**From:** m hart < Sent: August 19, 2020 12:29 PM

To: communications
Subject: 2019 budget concern

I've read the 2019 Town Budget. My concern is the financial and legal peril the mayor's actions have put us in. Given Mayor Weiss's disregard for our laws and bylaws and Councillor Westbroek's failings, money should be set aside during their terms to pay for inevitable legal actions and defences.

If funds have not been allocated in 2019, will they be allocated in 2020?

Michael Hart

734 Canyon Cres

From: Tim

**Sent:** August 20, 2020 9:52 AM

**To:** communications

**Cc:** Daniel Sailland; Heather Svensen

**Subject:** Public Comments - Aug. 19th Council Meeting

Mayor & Council - the following are my comments on a several matters addressed at yesterday's Council meeting:

• **Council Meeting Motions** - the Corporate Administrator reported on 9 motions passed at July 20, 2020 In-Camera 'Special' Council Meeting. The agenda for the in-camera meeting states that:

'the meeting be closed to the public for the purpose of considering negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public'

These approved Council motions included a range of matters. What isn't clear with this handling is why some of these matters weren't addressed at a regular Council meeting, so that the public would be aware of the Council reasoning in the decisions that were made. Will we ever know? It should not become a regular practice to divert important Council business matters to in-camera meetings out of the public view.

- Seacroft Estates (Lot C) the meeting was advised that Council approved a motion at the July 20<sup>th</sup> incamera meeting instructing staff 'to provide indication to the QNPS that the Town is willing to assist with advertising and promotion to raise funds to acquire Lot C (Seacroft Estates) from Ballard Fine Homes'. In considering this matter has Council had any direct discussions with Ballard Homes. Ballard might prefer to work directly with the Town and even consider donating this wetland area which cannot be used for development. This might be preferable to involving a third party.
- **Telus Cell Tower** a Motion was presented for a TELUS Cell Tower Proposal at one of two sites near the Village Way / Hwy 19A intersection. What wasn't been clear in the Staff Memorandum and the meeting discussion was which of these sites the Town would prefer for this tower. It would be helpful to know what the Town's preference is and why or will the preponderance of public feedback from activists be the basis on which a decision will be made? Some clarification is needed.

Tim Pritchard 663 Windward Way From: jill sawchuk

**Sent:** August 20, 2020 9:52 AM

**To:** communications

**Subject:** Council Meeting - Aug. 19th/2020

Dear Mayor and Council and Staff,

It was very interesting to listen in on the Zoom meeting yesterday. Quite informative really being able to see everyone sitting there responding to the work at hand. I was there mostly to listen in about the response on the moratorium on 5G. However, I learned more about how you all work than any real information about what the Town will do to protect it's citizens around this specific topic.

It is clear Adam Walker is looking for ways to engage with the public and get their true concerns heard. As a younger person in this community, I truly appreciate these innovative ways to participate in decisions being made in our community that affect ALL of us. From listening to the conversation around the survey it also became clear that, there were attempts to involve everyone in council including the Mayor to get involved in these new and innovative ways to engage the public. So, by the end of the discussion my impression was that the Mayor was simply trying to assert his power and control only to be faced with the truth- which is: he isn't listening to the public and what they want.

Adam I commend you for your courage in standing your ground. There are MANY people living here that appreciate you helping to get our voices heard.

I believe this specific motion around the survey goes to show that times are changing and you can't shame people who are trying to create change so that ALL voices heard. It gave me hope to see this coming to light. The people who have been in power for so long are meeting with clear and truthful discussion and those old ways of shaming others to shut them up are dying. Bravo Adam! And thank you to Councillor Filmer for standing up Adam in that moment.

My true concern lies however around the lack of discussion about this cel tower and more importantly the roll out of 5G. It was reassuring to hear Councillor Westbroek state that the town had promised more discussion for the people and that the promise should be respected. Bravo! (When will this happen? - the input from the people.)

It was VERY disheartening to listen to Councillor Scott Harrison state there were no health concerns regarding this topic. I would appreciate you ALL opening this document that shows just how many places are taking this concern seriously.

https://smombiegate.org/list-of-cities-towns-councils-and-countries-that-have-banned-5g/

It was very sad to watch you all discuss the best location for this new tower and talk about aesthetics when there was a complete LACK of discussion around safety, health and what citizens actually want. It was again, another example of how business and profit can easily trump intelligent and sustainable growth that will allow us and the natural environment to thrive.

I hope there will be more opportunity to actually discuss these valid concerns and please, if you could, let me know what is the best way to bring these concerns that MANY of us have to the town. Please do not tell me to talk to Telus.

I want an answer from the town as to what THEY are doing to investigate risks.

Reading off what the WHO website says is NOT enough proof to move forward with this new and untested technology.

Thank you very much for your hard work and dedication.

Please continue to listen to your residents and know people with concerns aren't just a bunch of nuts trying to create extra work.

Our ideas and hesitation with some of these developments and the roll out of technology are in the best interest of everyone- and especially for future generations.

I so appreciate you listening.

with respect, Jill Sawchuk.

Sent from Outlook

**From:** informedkatie

**Sent:** August 20, 2020 1:17 PM

**To:** communications

**Subject:** Attn: correspondence log

## To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concerns about new cellular tower infrastructure that is planned for outer Qualicum Beach. Aside from being a huge eyesore, there are myriad health problems associated with proximity to wireless transmitters. Additionally, I understand the new towers will include the ability to upgrade to new, untested 5G technology. The introduction of new radio frequencies globally has caused health issues, environmental damage, loss of species and air and water pollution. Many international insurers, including Lloyds of London will no longer insure governments or organizations against claims from radio frequency damage as the claims are indisputable and numerous. Will the current council of Qualicum Beach accept personal responsibility and liability for any ill health effects or lost property values from new, unnecessary cellular technology infrastructure? How does the council and companies who use the technology plan to monitor the residents and local environment for EMF pollution and hazards? At a time when community health is already compromised, does it seem in the best interests of our health to introduce potentially dangerous, disruptive and relatively untested new technologies?

Please bar any further cellular technology development until such time as it can be proven save beyond reasonable doubt!

Sincerely,

Katie Oppenheimer

Sent with ProtonMail Secure Email.

