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Media Advisory

Parliamentary Committee on Canadian Heritage to hold “Townhall Meeting” in Yellowknife

Yellowknife, March 7, 2007 – The House of Commons Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage will hold a special public meeting here on March 12 to hear what Northerners have to say about the role and importance of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

On January 22, Western Arctic Member of Parliament Dennis Bevington asked NDP Canadian Heritage Critic Charlie Angus to push for an open public hearing in the North on the CBC Mandate Review. Bevington pushed for this because the CBC plays a crucial role in the provision of information and communications services in Northern and remote regions.

“Many Northerners depend on the CBC for news and current affairs, aboriginal language and cultural programming, weather and road reports, and to keep up to date on community events, meetings and other activities. My constituents deserve to have a say about the importance of the CBC as it relates to Northern livelihood,” said Bevington.

Angus graciously volunteered to step aside to allow Bevington to sit as the NDP’s Committee Member during this hearing.

The “Townhall Meeting” will be held on March 12 from 7-10 p.m. in Committee Room ‘A’ at the NWT Legislative Assembly.

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