



July 31, 2020

Mayor Gord Milsom  
City of West Kelowna  
2760 Cameron Road  
West Kelowna, British Columbia  
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Weatheradio Canada

Dear Mayor:

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) operates a national network of VHF radio transmitters, known as Weatheradio, which broadcast weather alerts and forecasts on a continuous 24/7 basis to Weatheradio receivers and some FM radios. We are currently reviewing the network for usage and efficiency to best target our service.

The weatheradio transmitter that serves your area is being considered for decommissioning later this year. If the decommissioning proceeds, this means listeners will no longer receive weather information via this broadcast channel.

Over the coming few months, there will be messages broadcast on the Weatheradio transmitter about its anticipated decommissioning.

Before final decisions are taken regarding this transmitter, we are interested in hearing from you and people in your community. Specifically:

- Do you or your staff have any concerns or questions regarding this change?
- Are you aware of any particular dependencies on weatheradio within your community?
- Would you be interested in discussing a collaborative approach to sustain the service?

Please forward any feedback to Tom Shalansky ([tom.shalansky@canada.ca](mailto:tom.shalansky@canada.ca)).

Weatheradio was introduced in the 1970s. At the time, it was a unique "push" technology for weather alerts and expanded across Canada over the next 25 years. This was an era when access to weather information was more limited (pre-internet and mobile phones). Today, there are many free alternate systems for alerting the public to hazardous weather such as Alert Ready Canada, wireless public alerting, and mobile apps like "WeatherCAN."

For weather information any time, you can always check [weather.gc.ca](http://weather.gc.ca) or download our (free) mobile app "WeatherCAN" from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Sincerely,

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