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**Subject:** CMF Whitehorse - Max unable to attend - echo comments of DOC

I have registered for the Whitehorse meeting Sept 24 because I thought I might be able to submit a comment at the same time as I will be out of town when you visit our community.

I first want to thank CMF for coming to Whitehorse and including us in the consultation. Our community is quite small but growing and people here need to be plugged in.

I only have a few general comments at the moment and may have more to add at a later date.

My genre mainly is documentary and I want to echo comments of the Documentary Organization of Canada of which I am a member.

My main concern at the present time is the lack of documentary windows on Canadian TV. Aquisition fees paid by documentary channel for example are ridiculously low and there's not much left after paying for E&O and close captioning. As to new media, I still really have no idea how financing can work for projects unless they are first licenced by a broadcaster. There are numerous opportunities here for digitally-based media but few triggers let alone sources for funding.

I want to give credit to Community Cable 9 in Whitehorse for working with local producers to show their films though mainly as aquisitions after completion. Their budget is small but they are trying and doing more all the time.

CBC North would like to do more but has severe budget limitations and no windows at all for regional programming, which is very disappointing. Even the program Absolutely Canadian is not available to us and it was designed to profile regional docs.

My experience with CMF generally is favourable; the staff are helpful and very knowledgeable. It is a bureaucratic process and the helpfulness on a personal basis is quite essential and valuable.

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