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Manager, Mobile Technology and Services
Industry Canada
300 Slater Street
Ottawa ON K1A 0C8

RE: Consultation on a Policy and Technical Framework for the 700 MHz Band and Aspects Related to Commercial Mobile Spectrum

Please find enclosed a certified true copy of Resolution No. 2011-116 as adopted by City Council on February 15, 2011 petitioning Industry Canada to ensure that an open and transparent mobile spectrum auction is held.

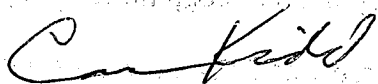
On behalf of the residents and businesses of the City of Temiskaming Shores, I wish to express our strong support for an open and transparent mobile spectrum auction, with no special treatment for any wireless provider. We understand that the 700 MHz spectrum to be auctioned at the end of next year will power 4G, the next generation of mobile technology that promises to deliver speeds of up to 100+ Mbps.

All communities across the country including smaller communities like ours deserve access to this technology and the leading-edge devices it supports. Access to the latest in wireless technology is crucial to helping people stay connected, providing access to education and information, and assisting local businesses and governments with productivity improvements, economic efficiency, and job creation.

Please ensure that Canadians everywhere can benefit equally by setting spectrum auction rules that do not provide special treatment to any wireless provider, let alone to those that choose to offer services only to Canadians located in the biggest cities. Ongoing wireless expansion across the country absolutely depends on a fair and open market auction. Don't let communities like ours be left behind when the next generation of wireless technology rolls out.

I trust that the government will consider the interests of communities such as ours in establishing the rules that govern the upcoming auction for scarce 700 MHz spectrum.

Yours truly,



Carman Kidd
Mayor
Enclosure – Council's Resolution



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF TEMISKAMING SHORES
REGULAR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 15, 2011

Resolution No. 2011-116

Moved by: Councillor Hobbs
Seconded by: Councillor Whalen

Whereas Industry Canada has initiated a public consultation to establish spectrum policies, rules, and design of the 700 MHz spectrum auction;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores petitions Industry Canada to ensure that an open and transparent mobile spectrum auction is held;

And further be it resolved that Council directs staff to forward a letter expressing Council's comments to Industry Canada as part of the consultation process.

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Certified true copy

Suzanne Marie Weiss
Deputy Clerk