From: Mizuna2020

**Sent:** August 20, 2020 2:12 PM

**To:** Heather Svensen; communications

**Subject:** re: concerns about the installation of a new Telus cell tower in Qualicum Beach

**Attachments:** 5G Aug\_13\_Webinar transcript.pdf

## NOTE: 1 File attached to this email

Dear Councillors and Mr. Bernie Ries, I would like to voice my strong opposition to the building of yet another Telus cell tower, especially one with future 5G capabilities. Here is why:

5G SATELLITES: A THREAT TO ALL LIFE

by Arthur Firstenberg

#### 1. HOW MANY SATELLITES ARE BEING LAUNCHED INTO SPACE?

In 2019, at least **eight companies and governments** are competing to send up fleets of from **150 to 42,000 satellites each**.

**SpaceX**, based in the United States, has plans for 42,000 satellites, is already launching 60 at a time, twice a month, and is developing a larger rocket that can launch 120 at a time. As soon as 420 satellites are in orbit, it plans to turn them on. That could be as early as February 2020.

**OneWeb**, based in the United Kingdom, has plans for 5,260 satellites and intends to launch 30 at a time every three to four weeks beginning in January 2020. As soon as 300 satellites are in orbit, in late 2020, it plans to turn them on.

Telesat, based in Canada, has plans for 512 satellites, and intends to begin service in 2021.

**Amazon** has plans for 3,236 satellites and intends to begin service as soon as 578 are in orbit.

Lynk has plans for "several thousand" satellites and intends to begin service in 2023.

Facebook has plans for thousands of satellites but has not disclosed its plans to the public.

**Roscosmos**, the Russian Space Agency, has plans for 640 satellites, to be deployed between 2022 and 2026.

**Aerospace Science and Industry Corp.**, a Chinese state-owned company, has plans for 156 satellites, to be in place by 2022.

In addition to these satellite plans, **Loon**, a subsidiary of Google, has a contract to provide Internet to remote areas of the Amazon rainforest in Peru from stratospheric balloons.

#### 2. WHERE WILL THE SATELLITES BE LOCATED?

Most will be located in the ionosphere, which is the lower part of the Earth's magnetosphere. SpaceX's satellites will orbit as low as 340 kilometers (210 miles) in altitude.

### 3. WHAT ARE ALL THESE SATELLITES FOR?

They are for 5G, the Internet of Things, and to provide high speed Internet to every square inch of the Earth. Because data travels faster in space than in fiber, all cell towers will transmit their signals to satellites, to be routed through space to their destinations.

The satellites will also be used to populate all remote areas on Earth with cell towers. Every satellite customer will purchase a small "user terminal" they they will mount on their house or their car, where it will function as a small cell or mobile base station for use by the public. SpaceX has already applied to the Federal Communications Commission for permission to sell 1,000,000 user terminals in the United States, and OneWeb has applied for 1,900,000.

The only exception is Lynk, whose satellites will be able to connect directly to cell phones, and will turn every cell phone on Earth into a satellite phone. "The artificial divide between satellites and terrestrial systems is about to end," says Lynk.

#### 4. WILL THESE SATELLITES USE 5G TECHNOLOGY?

Yes. They will use phased arrays, beam-forming technologies, and millimeter waves with frequencies from 10 GHz to 80 GHz, just like 5G antennas on earth.

#### 5. WHAT WILL THIS DO TO THE EARTH?

The Earth's electromagnetic envelope—the magnetosphere—will be massively polluted. Millions of pulsed, modulated digital signals covering 80 GHz of spectrum will be emitted day and night into the magnetosphere by tens of thousands of satellites, each emitting multiple laser-like beams directed at the surface of the Earth. This will have several kinds of effects: (a) the direct radiation arriving at the ground; (b) pollution of the global electrical circuit; and (c) alteration of the magnetosphere itself.

**Direct radiation.** In 2001, Ukrainian scientists warned against the use of millimeter waves by low-orbit communication satellites using phased array antennas. "Observed higher resonance frequencies of a living cell coincide with [these] frequencies," they wrote. "The power densities and duration of radiation created by these satellites will significantly exceed (by ten or more orders of magnitude—such irradiation is possible over the course of a whole lifetime) the energetic doses inducing change in living cells... Negative consequences of this may be changes in cell structures and physiological processes, genetic changes, and alteration of psychophysiological conditions and behavior."[1]

Effects on the magnetosphere. The Earth's magnetosphere already bears the imprint of 50 and 60 Hz and their harmonics from power lines. This phenomenon, known as power-line harmonic radiation (PLHR), has been extensively studied. [2], When power line radiation reaches the magnetosphere, it is amplified thousands of times and interacts with the Van Allen belts, draining them of electrons, which rain down over the earth, modifying the electrical properties of the atmosphere. Not only may this increase the frequency of thunderstorms, [4] but it may shift the values of the Schumann resonances to which all living things are attuned. [5] "Continued expansion of the electrical power system threatens the viability of all life on earth," wrote Dr. Robert O. Becker in 1985. [6] Tens of thousands of satellites, located in the lower magnetosphere, will be an even greater threat to all life.

**Effects on the global electrical circuit.** A current of electricity flows at all times through the ionosphere, down to the Earth in fair weather, through the Earth, and back up to the ionosphere in thunderstorms. This global circuit, studied today by atmospheric physicists, was first described in the fourth century B.C. in the *Yellow Emperor's Classic of Internal Medicine*: "The pure Yang forms the heaven, and the turbid Yin forms the earth. The Qi of the earth ascends and turns into clouds, while the Qi of the heaven descends and turns into rain." At National Central University in Taiwan, and at Shangai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Fujian Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine, and elsewhere in China, scientists are confirming that the substance called Qi that flows from sky to Earth and circulates through our meridians, giving us life and health, is electricity. [7]

The ionosphere is charged to an average of 300,000 volts at all times and it provides the power for the global electrical circuit that flows through every one of us. Power line radiation is very weak by the time it travels from the surface of the Earth to the ionosphere. In contrast, the thousands of planned 5G satellites will be located *in* the ionosphere and will work the full power of their radiation upon it. You cannot contaminate the global electrical circuit with millions of full-power, pulsed, modulated electronic signals without destroying all of life.

