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Office of Municipal Clerk City Hall, 1841 Argyle St. Mains Floor. P.O. Box 1749 Halifax N.S. B3J-3A5

Dear Clerk,

The attached documents are to be provided to Western Community Council for upcoming meeting. (Case#01357)

Sincerely,

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April 22, 2010

Re: Telecommunication tower in Ingramport, Nova Scotia

Dear Mr. Plourde,

I received your correspondence of April 14/2010 regarding the above project. I have no idea what you refer to as "your document of October 28,2009". The public meeting for this matter was on Jan 28/2010 at which time I provided you with a written report regarding concerns about the Project.

Your response to my concerns do not address each of my questions in any significant way. From my perspective they appear to be a standard cut and paste type of response with respect to Rodgers Communications. Basically, what I am saying is this response could be given to any application anywhere in Canada. It is not a through examination of the issues raised that are site specific.

In two instances there is reference to specific site related questions, one, regarding avian mortality which I dispute; second, "that mature trees on the proposed lot exist to reduce considerably the visibility". The proposed lot is located in a recent clear-cut, with an adjacent property clear-cut as well.

In addition, it appears from my viewpoint, that Rodgers has not complied with the provisions in "Responding to the Public" as contained in government consultation process, found on page 28 of my report. It appears that the 14 day and 60 day requirement have not been met. Also nothing in your correspondence "indicates clearly the party has 21 days to reply.".

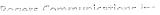
The matter has been before Western Community Council for decision and was adjourned for further information. I'm not sure of exactly what that entails for example who, is doing what, by when. I will continue to object to location of the proposed tower at the current location for reasons as stated in my report. I expect HRM independently, to address my concerns as well.

Sincerely,

C.c. Randa Wheaton

Halifax Regional Municipality

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April 14, 2010

Mr. James Fryday

Black Point, Nova Scotia

Re: Telecommunications tower project in Ingramport, Nova Scotia

Dear Mr. Fryday,

Thank you for your document dated October 28, 2009 which describes your concerns with respect to Rogers Communications Inc.'s telecommunications tower project in your neighborhood.

Enclosed herewith please find document that addresses each of your questions. If you have additional concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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Trusting the foregoing satisfactory, we remain,

Yours truly

ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Pierre Piourde Project Manager

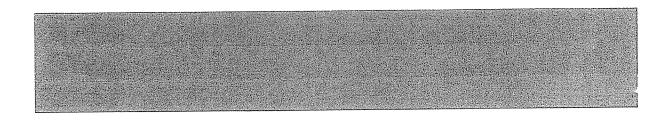
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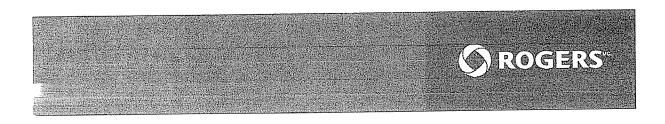


QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS TO RESIDENTS TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT

AT

7617 ST. MARGARETS BAY ROAD (PID # 40560948) INGRAMPORT, NOVA SCOTIA

APRIL 14, 2010



STATEMENTS RELATED TO THE VISUAL INTRUSION CAUSED BY THE PROPOSED TOWER

- Ingramport rates 4 out of 5 according to HRM documents for cultural heritage. Only parts
 of downtown Halifax and Dartmouth rate 5 out of 5.
- The proposed tower of 90 meters located on the ridge is visible to many homes located in the immediate area and should be considered a visual intrusion in the local beauty of the community.
- The proposed tower is visible from public parkland across the estuary at an interpretative centre and look-off.
- Due to the fact that the tower is proposed on a ridge which is a view plane in and itself, the tower interferes with the skyline at that location.
- The tower is directly in the view plane from another public look-off, on the old CNR trestle, overlooking the estuary, river entrance, lake behind and ridgeline to the east. The plane view from that site towards the tower is particularly striking as no homes, power poles, telephone/cable lines are visible.
- Both public look-offs are used not only by local folks but others using the trail, including tourists.
- The area of the tower is on or close to a former native reserve which is historical from a cultural and archaeological perspective.
- The tower is highly visible from HRM sign entering the community of Halifax (Ingramport Welcome to our Community). The highway is referred to by signs and other media as "The Lighthouse Route" which is important to business and tourism. We have 2 towers at a public park/beach area in Queensland and less than 4 miles away a proposal for another tower in a rather pristine environment. If this keeps up, the highway should be referred to as the "cell tower route".
- The tower does nothing to conserve, preserve or enhance the community from a visual perspective. Given that it is located in a clear-cut it is even more intrusive. In my view, this is contrary to one of the main goals of the St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association.

ANSWERS

Given that no existing structure met the cellular coverage objectives, it is necessary for Rogers to install a new telecommunication tower.

Conscious of the visual impact that a new telecommunication tower can have in the landscape, Rogers makes every effort to select a site of least impact. When Rogers plans its new sites, engineers take into account every consideration, including visibility of the tower from nearby structures or passing traffic, existing structures which would obstruct the quality of the signal, etc. Rogers is amenable and, if possible, provides landscaping surrounding the base of the proposed installation in order to minimize the visual impact of the base structures. On other sites, Rogers has employed the use of natural plantings such as cedar hedges to render the installation less obtrusive.

