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Mayor R. Bratina  
City of Hamilton  
71 Main Street West, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Hamilton, ON N8P 4Y5

Dear Mr. Bratina,

Thank you for your letter expressing interest in expanding fibre optic cable in rural areas of Hamilton.

In pursuit of its mandate to ensure that both the broadcasting and telecommunications systems serve the Canadian public, the Commission strives to ensure that Canadians can connect to quality and innovative communication services at affordable prices and have access to creative content.

In the Commission's view, market forces and targeted government funding will continue to drive the rollout and improvement of broadband Internet access services in rural and remote areas. This approach will give service providers the greatest flexibility to choose technologies and prioritize rollout in a manner that best responds to consumer demand.

The Commission intends to closely monitor developments in the industry by collecting timely detailed information from service providers on the availability and adoption of broadband Internet access services. This activity will allow the Commission, in future, to determine whether regulatory intervention may be needed.

Sincerely,

Jean-Pierre Blais

Attach.: Ref. File# C13-009



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April 25, 2013

Jean-Pierre Blais, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Mr. Blais,

Hamilton City Council at its meeting held on April 24, 2013 approved item 12 of the Planning Committee Report 13-006, which reads as follows:

**12. Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee – Report 13-001 (Item 8.2)**

**1. Internet Service in the Rural Area**

That the City of Hamilton petition the Canadian Radio-Television Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) to encourage service providers to install fiber optic cable in rural areas of Hamilton.

Your consideration of Council's request is appreciated. Please reference **File # C13-009** when responding to this correspondence.

Yours truly,

Mayor R. Bratina  
City of Hamilton