#### 6. WHAT HAVE SATELLITES DONE TO THE EARTH ALREADY?

When the 66 satellites of the Iridium Corporation began providing cell phone service on September 23, 1998, people all over the Earth reported headaches, dizziness, nausea, insomnia, nosebleeds, heart palpitations, asthma attacks, and ringing in the ears that began that morning. Birds were not out flying. Hawks were not out hunting. Thousands of homing pigeons lost their way. [8]

Widespread illness was repeated when Globalstar, with just 48 satellites, began providing cell phone service on February 28, 2000, and again when Iridium, which had gone bankrupt, resumed service on March 30, 2001, and again when Iridium added data and Internet to its phone service on June 5, 2001. The March 30, 2001 event apparently caused widespread losses of race horse foals in many countries.[9]

Even the first fleet of satellites ever launched—the 28 U.S. military satellites of the Initial Defense Communication Satellites Program—were associated with disease on Earth. They began operation on June 13, 1968. The "Hong Kong" flu pandemic began in July 1968 and lasted until March 1970.[10]

- [1] NK Kositsky, AI Nizhelska, and GV Ponesha, "Influence of High-frequency Electromagnetic Radiation at Non-thermal Intensities on the Human Body (A review of work by Russian and Ukrainian researchers), No Place To Hide vol. 3, no. 1 Supplement (2001).
- [2] JP Luette, CG Park, and RA Helliwell, "The Control of the Magnetosphere by Power Line Radiation," <u>Journal of Geophysical Research</u> 84: 2657-60 (1979).
- [3] K Bullough, "Power Line Harmonic Radiation: Sources and Environmental Effects," in H Volland, ed., *Handbook of Atmospheric Electrodynamics* (Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press 1995), chapter 10.
- [4] K Bullough, ARL Tatnal, and M Denby, "Man-made E.L.F./V.L.F. Emissions and the Radiation Belts," Nature 260: 401-3 (1976).
- [5] PS Cannon and MJ Rycroft, "Schumann Resonance Frequency Variations during Sudden Ionospheric Disturbances," Journal of Asmospheric and Terrestrial Physics 44(2): 201-6 (1982).
- [6] RO Becker and G Selden, *The Body Electric: Electromagnetism and the Foundation of Life*, New York: Morrow 1985.
- [7] For further reading, see A Firstenberg, <u>The Invisible Rainbow: A History of Electricity and Life</u>, Santa Fe, NM: AGB Press 2017.
- [8] No Place to Hide, vol. 2, No. 1, Feb. 1999, pp. 3-4.
- [9] No Place to Hide, vol. 3, no. 2, Nov. 2001, p. 15.
- [10] For further reading about the association of influenza with electricity, see *The Invisible Rainbow*, op. cit., chapters 7 and 8.

Source: <a href="https://www.cellphonetaskforce.org/5g-satellites-a-threat-to-all-life/">https://www.cellphonetaskforce.org/5g-satellites-a-threat-to-all-life/</a>

Sincerely,

## Marion Hoerberg

"Few men are willing to brave the disapproval of their fellows, the censure of their colleagues, the wrath of their society. Moral courage is a rarer commodity than bravery in battle or great intelligence. Yet it is the one essential, vital quality for those who seek to change a world which yields most painfully to change." —RFK, 1966

Silence in the face of evil is itself evil; God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Sent with **ProtonMail** Secure Email.

From: Selene Glez Olv - Gri

**Sent:** August 20, 2020 3:28 PM

**To:** communications

**Subject:** OPPOSED to TELUS Tower: Please Place In Correspondence Log

Hello everyone,

It is with great dissapointment that I write this email.

First, I am 100% opposed to the building of a cellphone tower near homes and schools. As I've stated in my previous email, I don't want to find out if living near a cellphone tower is healthy or not. My family and I chose to live in Qualicum for a lot of reasons, one of them, the quality of life. Having a cellphone tower in my neighborhood (Qualicum Woods) will definetely impose a health risk to my family. Please do not waste your time and my time by sending links with Health related links about cellphone towers, 5G, etc. I have done my own research.

Second, the way the Town of Qualicum is handling this new attempt by Telus to build the tower is very "fishy" -for the lack of a better word-. It looks like the Mayor and members of the Council are on the Eaglecrest residents side only ... Are Eaglecrest residents the only taxpayers in town? As far as I know, I will be paying my Property Taxes in the next few weeks.

Third, it is extremely dissapointing -and I feel it is becoming the new norm - that the Mayor and Council are acting before public consultation:

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Finally, It is ridiculous and I am wondering why you have denied the request of a delegation opposed to this project to speak before Council. Covid19? Please provide a better excuse.

It is unfortunate that the Covid19 situation is facilitating these type of actions by big corporations and that the Mayor and Members of Council are finding it as the perfect opportunity to move ahead with projects that are just for the benefit of a few. This is my perception, and sometimes, perception is reality. There will always be land-lines, that I'm sure Telus will be happy to provide. If it's about better cellphone service, there are cellphone boosters.

I am kindly asking you to reconsider this project.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Selene G.

496 Chester Rd Qualicum Beach, BC

Selene G.

From: Peggy Bodnar

**Sent:** August 20, 2020 4:07 PM

**To:** communications

**Subject:** Cell tower

## Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Please know that I am one hundred percent against a cell tower being erected anywhere close to my neighbourhood of Qualicum Woods.

I have loved living here for over twenty six years . I am not convinced cell towers are not harmful to my health. Please do not approve this location without further public input.

Sincerely,
Peggy Bodnar
624 Sumac Drive
Qualicum Beach, V9 K 1 A 8

Sent from my iPad

From: Tiana Kaczor

**Sent:** August 20, 2020 4:13 PM

**To:** communications

**Subject:** Opposition letter re Telus cell tower proposal

Attachments: LetterToQBCouncil\_August2020.pdf

Please find attached a letter to mayor and council re our opposition to the new proposal by Telus for a cell phone tower off Village Way near Eaglecrest.

Thank you for your time.

Tiana Kaczor

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Tiana Kaczor

Tiana Kaczor and Lisa Ernst

Qualicum Beach, BC V9K 0A1

August 20, 2020

Dear Mayor Wiese, and council members,

Recent concerns over the proposed installation of a Telus cell phone tower on Village Way in Qualicum have prompted me and my partner to research the effects of cell tower emissions and to write this letter to you. We are **not** in agreement with a cell phone tower near residential, school, or daycare properties.

You will find in the document that I quote in this letter, which I urge you to read in full on the link provided, that research conducted over the short years that we have had cell towers present does not provide enough time to truly realize the harm that these frequencies could present. This document does shed light on evidence from recent research that we are beginning to see adverse health effects on humans, animals and plants which is unacceptable in my opinion. It is important for me to say that in my research I found multiple documents saying similar things about the dangers of exposure to these cell tower emissions, but I found this article I quote below to be comprehensive and recent (August 13, 2019).

One of the reasons we moved to Qualicum Beach from the lower mainland was to get away from the densely populated areas which brought with it dense Wi-Fi signals. We had health concerns over magnitude of exposure. We understand some Qualicum residents have been requesting better cell phone service. We had issues with our cell phone connection but we have solved our problems by using Wi-Fi calling provided by our carrier which has remedied any connection issues we have experienced. We also have a land line which completely solves any of these issues without polluting the environment.

