

**Melinda Reith - Head, Clara, Maria**

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**Cc:** "Daniel Rubinstein" <drubinstein@fcm.ca>  
**Attach:** Melinda Reith Clra Dec 2012 (letter).pdf  
**Subject:** Resolution- Access to High Bandwidth Broadband  
Dear Melinda Reith

FCM was copied on correspondence from the Townships of Head, Clara & Maria to the Honourable Christian Paradis, regarding a resolution on Equal Access to High-Bandwidth Broadband-

FCM and its members understand the importance of adequate cellular and mobile broadband services to rural communities with low population density, and that the long-standing gap in the availability of affordable telecommunications services between rural and urban areas is in large part driven by the inaccessibility of wireless spectrum.

In November 2011, FCM's Board of Directors approved a recommendation to urge the Government of Canada to include provisions in the 700 MHz spectrum auction to incent and encourage winning carriers to increase broadband and cellular coverage in rural, remote and northern communities. We have formally expressed our concerns that the proposed rural deployment requirements in the 700 MHz spectrum auction are not worded in a manner that guarantees rural communities access to next-generation mobile broadband services. For this reason, FCM has urged Industry Canada to use all available measures to ensure that licence holders deploy in rural areas, and in cases where this does not occur, apply meaningful penalties. FCM supports the adoption of a "use it or lose it" approach related to rural deployment, which could include segregating the spectrum allocation if license holders fail to meet the rural deployment requirements.

Your concerns are duly noted and consistent with our current policy on rural broadband and if you have any further questions do not hesitate to contact Daniel Rubinstein, Research Officer [drubenstein@fcm.ca](mailto:drubenstein@fcm.ca)

Best regards,

**Diane Belanger**

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Ms. Michelle Mantifel  
Clerk-Treasurer  
The Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan  
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Dear Ms. Mantifel:

The Office of the Prime Minister has forwarded to me your correspondence of September 20, 2012, regarding the federal government's decision to eliminate the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP). I regret the delay in replying to you.

Our Government recognizes the importance of an integrated and resilient approach to emergency management. Emergency management is a shared responsibility between all levels of government, the private sector, non-governmental organizations and individual citizens. We also recognize that most emergencies in Canada are managed by municipalities or at the provincial or territorial level.

Moving forward, our Government is developing a long-term National Disaster Mitigation Program through engagement with provinces and territories, recognizing that mitigation can lessen the impact of natural disasters and reduce the costs associated with these events. In addition, as you are aware, up to \$99.2 million over three years is being provided to assist provinces and territories with the cost of permanent flood mitigation measures undertaken for the 2011 flood season.

Please be assured that Public Safety Canada remains committed to working with provinces and territories to ensure the safety and security of all Canadians.

Again, thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

Vic Toews, P.C., Q.C., M.P.

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RESOLUTION #9

Moved by Councillor John Keuhl  
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Clarke

THAT: North Algona Wilberforce Township supports Resolution #07/12/12/008 from Head, Clara and Maria Townships regarding Broadband and High Speed in Uxbridge.

Carried.

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This is a certified true copy of a Resolution of Council of North Algona Wilberforce Township passed at the Regular Meeting held December 17, 2012