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Re: Proposed Telecommunications Tower; Rogers Site C9635 – Hillsburgh @ Highway 2

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF LAND USE AUTHORITY CONCURRENCE

Dear David,

Rogers Communications Canada Inc. ('Rogers') herein submits its request for a Statement of Concurrence respecting the subject 70m Guyed telecommunications tower proposed to be constructed on the land known municipally as 6113 Trafalgar Rd, Erin, Ontario NOB 1Z0

In accordance with ISED Canada's default protocol CPC-2-0-03 Issue 6 (July 2022) "Radiocommunication and broadcasting Antenna Systems," which mandates adherence to local protocol where one exists, we follow the established local telecommunications protocol of the Town of Erin, titled "Town of Erin Policy – Public Notification Requirements for Installation of Telecommunication Towers." This protocol, alongside ISED Canada's CPC guidelines, governs the Proponent's duties of municipal and public consultation. Following is our summary of how the stipulated Proponent duties of municipal and public consultation have been addressed.

Municipal & Public Consultation Process Summary

Public Notification:

Under CPC Section 4.2.1.1 and 4.2.1.2, we are to provide public information circulars allowing 30 days for comments to any private property owners within three times the tower height (70m X 3 + tower width adjustment = 267.5m). The anticipated siting of this tower results in a total of 5 (five) properties within this radius, not including crown land or that of the Landlord. We mailed the required information packages on May 10th, 2024 (allowing at least 3 days for mail receipt).

Under Section 4.2.4, as the tower height exceeds 30m, synchronized notice is required to be published in a local newspaper as well. We confirm that this Public Notice was published in the Wellington Advertiser, on May 16, 2024. A public information session (town hall) was held on June 13th, 2024, at Council Chambers. Accordingly, the 30-day Public Consultation period was initiated by May 16th, 2024, with a closing date for receipt of initial comments of June 23, 2024.

Public Response:

Proponent Responsibilities:

As part of the consultation process, Responding to the public is outlined in CPC section 4.2.2 Proponents are required to:

- 1. respond to the party in writing within 14 days acknowledging receipt of the question, comment or concern, and keep a record of the communication*
- 2. address in writing all reasonable and relevant concerns within 60 days of receipt or explain why the question, comment or concern is not, in the view of the proponent, reasonable or relevant*
- 3. in the written communication referred to in the preceding point, clearly indicate that the party has 21 days from the date of the correspondence to reply to the proponent's response (the proponent must provide a copy of all public reply comments to the local ISED office)*

Determining Relevance:

We note concerns that are not relevant as explicitly defined in the CPC protocol include:

- disputes with members of the public relating to the proponent's service, but unrelated to antenna installations;
- potential effects that a proposed antenna system will have on property values or municipal taxes;
- questions whether the Radiocommunication Act, the CPC protocol, Safety Code 6, locally established by-laws, other legislation, procedures or processes are valid or should be reformed in some manner.

Conclusion of Consultation:

In accordance with the CPC protocol, the conclusion of the public consultation process is marked by the fulfillment of the following criteria:

- 1. concluded consultation requirements (section 4.1) with the land-use authority*
- 2. carried out public consultation either through the process established by the land-use authority or ISED's default public consultation process where required*
- 3. addressed all reasonable and relevant concerns*

Summary of Engagement:

- We ('Rogers') did not receive any reasonable or relevant questions or comments which we were to address.
 - To note, we did receive 1 comment that was determined to be not relevant to the process in accordance with CPC's "Public reply comment" criteria. As indicated by CPC, this comment was responded to, providing more information and explaining why the question was not determined to be relevant.

Conclusion:

Despite not receiving any relevant questions or comments regarding this proposal, we have steadfastly adhered to local and CPC protocols in our comprehensive approach. Our commitment to transparency and accountability has ensured that every aspect has been carefully considered, valuing perspectives regardless of their proximity to the proposed facility.

Our rigorous evaluation process has demonstrated that it remains the optimal choice within the outlined constraints. Factors such as proximity to Search Nominal coordinates, RF and Transmission Qualification, Civil scoring and

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qualification, landlord cooperation, compliance with planning objectives, and mitigation of local concerns have all been meticulously evaluated, reaffirming the validity of our selection.

In balancing technical feasibility with community considerations, we have sought to maximize benefits while minimizing potential drawbacks. This commitment underscores our dedication to serving the public interest and ensuring the project's long-term success through thoroughness and inclusivity.

Municipal Consultation:

Our consultation with the municipality included the following:

- Pre-consultation to discuss protocol and land use particulars
- Follow-up consultation by phone and email
- Submission of a formal Municipal Introduction Package for review
- Discussion about the proposed property and installation
- Submission of a draft Public Consultation Package and Site Plan for review
- Request for assistance with properties in the Public Notification Radius
- Submission of the draft Public Notice Ad for review, and request for the LUA's choice of newspaper
- Submission of the final Public Consultation Package
- Request to identify any other municipal requirements
- Request for Municipal Concurrence
 - *All of our activity fell within the CPC objective of concluding consultation within 120 days.*

Other Municipal Considerations:

As we are regulated under federal policy, provincial legislation such as the *Ontario Building Code Act* and the *Planning Act* including zoning by-laws and site plan control do not apply to these facilities. Our installation is not required to submit application for a building permit. We also asked you to outline formally any other local requirements, and there were none.

Concluding Land Use Authority Consultation:

Under CPC Section 4.3, we have satisfactorily met the consultation requirements.

As contractors for Rogers, we feel that the proposed site is well situated to provide and improve wireless voice and data services in the targeted area. The proposed site has been situated and designed to have minimal impact on surrounding land uses.

At this time, we respectfully request the formal Statement of Concurrence by resolution of Erin Council. Attached is a draft copy of a specimen form "*SOC Council*" which you may modify and complete to simplify your process.

A copy of this Statement of Concurrence will be sent to ISED Canada as they require this to confirm our compliance with the **ISED Canada's default protocol CPC-2-0-03 Issue 6 (July 2022)** "*Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna*

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Systems” prior to moving forward with the installation of the proposed wireless telecommunications facility.

On behalf of Rogers, we look forward to providing better wireless communication service to this area. We thank you for your attention to this request and should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Yours Truly,



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