Another concern we have, which we heard about at the TELUS open house on February 20, 2020, is that once a cell tower is erected the communication company can in the future increase the number of antennas, thus increasing the amount of radio-frequency radiation. The company does not have to ask for permission from local governments to do this. Is this correct? This is a concern with the new 5G technology that is starting to be deployed.

I end my letter with some quotes from the online document I mentioned above. I appreciate your time and consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

Tiana Kaczor

In referencing an article (from the US National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health) I include this statement, which you may find at the end of the document, because I feel it is important to note this report states it is not influenced by commercial involvement.

- "Conflict of Interest Statement The authors declare that this manuscript was drafted in the
  absence of any commercial or financial relationships that could be construed as a potential
  conflict of interest, although subsequent to its preparation, DD became a consultant to legal
  counsel representing persons with glioma attributed to radiation from cell phones."
- "Given the ubiquity of many of these co-carcinogens, this provides further evidence to support
  the recommendation to reduce the public's exposure to RFR to as low as is reasonably
  achievable."
- "A study of Mobile Phone Base Station Tower settings adjacent to school buildings has found
  that high exposure of male students to RFR from these towers was associated with delayed fine
  and gross motor skills, spatial working memory, and attention in adolescent students, compared
  with students who were exposed to low RFR (48). "
- "Advances in RFR-related technologies have been and continue to be rapid. Changes in carrier
  frequencies and the growing complexity of modulation technologies can quickly render
  "yesterdays" technologies obsolete. This rapid obsolescence restricts the amount of data on
  human RFR exposure to particular frequencies, modulations and related health outcomes that
  can be collected during the lifespan of the technology in question."

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6701402/

#### Other research sources:

 "Health Canada also encourages parents to take these measures to reduce their children's RF exposure from cell phones since children are typically more sensitive to a variety of environmental agents."

https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/health-risks-safety/radiation/everyday-things-emit-radiation/cell-phones-towers.html

• "International EMF Scientist Appeal • Calls for stronger regulation of EMF (electromagnetic fields) & health warnings. • Signed by 247 EMF scientists (2019).— Published >2,000 EMF papers; 42 nations. EMF scientist.org

Scientific basis for our common concerns: "Numerous recent scientific publications have shown that EMF affects living organisms at levels well below most international and national guidelines. Effects include increased cancer risk, cellular stress, increase in harmful free radicals, genetic damages, structural and functional changes of the reproductive system, learning and memory deficits, neurological disorders, and negative impacts on general well-being in humans. Damage goes well beyond the human race, as there is growing evidence of harmful effects to both plant and animal life."

https://uhs.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/cellphonescelltowerswirelesssafety.pdf

From: Selene Glez Olv - Gri

**Sent:** August 20, 2020 4:24 PM

To: communications; Brian Wiese; Adam Walker; Robert Filmer; Teunis Westbroek; Scott

Harrison; Heather Svensen

**Subject:** Opposed to the TELUS Tower: Please place in communications log

Hello,

This is in response to the Council meeting held on Aug. 19th via zoom.

On February 10th, 2020 I've sent a message (via Facebook) to Mr. Robert Filmer asking him if the building of the Telus tower was a "done deal". His response was: "Hello. Not sure what the machines are there for. This is not a done deal yet. There are still upcoming public sessions for input and information".

It is the same Mr. Filmer, who in yesterday's Council meeting, is denying the public to have a more transparent public consultation.ard? He wants to "move on" on this issue that is important to a lot of residents of Qualicum Beach. Speakers against this project have been denied the opportunity to lay out their thoughts. Mr. Filmer, how can you move on if people are asking to be heard? How can you move on if a lot of people are opposed to this project? How can you move on when this project will only benefit a big corporation?

The fact that the Mayor and members of the Council have received a lot of emails is because this is a big issue - You are putting profits over people first!!! Whatever money the Town can make by leasing the land is more important than the negative health side-effects, not to mention the huge eye-sore the tower would be to our beautiful town.

Mr. Harrison found some studies with no consistent evidence about the negative impact of this type of technology. Does Mr. Harrison live near the site-proposals? Does Mr. Harrison send his kids to Arroview? One of those studies was by an American organization, oh well... look at how USA is doing with Covid-19, and he wants me to trust research done by them. No way.

I'm opposed to the TELUS tower near residential areas and schools. I'm opposed to Mayors and Members of Council who insist on closing deals without proper consultation. I'm opposed to Mayors and Member of Council who disregard any health concerns about a project of this magnitud. I'm opposed to Mayors and Members of Council who put profits over people's health.

Wouldn't be easier to shut-down this project?

Selene Griffin 496 Chester Road Qualicum Beach, BC

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Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Selene G.

From: Linda Koelewyn

**Sent:** August 20, 2020 7:22 PM

**To:** communications

**Cc:** QB Town; Adam Walker; Scott Harrison; Teunis Westbroek; Brian Wiese; Robert Filmer;

Heather Svensen; Luke Sales; dsailland@gulicumbeach.com

**Subject:** No to the cell tower

**Attachments:** Screenshot\_20200820-144944\_Samsung Internet.jpg; 20200820\_142642.jpg; 20200820\_

142238.jpg; 20200820\_141958.jpg

Please place in the Correspondence log

Dear Mayor Brian Wiese and council members,

We are opposed to the cell tower at either of the two locations. We are concerned about our health. This, however, is not our only concern. We are concerned about how this will effect our property value and our ability to sell our property as so many people have lobbied against the previous cell tower proposals not only at Qualicum Beach, but also, the surrounding communities. We are also reliant on the bees for our orchard's fruit production and are concerned how the tower's emissions will affect the bees. Our orchard is a source of income for us and are worried our income will be affected by the tower.

We also have a few questions.

- 1. Why is there not public consultation where TELUS is providing information on this tower and allowing people to comment, like they did for other proposals? There was an ad in the paper about the proposal, but not any public consultation like the one that was at the Civic Centre in Qualicum Beach from the last proposal. This is a new proposal so we feel it should have it's own public meeting/consultation.
- 2. Did TELUS do studies mandated by the Canadian government to see if it can use the existing cell tower cites? If so I would like to request these studies be made public so we can be assured that in fact TELUS did do this. (CPC-2-0-03 Radiocommunication).
- 3. Is this going to be a 5G cell tower?

We are attaching documents related to our concerns. Please look them over and respond to our concerns.

Repectfully yours,

Linda and Rudy Koelewyn 1990 West Island Highway Qualicum Beach, BC V9K 1N1 Sent from my iPad



# 3. Use of Existing Infrastructure (Sharing) 4

This section outlines the roles of proponents and owners/operators of existing antenna systems. In all cases, parties should retain records (such as analyses, correspondence and engineering reports) relating to this section.

