



**The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh  
Office of the Mayor**

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November 2, 2017

Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N2

To Whom it May Concern:

**Re: Consultation No. 2017-365 / Application No. 2017-0586-5**

On behalf of the Town of Tecumseh I am pleased to support The Weather Network's application to renew the broadcasting license to remain part of the basic television service.

The Weather Network is an essential source for local weather and information that engages our community members. They play a fundamental role in ensuring that our residents are well-informed and well-prepared citizens. Removing The Weather Network from basic television service would make them unavailable to many Canadians who cannot afford to pay for additional channels.

Being part of the basic television service in all markets provides the stable and predictable funding The Weather Network needs to deliver the same level of service to rural and remote Canadians. Basic distribution also allows them to operate and fund the backbone infrastructure of Canada's emergency alerting system at no cost to governments – and therefore, taxpayers – or the broadcasters and telecommunications companies that pass emergency alerts to Canadians. I therefore ask that the CRTC approve The Weather Network's application.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Yours truly,

Gary McNamara  
Mayor