

November 16, 2017

Canadian Radio-television and  
Telecommunications Commission  
Ottawa Ontario  
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**Re: Notice of Consultation CRTC 2017-365 – The Weather Network license  
renewal application #2017-0586-5**

The Council of the County of Perth has discussed the Weather Network License renewal and passed the following motion:

THAT Council approve the submission of a letter by staff to the CRTC supporting the Weather Network License renewal application #2017-0586-5.

Council trusts that you will give this matter your utmost attention when reviewing the application.

Sincerely



Pat Taylor  
Clerk

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The County of Perth is a rich agricultural community, diverse in its heritage and culture. It's located in the centre of Southwestern Ontario and is comprised of thriving communities that are fit for your business and life. The four member municipalities are the Municipality of North Perth, the Municipality of West Perth, the Township of Perth East, and the Township of Perth South.

Perth County is submitting to this consultation to voice its complete support for The Weather Network's application to remain part of the basic television service for the next seven years. The weather news and public safety information provided by The Weather Network is an essential service for the County's Emergency Management personnel and all residents of Perth County.

Active weather is year-round possibility in Perth County. Ice storms, whiteout conditions and road closures are commonplace in the winter, and high winds, severe thunder storms and tornado risks are all likely in the summer. Emergency management officials rely on the accurate weather information provided by The Weather Network to be prepared for all possibilities.

As importantly, Perth County residents need access to the up-to-date, local weather forecasts and road reports provided by The Weather Network so they can avoid potentially dangerous situations. There is no doubt that having this information available 24 hours a day reduces the number of weather-related road incidents which often strain emergency services during critical times. Keeping this service available to everyone at the lowest possible cost is vital.

Finally, The Weather Network's commitment to public safety by distributing weather warnings on TV and by operating the national public alerting system should be commended and maintained. The mass distribution of emergency alerts enable by The Weather Network has added an important emergency management tool for managing active and extreme weather situations in Perth County, and nationwide.

It is clear that The Weather Network makes a significant contribution to Canadian life by being available on the basic package. We strongly encourage the CRTC to ensure the current situation is maintained.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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