Before building a new antenna-supporting structure, Industry Canada requires that proponents first explore the following options:

- consider sharing an existing antenna system, modifying or replacing a structure if necessary;
- locate, analyze and attempt to use any feasible existing infrastructure such as rooftops, water towers etc.

A proponent is not normally expected to build a new antenna-supporting structure where it is feasible to locate an antenna on an existing structure, unless a new structure is preferred by the land-use authority.

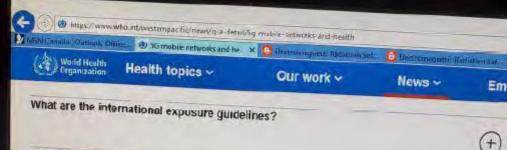
Owners and operators of existing antenna systems are to respond to a request to share in a timely fashion and to negotiate in good faith to facilitate sharing where feasible. It is anticipated that 30 days is reasonable time for existing antenna system owners/operators to reply to a request by a proponent in writing with either:

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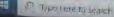
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## Relevant links

· WHO Radiation health topic





Studies Show 5G is Safe"

February 14, 2019 1897 Staff

Last week, U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal grilled wireless industry representatives, who admitted the industry has done ZERO health & safety studies on 5G technology, Meanwhile, dozens of independent studies indicates that 5G is a risk to all biological life. Watch the video above, on You Tube here, or on Facebook here.



































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## 5G Wireless Technology: Is 5G Harmful to Our Health?

See the bottom of this page for additional resources.

#### 5G Research from the EMF-Portal Archive

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Sent: August 20, 2020 11:45 PM

To: communications; Brian Wiese; Adam Walker; Teunis Westbroek; Scott Harrison; Robert

Filmer; Daniel Sailland; Luke Sales; Heather Svensen; Fred Dowe; Carol Dowe

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**Attachments:** -Telus letter to Eaglecrest community.pdf

August 20, 2020

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Bernie Ries, Regional Director, Regional Director ISED, Innovations, Science and Economics Victoria, BC

Good Morning Bernie 1-250-216-0728 Aug. 17, 2020 bernie.ries@canada.ca

Wanted to confirm your email please. Would you email us back? Thank you kindly,
Carol and Fred Dowe

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Date: Mon, Aug 10, 2020 at 6:08 PM

Subject: Fwd: 3rd Request to be Delegation Opposing Cell Tower at Village Way/18thTee Eaglecrest,

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To: Bernie Ries, ISED (IC) < bernie.ries@canada.ca >, Industry Canada < csbfp-pfpec@ic.gc.ca >, ISED, Cell Towers, Innovation, Scient and Economic Dev. Canada < ic.spectrumvictoria-victoriaspectre.ic@canada.ca >,

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250-752-6921

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Federal Minister of Canadian Heritage
Federal Minister ISED (Innovations, Science and Economics)
MLA Michell Stilwell
MLA Scott Fraser,
MP Gord Johns

From:

Date: Fri, Feb 14, 2020 at 12:26 PM

Subject: TELUS Proposed Communication Site at the Christian Fellowship Centre - CALL TO

ACTION - February 20th open house

To: EaglecrestResidentsAssoc <

Hello all ERA members,

In late January, TELUS published notification of a proposed cell tower that will greatly increase their coverage in Eaglecrest. This is very important to our members and all Eaglecrest residents for two primary safety-related reasons - for health safety (the ability to call 9-1-1) and for emergencies and disasters (the ability to get notifications from the town's Emergency Preparedness group),

Almost as soon as the tower was proposed, opposition led by Qualicum Woods residents started banners, petitions, posters, door-to-door canvassing and protests at town meetings. They have been very vocal. The ERA board's concern is that the "anti" forces are very active, while the "pro" group is being silent.

Yesterday we received an urgent request from TELUS:

"We need the Eaglecrest community's support at the official open house to capture the significant support that has directly resulted in this proposal from TELUS. If a disproportionate number of community members come out against this proposal, it has a real risk of not proceeding. So it is important that we are able to show that there is good community support during all of our official consultation activities to properly tell the story of why the community needs these service improvements.

The planned open house will include multiple representatives from TELUS including construction managers and our radiofrequency engineering team. The format will be a casual drop-in where members of the public can engage in respectful one-on-one conversations with members of our team around poster boards that contain various information. A representative from the Town has already confirmed that they will facilitate the session as necessary in order to ensure a safe and respectful experience for all involved."

WE NEED your help - talk to your friends and neighbours about supporting this new lifeline that will serve Eaglecrest, Chartwell and much of the east side of Qualicum Beach.

We urge you to fill out the attached Comment Sheet and send it to TELUS and to the Town.

More importantly than that, WE NEED you to show up in force at the TELUS public open house at 4 pm on Thursday February 20th at the Civic Centre.

Thank you.



From: Carol Dowe <

**Sent:** August 20, 2020 11:53 PM

**To:** communications; Brian Wiese; Adam Walker; Teunis Westbroek; Robert Filmer; Scott

Harrison; Daniel Sailland; Heather Svensen; Luke Sales; Fred Dowe; Carol Dowe

**Subject:** 2 medical doctors not allowed to speak as delegation very unfair to the public

## [Please place in Correspondence Log]

Mayor and Council, Qualicum Beach, BC

Dan Sailland, CEO, Qualicum Beach Luke Sales, Planning Heather Svensen, Administrator

We can't begin to tell you how betrayed we feel by you!
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Thankfully Staff recommended to you a time period until Sept. 30, 2020 for fair consultation. By the way, when I spoke with Mr. Ries, Regional Director for ISED, he said he felt that was fair, and would be contacting the Town of Qualicum Beach.

The horrible disappointment of the Council not extending the public consultation process to Sept. 30, again shows lack of transparency by this Council to the citizens of Qualicum Beach, and the big concern:

We never were able to have our 2 medical practicing doctors present to the public!! We were turned down 3 times when we requested to be a delegation. These doctors presented as a delegation to the RDN in February, 2020. Dr. Faulkner of Duncan and Dr Cline of Nanaimo. We owe this report to be made available to the Qualicum Beach area!!

Is there not a process Town of Qualicum Beach protocol where we the public are allowed to be heard? We were told that "we could not be heard, because the Telus report had not been received yet", and then it goes to a final vote by Council! Something is not right here.

