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APPRECIATION OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE

In the year Two Thousand Ten.....

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That WHEREAS, the Burlington City Council on December 14, 2009 passed a Resolution calling for the appointment of a Blue Ribbon Committee to assess the viability of BT and make recommendations regarding its financial structure; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Resolution, City Council President Keogh appointed City Councilors Davis, Paul and Shannon to the Committee; and

WHEREAS, City Council President Keogh, in consultation with Mayor Kiss, appointed four citizens – David Parker, David J. Provost, Pat Robins and William Shuttleworth – to the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Committee devoted more than 27 hours over 7 formal meetings and countless more hours preparing for the meetings, reviewing materials from Burlington Telecom and those generated by three consultants to the Committee, and preparing a Report for the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon delivered its Report to the City Council on February 11, 2010; and

WHEREAS this Report contained a series of recommendations for the City Council and the Administration to consider as they seek to address the challenges and threats facing Burlington Telecom; and

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38 WHEREAS, the City Council has moved forward with “Step 1” of the Blue Ribbon
39 report by hiring a financial advisor; and

40 WHEREAS, the Public Service Board in its February 16, 2010 Order noted that “The
41 [Public Service] Board also appreciates the efforts of the Blue Ribbon Committee appointed by
42 the City Council to find a practical and viable option to ensure the future and value of the City
43 fiber optic network for the City, its residents and its businesses;”

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Burlington City Council recognizes
45 the outstanding contributions of the members of the Blue Ribbon Committee in properly and
46 objectively addressing the two charges contained in the Resolution; and

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council recognizes the personal and
48 professional sacrifices of the Committee members over the past several months in fulfilling their
49 responsibilities; and

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council expresses its deep appreciation and
51 gratitude to the members of the Blue Ribbon Committee, Councilors Clarence Davis, Karen
52 Paul, Joan Shannon and Bill Keogh and especially its four citizen members – David Parker,
53 David J. Provost, Pat Robins and William Shuttleworth, – for their dedication to the City of
54 Burlington and for their willingness to assist the City Council, the Administration and Burlington
55 residents in better understanding the issues facing Burlington Telecom and in identifying options
56 to address the issues.

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