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**Re: Gazette Notice SLPB-004-18: Consultation on Revisions to the 3500 MHz Band to Accommodate Flexible Use and Preliminary Consultation on Changes to the 3800 MHz Band**

We are writing to encourage you to support and promote broadband connectivity in rural Canada.

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen is concerned about the proposed reduction of spectrum described on Option 1 (paragraph 46) in order to auction this spectrum for mobile use.

Internet over mobile works well as an alternative or secondary source. However, cellular internet typically has restrictive limits which make it a poor and costly alternative as compared to rural broadband for a primary source of internet. In much of our rural areas, rural broadband is the only option for internet. The ISED presents the alternative (option 2) of reducing spectrum holding to 50 MHz. This option will protect existing broadband access in much of our rural areas.

We hope the ISED will preserve the existing spectrum for rural broadband and will choose Option 2 over Option 1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karla Kozakevich".

Karla Kozakevich,  
Chair, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

