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Description

7. Is your organization constituted so that participation by individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the Geographic Region in which your organization is based will predominate in your organization's operation?

Yes, in that TC's mandate is to act as a network of Canadian community networking practitioners who seek to share and advocate for the practices of community networking in Canada. As per TC's by-laws, there are two categories of members:

Ordinary membership, with full privileges, is open to Canadian electronic community networking organizations, including public access sites, learning networks, community networks and other organizations that support the aims and objectives of Telecommunities Canada and that:

- operate on a not-for-profit basis;
- have their legal membership open to every citizen of their community;

- provide equitable access to all citizens in their community;
- encourage exchange, publication and access to the broadest possible range of information of interest to the community; and
- endeavour to create connections with other computer based networks and to allow the free and interactive flow of information between different communities; and
- whose membership application has been approved from time to time by the board of directors.

Non-voting honorary membership is open to any persons or organizations as admitted by the board of directors.

8. Describe your organization's constituents/membership (number, citizenship/location, defining characteristic - e.g. profession for professional societies):

TC acts as a network of Canadian community networking practitioners who seek to share and advocate for the practices of community networking in Canada. Currently official voting membership consists of 26 registered associations. But TC's Board of Directors concentrates leaders (as a sort of holding company) from Canadian regional and provincial community networking organizations and community access networks representing in themselves several thousand communities.

9. Explain the eligibility requirements (if any) for your organization's constituents/membership (if you provide a written application for admission as a member, you may attach a copy):

Membership application form is online at: < <http://tc.ca/tcmemberform.html>>

10. In what language/s does your organization conduct its business?
English and French

11. Provide support for the statement that your organization is self-supporting:

TC was formed as an association of associations at a meeting in Ottawa in the summer of 1994. Although it has, from time to time, received project funding from governments, it has never had core funding. It has been self-supporting since 1994. Much of its advocacy on behalf of community networking is carried out by volunteer committees.

12. Describe your organization's structure (e.g. governing and decision-making bodies and processes):

From TC's by-laws:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The property and business of the corporation shall be managed by a board of no less than 5 and no more

than 15 directors of whom 4 shall constitute a quorum... The directors of the corporation may administer the affairs of the corporation in all things and make or cause to be made for the corporation, in its name, any kind of contract which the corporation may lawfully enter into and, save as hereinafter provided, generally, may exercise all such other powers and do all such other acts and things as the corporation is by its charter or otherwise authorized to exercise and do.

The OFFICERS of the corporation shall be president, vice-president and secretary who shall be members of the board of directors. Officers shall be appointed by resolution of the board of directors at the first meeting of the board of directors following an annual meeting of members in which the directors are elected.

MEETINGS. The annual or any other general meeting of the members may be held at any place in Canada as the board of directors may determine and on such day as the said directors shall appoint. The chairman of such meetings shall be appointed by the board of directors. Each member can appoint one delegate as a representative at the general meeting of members, each delegate representing one and only one member. Each delegate will have the right to intervene in the debates and will have a right to vote.

13. Does your organization commit to supporting its individual constituents'/membership's informed participation in ICANN?

Yes. We see understanding of and participation in Internet Governance issues as a critical element of TC's role. As community networks engaged in community development online, the continuing functionality of the Internet as an open system is central to our member's existence.

14. Describe how your organization keeps its constituents/membership informed about, and enables them to participate in, decisions regarding issues of interest:

For an overview of current TC activities and modes of participation, please see the TC web site pages on "Community Networking Advocacy: Papers, Letters, Interventions, Submissions, Proposals, and Reports." <
<http://tc.ca/tcadvocacyandreports.html>>

15. Does your organization post on the Internet publicly-accessible, current information about your organization's
... Goals,

TeleCommunities Canada - Mission Statement < <http://tc.ca/>>

- To ensure that all Canadians are able to participate in community-based communications and electronic information services by promoting and supporting local community network initiatives.

- To represent and promote the Canadian community networking movement at the national and international level.

See also TC Statement: **Beyond the Information Society: Enabling Communities to Create the World We Want** <<http://tc.ca/enabling.html>>

... Structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, and working mechanisms,
TC is registered as a Federally incorporated not-for-profit Canadian Corporation.
See by-laws at <<http://tc.ca/bylaw1.2.txt>>

... Leadership, and contact(s)
At <<http://tc.ca/bod.html>> and see question 16 below.

16. Provide information on your organization's leadership (leaders' names, positions, emails):

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Objectives

17. What is your organization's primary goal or mission (please attach any mission or policy statement for your organization, if in writing, or provide a URL, if posted):

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18. What ICANN-related issues currently are of interest to your organization's constituents/membership:

Our primary concern is for public participation in Internet Governance issues as they apply to Canada

19. If formed, will your organization commit to assisting the Regional At-Large Organization (RALO) for the region in which your organization is based in performing its function?

Yes, and we are already working toward that end. We attended the ICANN/ALAC meetings in Vancouver, December 2005. We participated in the ICANN sponsored Canadian At-Large Workshop in Toronto June 15, 2006. We cooperate closely with the American Federation of Community Networks (AFCN) and have encouraged them to proceed with ALS registration. We will have a TC member participating in the Montreal ICANN At Large Meeting, November 23, 2006,

Signature

(Include the name, and title, of the individual who is authorized by your organization to sign this application and commit your organization to comply with ALS criteria.)

Gareth Shearman, TC President