

Request to Speak to a Committee of Council

If your request is for a specific committee meeting, this form must be received by NOON the day before the scheduled committee meeting. Requests for Monday meetings must be received by NOON the Friday before the meeting. Requests for meetings scheduled for the day after a statutory holiday must be received by NOON the last business day before the meeting. For summer meeting requests (July/August), please contact the City Clerk's Office at (905) 546-4408 for further information.

Committee Requested

Kindly indicate which Committee: *

Audit, Finance & Administration

If you selected Advisory/Sub-Committee from the above list, please indicate name of Committee:

Requestor Information

Name of Individual: * Jake Dheer
 Name of Organization: Rogers TV
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 Reason(s) for delegation request: * To speak about the wireless spectrum and the existing unfair rules that give foreign companies huge advantages over our Canadian ones.
 Will you be submitting a formal presentation?* Yes No
 Are you a lobbyist ? Yes No

(The information collected for the Lobbyist registry system was implemented by City Council in 2004 and the information provided is on a voluntary basis.)

If your answer is Yes to the lobbyist question, who are you representing? :

Requests to speak to Council are forwarded to the Committee for consideration. Once considered by Committee, and approved, you will be notified of the date for your presentation.

This form is not for the purpose of presenting unsolicited proposals by Vendors to Committee. Such proposals are subject to a competitive process as required by the City's Purchasing Policy.

The City makes a video record of Committee and Council meetings. If you make a presentation to a Committee, the City will be video recording you and will make the recording public by publishing the recording on the City's website.

The City collects personal information as authorized under Section 5.11 of the City's Procedural By-law No. 10-053 for the purpose of *entertaining individuals requesting an opportunity to appear as a delegation before Committee. The Procedural By-law is a requirement of Section 238(2) of the Municipal Act.* Questions about the collection of personal information can be directed to the Manager, Legislative Services / Deputy Clerk, City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5 (905 546-2424 ext. 4304).

The Voluntary Lobbyist Registry is a public document and will be available for viewing in the City Clerk's office.



August 15, 2013

Mayor Bob Bratina and Councillors
City of Hamilton
Hamilton City Hall
2nd Floor – 71 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ontario
L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Bratina and Councillors:

My name is David Tavenor and I am the National Director, Municipal and Utility Liaison for Rogers Communications Inc. I would like to draw your attention to an issue that is critical to the people in your community. Essentially, I want to ask for your support in ensuring that Canadians have access to the highest quality and affordable and comprehensive wireless technology.

In Canada mobile phone calls and data are carried over the airwaves in frequency bands referred to as spectrum. Access to spectrum is controlled by the Government of Canada, and is a limited resource. As demand for wireless service increases, the government considers making additional spectrum available through a competitive process.

As you may be aware, there will be an auction for access to some new spectrum (700MHz) – with an application deadline of September 17, 2013. The auction itself will take place early in 2014. There is a limited amount of spectrum being made available, and there will be 4 blocks of prime spectrum auctioned. However, the Government of Canada has decided that Canada's established wireless carriers, such as Rogers, Bell, and TELUS, are only allowed to purchase one prime block each of the radio spectrum that is being auctioned.

Under the guise of creating more competition, the Government of Canada has structured the auction in a manner that allows Verizon – a giant American carrier, four times the size of Bell, Rogers, and TELUS combined– to purchase more spectrum than the Canadian companies who built this industry in Canada. Verizon will be permitted to purchase 2 prime blocks, or twice the amount that any of the existing 3 national carriers are permitted. Structuring the auction in this manner will not achieve government's goal. In fact this structure is designed to achieve a pre-determined outcome – guaranteeing Verizon's entry to the Canadian market at the expense of the incumbent carriers.



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In addition to being unequal for all carriers, an auction structured this way will have serious consequences for Canadian consumers. Canadians living outside of big cities are directly at risk because this decision will mean an increased focus on and competition for urban customers by Verizon at the expense of rural Canada where there will be no incentive to provide the same quality service to Canadians outside the urban areas.

The spectrum auction and its effects on Canadians is an issue that is important to you and the Hamilton community. I feel this issue needs to be addressed and I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you further and begin a dialogue about how the federal government can make a decision on spectrum that is best for the people you represent. I will be in contact with your office shortly to see if such a meeting would be possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David Tavenor

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Municipal and Utility Liaison

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