Would you please respond to this type of action.? Kind regards,
Carol and Fred Dowe for the
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**Sent:** August 21, 2020 12:03 AM

To: communications; Brian Wiese; Adam Walker; Teunis Westbroek; Robert Filmer; Scott

Harrison; Fred Dowe; Carol Dowe

**Subject:** Existing Rogers Cell Tower at Water Tower, Village Way provides service to Eaglecrest

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## TO QUALICUM BEACH COUNCIL AND STAFF:

In speaking to Mr. Bernie Ries, Regional Director of ISED, we pointed out that there is an existing Rogers cell tower providing great service to Eaglecrest at 12 locations. That the new tower would be 414 metres from the Water Tower Rogers site. This will cause double exposure to the residences located under these 2 plumes.

Oh, and the other question posed by Eaglecrest is that they do not have 911 service. I checked with RCMP and was reassured that everyone with a charged up phone can reach 911, that the towers work together in an emergency.!!

Have you considered the liability and exposure Council?

Did you know Lloyds of London does not cover liability for EMF exposure? Perhaps that is the case of all insurance companies? Kind regards,

Carol and Fred Dowe for the Concerned Citizens Opposed to Telus Cell tower at Village Way/18thTee Eaglecrest, Qualicum Beach

From: Carol Dowe <

**Sent:** August 21, 2020 7:20 AM

**To:** communications; Brian Wiese; Scott Harrison; Robert Filmer; Adam Walker; Teunis

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Subject: Councilman Harrison, ?conflict of Interest, living in Eaglecrest

Attention: Council and Staff, Qualicum Beach August 21, 2020

re: Conflict of Interest, Scott Harrison related to the Harrison residents writing letters in Telus report.

It would seem that Councilman Scott Harrison may be in conflict of interest if he is related and living at the same residence of the Harrisons that live in Eaglecrest that wrote letters regarding Telus.

Perhaps he should have recused himself from the vote in Council regarding the Telus tower on August 19,2020?

Could someone look into that? Kind regards,

Carol and Fred Dowe for the Concerned Citizens Opposing Telus Cell Tower, Qualicum Beach From: Carol Dowe

Sent: August 21, 2020 7:28 AM

Bernie Ries, ISED, Regional Director (IC); Gord Johns, MP for Courtenay-Alberni; Dan To:

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Eaglecrest, Qualicum Beach

Attachments: John Wood-Telus letter to Eaglecrest community.pdf

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Federal Minister of Health
Federal Minister of Canadian Heritage
Federal Minister ISED (Innovations, Science and Economics)
MLA Michell Stilwell
MLA Scott Fraser,
MP Gord Johns

From: Date: Fri, Feb 14, 2020 at 12:26 PM

Subject: TELUS Proposed Communication Site at the Christian Fellowship Centre - CALL TO

ACTION - February 20th open house

To: EaglecrestResidentsAssoc < eaglecrest.ra@gmall.com>

Hello all ERA members,

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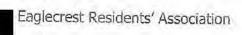
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Thank you.



From: Carol Dowe

**Sent:** August 21, 2020 7:35 AM

To: Bernie Ries, ISED, Regional Director (IC); Gord Johns, MP for Courtenay-Alberni; Selina

Robinson, Minister Municipal Affairs; Dan Webb, Constitutency Assist for MP Gord Johns; communications; Brian Wiese; Scott Harrison; Robert Filmer; Teunis Westbroek; Adam Walker; Daniel Sailland; Luke Sales; Heather Svensen; Fred Dowe; Carol Dowe

**Subject:** Fwd: 2 medical doctors not allowed to speak as delegation very unfair to the public

Bernie Ries, Regional Director, ISED Aug. 21, 2020 Honourable Gord Johns Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs

Dear Mr. Ries and Honourable Gord Johns and Minister Selina Robinson,

We felt you should have the communications between ourselves, Opposing the

cell tower at Village Way/18thTee Eaglecrest and the Town of Qualicum Beach.

There has been an unfair undemocratic public consultation process to bring

forth valuable medical information to our community, by disallowing the

medical practing doctors, Dr. Faulkner of Duncan and Dr. Cline of Nanaimo to

as a delegation. These doctors were invited to speak at the Regional District of

Nanaimo meeting in February, 2020.

We look forward to your response.

Carol and Fred Dowe, for the

Concerned Citizens Opposing the Telus cell tower at Village Way18th Tee

Eaglecrest, Qualicum Beach

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Forwarded message
From: Carol Dowe <
Date: Thu, Aug 20, 2020 at 11:52 PM
Subject: 2 medical doctors not allowed to speak as delegation very unfair to the public
To: < communications@qualicumbeach.com >, Brian Wiese, Mayor Qualicum Beach
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# [Please place in Correspondence Log]

Mayor and Council, Qualicum Beach, BC

Dan Sailland, CEO, Qualicum Beach Luke Sales, Planning Heather Svensen, Administrator

We can't begin to tell you how betrayed we feel by you!
We have been trying since February to appear as a
delegation regarding Opposition to the pending Telus
cell tower at Village Way/18th Tee, Eaglecrest,
Qualicum Beach. We requested to present on 3 occasions., being told
"staff will request direction from
Council on how they would like to conduct any public
consultation process".

Thankfully Staff recommended to you a time period until Sept. 30, 2020 for fair consultation. By the way, when I spoke with Mr. Ries, Regional Director for ISED, he said he felt that was fair, and would be contacting the Town of Qualicum Beach.

The horrible disappointment of the Council not extending the public consultation process to Sept. 30, again shows lack of transparency by this Council to the

citizens of Qualicum Beach, and the big concern:

We never were able to have our 2 medical practicing doctors present to the public!! We were turned down 3 times when we requested to be a delegation. These doctors presented as a delegation to the RDN in February, 2020. Dr. Faulkner of Duncan and Dr Cline of Nanaimo. We owe this report to be made available to the Qualicum Beach area!!

Is there not a process Town of Qualicum Beach protocol where we the public are allowed to be heard? We were told that "we could not be heard, because the Telus report had not been received yet", and then it goes to a final vote by Council! Something is not right here.

Would you please respond to this type of action.? Kind regards,
Carol and Fred Dowe for the
Concerned Citizens Opposing the Telus cell tower at Village Way/18thTee Eaglecrest

From: Carol Dowe

**Sent:** August 21, 2020 7:39 AM

**To:** Selina Robinson, Minister Municipal Affairs; Tomoko Hagio, Senior Planning Analyst,

Municipal Affairs; communications; Bernie Ries, ISED, Regional Director (IC); Gord Johns,

MP for Courtenay-Alberni; Dan Webb, Constitutency Assist for MP Gord Johns

**Subject:**3rd Request to be Delegatioin Opposing Cell Tower at Village Way/18thTee Eaglecrest,

Qualicum Beach

**Attachments:** Telus letter to Eaglecrest community.pdf

Aug. 21, 2020 Selina Robinson, Minister Municipal Affairs Tomoko Hagio, Senior Planning Analyst, Municipal Affairs

Good Morning Minister Robinson and Tomoko!

