



# Town of Erin Corporate Report

<b>Department:</b> Corporate Services	<b>Report Number:</b> C2024-08
<b>Business Unit:</b> Legislative Services	<b>Meeting Date:</b> 8/29/2024
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## Subject

Request for Concurrence for Proposed Telecommunication Tower Located at 6113 Trafalgar Road, Hillsburgh

## Recommendation

**That report number C2024-08 “Request for Concurrence for Proposed Telecommunication Tower Located at 6113 Trafalgar Road, Hillsburgh” be received for information;**

**And that the Town of Erin Council concur that the proposal by Rogers Communications Canada Inc. to erect a wireless communication installation on lands known as 6113 Trafalgar Rd, Erin, Ontario, is fully compliant in the Town’s opinion, with the requirements of the local telecommunications protocol of the Town of Erin, titled “Town of Erin Policy – Public Notification Requirements for Installation of Telecommunication Towers,” as well as ISED Canada’s default protocol CPC-2-0-03 Issue 6 (July 2022) “Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems”, and all obligations for the municipal and public consultation requirements have been satisfactorily met.**

## Background

A public meeting was held on June 13, 2024, regarding an application by Rogers Communications Inc. to erect a telecommunication tower at 6113 Trafalgar Road. During that meeting, staff overviewed the Town’s role in the approval process for this project and the applicant presented their proposal. No members of the public provided comments at that time, but staff and the applicant reiterated the opportunity to do so until June 23, 2024. On June 24, 2024, staff received a request for a statement of concurrence from the Town (Appendix A) – which acts as a “land use authority” in the process.

As was noted in report number C2024-06, following the commenting period Innovation, Science and Economic Development’s (ISED) Client Procedures Circular (CPC-2-0-03) requires the proponent to obtain a resolution of concurrence setting out the Town’s agreeance that municipal and federal protocols have been abided by. Staff can confirm public consultation requirements have been met and overall staff have no concerns with the proposal.

## **Discussion**

The applicant's report summarizing public comments (Appendix B) shows one comment was received expressing concerns respecting wireless coverage in the Village of Hillsburgh. Staff note the scope of the project is limited to a corridor outside of the urban boundary and that improving coverage in this and other areas will depend on future proposals.

Comments were received from Council regarding the distance from the base of the guy wire to the stormwater pond located on the subject property, the type of tower proposed, whether a separate entrance is required, a private runway near the proposed site, the life expectancy of the tower, and public consultation. The applicant's responses are summarized below:

- The distance from the base of the guy wire to the stormwater pond is 19 metres and will not impact the pond or the guy wire surrounding fence, even if the pond were to completely fill.
- In order to meet the project's objectives, a self-support or guyed tower was required. A guyed tower was deemed to occupy the least land and minimize visual impact.
- The proposed tower must be outside of any airport zoning or safety restrictions and is approximately 11km east of the nearest registered aerodromes.
- The life expectancy of the tower is approximately 75-100 years.
- The applicant has obtained consent from the landowner and has a signed lease for the proposed installation.

## **Strategic Pillar**

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## **Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact associated with the proposed recommendation.

## **Conclusion**

Staff are supportive of Council passing a resolution of concurrence and expect this project to expand wireless coverage within the Town.

## **Attachments**

Appendix A – Request for Statement of Land Use Authority Concurrence  
Appendix B – Public Comment Summary Report

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