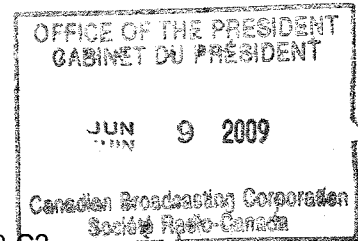


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Mr. Hubert Lacroix
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Dear Mr. Lacroix:

I wish to inform you of my intention to investigate several complaints received against your corporation, in particular concerning CBEF 540 station located in Windsor (Ontario). To this day, a total of 756 complaints have been filed concerning this station. We have grouped them together under the above noted five different file numbers. We are still receiving complaints regarding this issue and you will be advised accordingly as soon as our preliminary analysis is completed.

The complainants describe the situation as follows: The CBC/Radio-Canada budget cut announcements made on Wednesday, March 25th, 2009, directly affect the Windsor region, specifically French Ontario, by abolishing programming made in Ontario, and more specifically the programs developed and broadcast on a local level in Windsor, "Bonjour le monde!", "Grands Lacs Café" and "Au détroit de la nuit". The complainants point out that the decisions made by CBC/Radio-Canada have an adverse effect on the vitality of the French-speaking community of Windsor. They maintain that CBC/Radio-Canada did not consult the French-speaking community of the Southwest Ontario region before making this decision and that it does not take into account the particular needs of the minority community of Windsor, where the rate of assimilation is among the highest in Canada.

The investigation will take into account, among other things, Part IV, Part VII and the spirit of the *Official Languages Act*. Your Official Languages unit has already been advised of these complaints. We will inform you of our conclusions and request your comments before completing the investigation.

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Since the decisions made regarding this station will come into effect on June 22, 2009, it will not give us sufficient time to complete our investigation. Therefore, I am asking you to suspend your decision regarding CBEF station until we communicate to you our preliminary investigation results. Priority will be given to this investigation in order to submit the preliminary report by the end of July 2009.

If you have any questions, you may contact Mr. Claude Haché, the analyst responsible for this file at 506-855-6723 or by e-mail at claud.hache@ocol-clo.gc.ca.

Thank you for your cooperation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Graham Fraser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and a long, sweeping underline.

Graham Fraser

c.c.: Ms. Maryse Graham