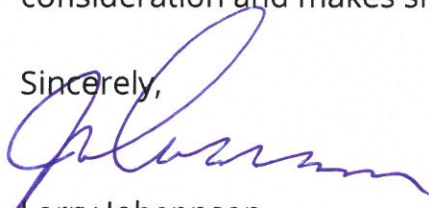
RE: Canada Gazette, Part I, June 2019, Consultation on a Policy and Licensing Framework for Spectrum in the 3500 MHz Band, SLPB-002-19

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Council of the City of Selkirk regarding the structure of the upcoming 3500 MHz Band Spectrum Auction. Access to high-quality, dependable, and affordable broadband services are critical to the social and economic viability of a community like Selkirk. The upcoming auction is important for the establishment of Canada's 5G market and how the auction is structured will have major implications for competition and pricing of services available through the next generation of network development.

We believe an open and transparent auction framework which encourages healthy and sustainable competition in the marketplace will benefit our citizens through more consumer choice, improved service and the lower rates. As a smaller community, we hope the framework structure will ensure that providers who are, or would be willing to be, competitive in our market have fair access to the spectrum being auctioned.

Thank you for considering our needs in this matter. Canada has thousands of communities our size and smaller. Hopefully the auction framework takes this into consideration and makes small market and regional competition a priority.

Sincerely,



Larry Johannson
Mayor