

Report on the Affordable Access Coalition
Presentation to the C.R.T.C.
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After much preparation and analysis the Affordable Access Coalition made our presentation to the CRTC on April 14th.

The members of the coalition are Public Interest Advocacy Centre(PIAC), National Pensioners Federation (NPF), ACORN Canada, and Council of Senior Citizens Organizations of B.C.(COSCO).

The main points of the presentation were;

- 1) That every Canadian should have broadband access of at least 10 Mbps upload and 1Mbps download regardless of income or geography.
- 2) That a framework needed to be put in place by the CRTC.
- 3) This framework would include 2 funding mechanisms to address affordability. The Affordability Funding Mechanism and the Broadband Deployment Funding Mechanism. These are capped, sustainable and workable solutions that will support reliable and affordable telecommunication services of high quality to all Canadians.

These 3 weeks of hearings will continue until April 28th.

Please click here for the complete AAC executive summary.

http://www.nationalpensionersfederation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Affordable-Access-Coalition-TNC-2015-134-14-July-2015-FINAL_0.pdf

Please click here for the CRTC Chairpersons unusual timed comments about the hearing.

<http://www.nationalpensionersfederation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/speech.pdf>