We felt you should have copies to apprise you of the difficulties of the public process here in Qualicum Beach. I have further communication with the Town of Qualicum Beach describing our difficulties bringing an informative delegation to the public here in Qualicum Beach.

We look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

Carol and Fred Dowe for the

Concerned Citizens Opposing the Telus Cell Tower at Village Way/18thTee Eaglecrest.



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From: Carol Dowe <

Date: Thu, Aug 20, 2020 at 11:44 PM

Subject: 3rd Request to be Delegatioin Opposing Cell Tower at Village Way/18thTee Eaglecrest, Qualicum Beach

To: <communications@qualicumbeach.com>, Brian Wiese, Mayor Qualicum Beach

 $<\!\!\underline{\text{bwiese@qualicumbeach.com}}\!\!>\!, Adam \ Walker, Councillor, Qualicum \ Beach <\!\!\underline{\text{awalker@qualicumbeach.com}}\!\!>\!,$ 

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, Carol Dowe

August 20, 2020

# [PLEASE PLACE IN CORRESPONDENCE LOG]

To: Mayor and Council and Staff Qualicum Beach and Staff:

Below is a letter sent to Honourable Gord Johns, and Bernie Ries, Regional Director, ISED (Innovation, Science and Economics).

# Mr. Mayor and Council:

You have betrayed us by not allowing the Public to receive a delegation of 2 medical doctors,

Dr. Faulkner practicing at Duncan and

Dr. Cline practicing in Nanaimo, that presented to the Regional District of Nanaimo in February, 2020 on the subject of the concerns of EMF radiation and 5G upon our bodies. You have robbed our community of receiving this valuable information before you made your decision.

You gave as your reason "staff will request direction from Council on how they would like to conduct any public consultation process".

Thankfully, then Staff recommended a public consultation process until Sept. 30, 2020, and then,

You chose at the August 19, 2020 Council meeting not to receive any more letters, "they all sounded the same, with concerns about health and safety and the ugliness of a cell tower pole at the entrance to Qualicum Beach at Village Way and Highway #19." This was very unfair and

selective on your part. Not allowing us to be heard as a delegation is not a democratic practice.

We would ask you to reconsider having this delegation come and speak at our Council meeting in September, 2020 for the sake of the public to have this

valuable information to inform them.

Also, see attached PDF letter of Telus urging Eaglecrest to become proactive.

This is a one sided process, and very unfair and undemocratic.

By the way, this whole process of needing a cell tower for service started with

Eaglecrest saying they had no cell service, when in fact, the Rogers phones work very

well in over 12 locations that we drove to. There are people in Eaglecrest opposed to

this cell tower also, did you know that?

Also, Site Path Consulting, being paid by Telus, should be a neutral fact gathering

group. They conducted their survey in such a way that people were given to

choose location #1 or location#2. They were not given the option of choosing to Oppose the tower. This is again very unfair, and like "leading the witness". This is not acceptable when considering an

infrastructure item.

Please search your conscience and heart, and give serious consideration to our future lives. We care about our community, our children, grandchildren, and seniors elderly too, as well as all of us.

We will also be forwarding this letter to Mr. Ries, Regional Director of ISED and

Honourable Gord Johns.

Kind regards,

Carol and Fred Dowe for the Concerned Citizens Opposing the Telus cell tower at Village Way/18thTee Eaglecrest, Qualicum Beach 512 Hawthorne Dr. Qualicum Beach, BC V9K 1A5

tel:

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Honourable Gord Johns Member of Parliament 613-992-0903 250-216-0728

August 17, 2020

Good Morning Honourable Gord!

We hope you and your family and staff are doing well during this Covid times.

Please read the following letter, and let us know your thoughts. We have over 500 people on petition and over 100 separately written letters to Mayor and Council opposing this 147 foot, 45 metre cell tower, is virtually the same location (50 metres from last Telus try at the tower) that was turned down in February, 2020. This is bordering on harassment! This is the same location,

same 3 elementary schools, same 3 Day Cares, vulnerable senior and elderly, at The Gardens, Berwick,

Qualicum Manor and Hawthorne Place and same houses located close by. We have a petition with some 90 homes located around this tower opposing this huge 147 foot tower!

We need your help!. Thank you.

Carol and Fred Dowe for the

Concerned Citizens Opposing a 4th cell tower in Qualicum Beach, at Village Way

# and Highway 19A (18th tee Eaglecrest) 512 Hawthorne Drive, Qualicum Beach V9K 1A5

Bernie Ries, Regional Director, Regional Director ISED, Innovations, Science and Economics Victoria, BC

Good Morning Bernie 1-250-216-0728 Aug. 17, 2020 bernie.ries@canada.ca

Wanted to confirm your email please. Would you email us back? Thank you kindly,
Carol and Fred Dowe

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From: Carol Dowe

Date: Mon, Aug 10, 2020 at 6:08 PM

Subject: Fwd: 3rd Request to be Delegation Opposing Cell Tower at Village Way/18thTee Eaglecrest,

Qualicum Beach

To: Bernie Ries, ISED (IC) < bernie.ries@canada.ca >, Industry Canada < csbfp-pfpec@ic.gc.ca >, ISED, Cell Towers, Innovation, Scient and Economic Dev. Canada < ic.spectrumvictoria-victoriaspectre.ic@canada.ca >,

Fred Dowe , Carol Dowe

August 10, 2020

Bernie Ries, Pacific Regional Director, ISED

Would you be so kind as to help us with the contact info for the Federal Minister of ISED. Please see letter below and you will see our concerns.

We have a large number of citizens that would want to send their letters to you since we are not being heard by the Town of Qualicum Beach.

We have over 500 on petition, and about 150 letters and emails opposing this Telus cell tower. Please help us!

We are so very concerned about how quickly this could be passed by the mayor and Council without our public input. at Council meeting August 19, as Telus is being allowed to present, and we are not. Please, please help us! Carol and Fred Dowe for the Concerned Citizens Opposing the Telus 45 metre, 147 foot cell tower, Village Way/18th Tee Eaglecrest, Qualicum Beach

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Heather Svensen, Administrator August 10, 2020

cc: Luke Sales, Planning

cc: Dan Sailland, Chief Administrative Officer

Town of Qualicum Beach

250-752-6921

# [PLEASE PLACE IN CORRESPONDENCE LOG & Return Receipt Requested]

Good Morning Heather!

