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Tuesday, November 6, 2007  

RE: Information item 11.2 Audit & Administration Committee Report 07-012  

Dear Ms. Sturgeon:  

I received your letter dated October 26, 2007, citing a motion from the Audit and Administration Committee. The motion extends an invitation to the General Manager to meet with the committee “to provide an update of the redesign of local news by CanWest and the potential job losses at CHCH”.

As a public company licensed by the CRTC, we do not feel that the proposed forum is appropriate and respectfully decline the committee’s invitation. We feel that we already have the appropriate process and vehicles in place for public input into our business.

CHCH News has a variety of procedures in place to ensure we are incorporating public input into our decision-making process and to ensure that we are best meeting the needs of our local communities. For example, we have an independent advisory board which consistently monitors local programming and tables their observations and recommendations both with us and with the Canadian Radio Television Commission. As a member of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters the station also subscribes to the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council, a self regulatory organization emanating from the private Canadian broadcast sector, which interacts directly with our viewers and the station addressing any concerns that may arise.

We are still in the early phase of our planning, but please be assured that CHCH News will continue to meet regularly with community leaders, as we have in the past. The station is proud of the strong connection it has established throughout Hamilton, Halton and Niagara and we encourage all those interested to take advantage of our open door policy.

Sincerely,

Patrick O’Hara  
General Manager, CHCH News