



**Fire and Emergency Services**  
Community & Fire Services Commission

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February 27, 2007

Madame Diane Rhéaume  
Secretary General  
Canadian Radio-television  
and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N2

Dear Madame Rhéaume,

**RE: Article 7 of CRTC 2007-1, application numbers 2006-0508-2 and 2006-059-0**

I am writing in support of the subject CRTC application for "Public Interest" status. The availability of the All Points Bulletin TV would give the Town of Markham an important new outlet for immediate real-time communications in the event of an emergency.

The Town would also benefit from the proposed educational programming that will help citizens understand the practical measures they can take to prepare for an emergency that could mean they would have to be self-sufficient for up to 72 hours before emergency workers are able to attend to their needs.

In light of recent weather-related emergencies, the possibility of a global flu pandemic and an increase in acts of terrorism, it is important for any community to be equipped to communicate immediately with its citizens.

We look forward to being able to add this new outlet to our emergency communications plans.

Thank you for your consideration of this important application.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shayne Mintz', written over a white background.

Deputy Chief Shayne Mintz  
Emergency Preparedness Officer

c.c. Vincent Géracitano, President & Founder, All Points Bulletin TV