In this particular case, the presence of mature trees on the proposed lot makes it possible to reduce considerably the visibility of the tower from homes and surrounding public roads.

In regards to the tower structure, Rogers has painted tower structures in the past in an attempt to mitigate their affect on local landscapes. Painting the tower structure in a neutral matte finish will be employed. In all instances, Rogers strives to implement the most suitable telecommunications tower possible in order to have the least affect on the local landscape, while maintaining its coverage objectives.

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STATEMENTS RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENT

- The tower location is basically at the intersection of an estuary of a river designated Nova Scotia DNR as an "area of significant specie and habitat" and a highway including "rails to trails" which is part of the Canada trail system.
- A wetland identified by DNR exists on the property which is an environmental concern.
 As well, areas in close proximity adjacent to Ingram River are identified as used by migratory birds.
- CEAA does environmental assessments on towers located on federal property. Note
 document enclosed from CEAA on environmental assessment regarding Rogers Tower
 at CFB Gagetown. "There are no wetlands or watercourses on the project site".
- Cell towers are a cause of avian mortality and given the area is frequently susceptible to foggy/windy conditions all within an estuarine area used by ducks, eagles, osprey and loons, the guy wires and lighting are a lethal combination in this situation.
- The proposed tower is located on the edge of a ridge of the estuary with high ground on both sides forming a natural funnel for wildfowl.

ANSWERS

Rogers makes every effort to accommodate the needs of local residents when it builds its infrastructure to provide mobile wireless services to its customers and the communities in which they live and work. Rogers understands the fine balance necessary to preserve the environment, and rural landscape sight-lines while providing communications services that ensure safety and security for our communities.

Each project undertaken by Rogers requires approval from various bodies and Rogers makes it a priority to respect all applicable legislation. It is important to note that this project is specifically excluded under section 20 of the Exclusion List Regulations, 2007, SOR/2007-108 adopted under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, L.C. 1992, c. 37.

As for avian mortality due to birds striking cell towers, a study was undertaken by North-South Environmental Inc. and the results were published in November 2004. The conclusions of the study, conducted in south-central Ontario (12 towers measuring between 40 and 90 meters) demonstrate that:

"In the course of all 96 visits, no dead birds were found in the vicinity of anv of the towers, on any of the search dates were conducted. Searches were conducted mainly prior to sunrise before gulls were active, under a variety of weather conditions including some of the conditions which have been documented as most likely to cause bird strike: dense fog, heavy overcast or rain."

"It can be concluded from this study that bird strikes are likely not a frequent occurrence. This finding also supports the conclusion that major bird strike events appear to be associated with the taller television and radio communications towers, and that in general, cellular towers are not a significant contributor to bird mortality. "

. Monitoring Bird Strikes on Telecommunication Towers, November 29, 2004. North-South Environmental Inc.

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STATEMENTS RELATED TO THE LOCATION OF THE TOWER (PROXIMITY TO THE COMMUNITY/CITY)

- The tower site is located in a small coastal community with approximately 99 homes, including a few cottages.
- The community of Ingramport is a historic community according to HRM. It was settled in 1756 (6 years after Halifax).
- Ingramport is a residential community with one main business which is located just before entering Black Point (Enviro-depot). Placement in industrial, commercial or resource areas is preferred over residential locations.

ANSWERS

Canadians appreciate the convenience of keeping in touch by cell phones, either for business, personal or emergency calls. The reality is that these services would not function without the means of transmitting radio signals. Effective and efficient telecommunication requires that antenna systems - including towers - be located in proximity to users.

Installing a telecommunications tower in your neighborhood is necessary since Rogers now offers next generation wireless services via its 3G network (IPhone[™], BlackBerry[™], high speed data transmission, access to a fast and reliable voice transmission wireless network, wireless high-speed Internet, etc.). The demand for these new services continues to grow and Rogers must always improve its telecommunication network.

Your neighborhood and the perimeter affected by this project are experiencing a weakness in wireless coverage. This weakness is attributed to several factors:

- the distance between existing telecommunications towers and wireless users;
- physical obstacles (walls of the buildings, trees, etc) which hinder the strength of the signal emitted by the cellular antennas; and
- the growing number of users that simultaneously use the high-speed wireless network.

Under the terms of its license, granted by Canada Industry, Rogers must develop a wireless telecommunications network while meeting the growing needs of citizens. Moreover, the improvements made by Rogers to wireless coverage enables a better access to 911 emergency services provided by the police, ambulance, fire department and other first-aid workers.

A few statistics concerning the growing demand by cell phone users in Canada

Based on a study by Health Canada¹, the number of cell phone users in Canada rose from 100,000 in 1987 to more than 21 million by the end of 2008.

Rogers Wireless provides wireless voice and data communications services across Canada to more than 8.3 million customers under both the Rogers Wireless and Fido brands.

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hl-vs/iyh-vsv/prod/cell-eng.php

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