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Subject: Weatheradio Canada

Please be cautious.

This email originates from outside of Haldimand County.

Dear Ken,

Recently I have been informed that Environment Canada is considering decommissioning the Weather Radio Station at Normandale, Ontario. This station provides residents, tourists and boaters with current weather conditions. At the moment, Environment Canada is soliciting public feedback regarding the value of this station. Environment Canada feels that weather notification via cell phones should meet our needs. As you know, the cell and internet coverage along Lake Erie shoreline in Haldimand County is sporadic and weak at best. Also noteworthy is that in a disaster situation, the system becomes overloaded and fails.

The decommissioning of the Normandale Weather Radio Station is a life-threatening decision. Numerous people depend on this station to be brought up-to-date for the weather both on land and on Lake Erie. This station covers the boating area from Long Point to Fort Erie. I cannot believe that our Government would make such a decision.

Environment Canada has given us a two week period to respond to this situation. That time period unfortunately is up this Friday at 4:00 P.M.

I would urge you to e-mail Environment Canada at tom.shalansky@canada.ca requesting that they maintain the Normandale Weather Radio Station in operation for the benefit of Haldimand and Norfolk residents.

If you require any further information, please contact me at [REDACTED].

Regards,
Paul Brown