

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY BROADBAND NETWORK

WHEREAS the health, safety, security and prosperity of Canadian citizens and public safety responders (including police officers, firefighters, and paramedics, and other responders) depends upon effective communications between public safety agencies;

WHEREAS Industry Canada public consultations on the use of the 700 MHz band by commercial mobile services (in anticipation of the August 30, 2011 transition from analog television to digital that will free up spectrum for potential use by public safety) provides the opportunity to state public safety spectrum needs;

AND WHEREAS dedicated spectrum will be a key enabler of the Government of Canada's Communications Interoperability Strategy for Canada's vision of a national public safety communications systems based on common user requirements and open standards and a system of systems approach:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada recognize the importance of the 700 MHz spectrum and set aside dedicated public safety broadband, and that the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia commit the necessary resources to provide vision and leadership as required to build a robust system that meets public safety's mission critical requirements to accomplish communications interoperability between public safety agencies across Canada and across borders.