This is our 3rd request to appear as a Delegation Opposed to the Telus cell tower

at Village Way/ Eaglecrest 18th Tee, Qualicum Beach (4th tower in Qualicum Beach). Our question is what has changed since February when we were

given the okay to appear as a delegation. We also would be interested to know

# how many emails and letters you have received against the cell tower. The

letters written opposing the cell tower in February reflect the same concerns

today because the location of the tower is between 50-100 metres from that

first location.

We have written letters to you, the Mayor and Council regarding our opposition to the cell tower because of our **lack of trust** with the public consultation process.

\*(See attached letter from Telus to Residents Assoc urging Eaglecrest to be more proactive in responding to the public consultation process.

Brian Gregg of Sitepath Consulting, [a Telus consultant person] is not a neutral person as evident by their letter. Their report will be weighted in favour of Telus and the president of Eaglecrest Res. Assoc. This is like "the fox managing the chicken coop", gathering information to submit to the town of Qualicum Beach. This is unethical at the least.

Because of this action by Telus and the Eaglecrest Res. Assoc., we felt the **true picture and heartbeat of the community** opposing the cell tower at Village Way/18th Tee Eaglecrest would be heard more truthfully by the mayor and council with our emails and letters, expressing our concerns, not filtered through Telus.

We have asked you to place these emails and letters in the Correspondence Log and acknowledge with Return Receipt requested. We have over 500 names and comments on petition for the 2nd time (first occasion was February, 2020), and that information was given to you and acknowledged in your office. When I spoke

with Mayor Wiese recently, he said he had received "hundreds of emails". Please hear the voice of the people.

The proposed cell tower is not just for Eaglecrest as it's useful range will be to Lasqueti Island, Texada Island and even the Sunshine Coast. Undoubtedly this 147 foot cell tower will be used for 5G radiation in the near future, which is an even more serious concern.

And, now in your letter dated August 7, 2020, to us re: our request to be a delegation on August 19, you say, "staff will request direction from Council on how they would like to conduct any public consultation process".

We are gravely concerned that our delegation opposing the 45 metre, 147 foot cell tower, will not be heard and that Council will receive the Telus application and simply accept their request without hearing from our delegation opposing the cell tower. We had scheduled 2 medical doctors to present to Council on August 19. Because of covid, we need to respect their time.

The democratic public process needs to prevail. Is there a process the Town of Qualicum Beach has to go through to hear the public fairly? before voting on this very important topic affecting the whole area's health and safety? We propose that the cell tower be suspended until such technologies have been proven to be safe to the environment and human health. Remember, this is a cell tower that would be located between 3 schools (Day Care too), and we are concerned for our frail and elderly too.

Also, 911 is available to all charged up cell phones according to RCMP. This has been a concern of Eaglecrest.

Important to note: The Water Tower on Village Way (414 metres from the

proposed site at Village Way) has good reception provided by Rogers. We are

hearing there is an unwillingness to sign up with Rogers. We do not need another

cell tower in close proximity to an existing cell tower providing cell service.

The question is: We have many citizens concerned about **health and** safety of

our vulnerable children, grandchildren, in the middle of 3 schools (including 2 Day Cares), elderly and frail, and of yet another 4th cell tower in our community versus the unwillingness of Eaglecrest to sign up with Rogers to get good cell service already in existence.

We felt this information should be in the Council records.

Looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest time.

Dr. Fred and Carol Dowe for the

Concerned Citizens Opposing the cell tower at Village Way/ 18thTee Eaglecrest, Qualicum

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Thank you.



From: Debby Wetmore <

**Sent:** August 21, 2020 10:00 AM

**To:** communications

Cc: Brian Wiese; Adam Walker; Robert Filmer; Scott Harrison; Teunis Westbroek; Heather

Svensen

**Subject:** Proposed Telus Cell Phone Tower - Complete Absence of Public Consultation Process

### Please put in Correspondence Log,

Hello Qualicum Beach Council and Staff,

I am writing to make a formal complaint about the lack of public consultation with Council (not Telus - that is another issue) on the proposed new 45 meter cell phone tower at the corner of Village Way and Island Highway.

Please note the screen shot below of an email received by me on July 28, 2020 from "QB Town" stating that Telus had not yet made application. Here is a quote from that email

"Once Telus makes an application to the Town, the matter will be taken to an open Council meeting. At this time public input will be received and considered as part of the decision making process."

Three weeks later the issue was raised at a August 19, 2020 Council Meeting and approved 3/2. One Council Member even mentioned (paraphrased) "we've already spent enough time on this lets resolve it today". How could Council have spent time on this already? Where is the opportunity for public input? Have the over "no tower" 100 letters in the Correspondence Log from July been destroyed - that was public input.

Clearly this is all about money. The Town is strapped for funds, Telus will pay a license fee to the Town (\$12,000 to \$20,000 per year) and possibly add-ons in the future. Done deal. No public input. **Shame on all of you involved.** 

**Debby Wetmore** 



From: Anne Skipsey <

**Sent:** August 21, 2020 10:18 AM

**To:** communications

**Subject:** Comments re: August 19, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

**Attachments:** Comments to Council Aug 19 Meeting.pdf

Good Morning,

Please find attached my comments related to this meeting.

Sincerely,

Anne

Anne Skipsey 383 Crescent Road West Qualicum Beach, BC V9K 1J5

August 21, 2020

Mayor & Council Town of Qualicum Beach 201 – 660 Primrose St Qualicum Beach, BC V9K 1J5

Dear Mayor and Council,

After viewing the Council Meeting of August 19<sup>th</sup>, I am submitting the following comments to Council:

### Procedure Bylaw "Meeting"

During the meeting, Councillor Westbroek made reference to a "meeting" on the Council Procedure Bylaw. If indeed this was a "meeting" that advanced the business of Council, can you please provide the notice of the meeting and the reasons the meeting was closed to the public?

### **Cell Tower**

Myself, and a large number of citizens in this Town, feel betrayed by members of this Council as a result of the decision of Council for the Town to forego a public input process regarding the installation of the cell tower. As Councillors Walker and Westbroek pointed out citizens have been told this opportunity to have their voices heard would be provided. There were requests for delegations to Council (I understand on both sides of this issue) that were turned down pending Council direction. Is it not important for you to make a fully informed decision? There were two medical doctors ready to present and provide Council with important information.

As mentioned in a previous letter to Council, I find it insulting that after much public concern (and I believe a 500 name petition), which resulted in the Christian Fellowship Centre withdrawing the offer to permit a cell tower on their property, that the Town would offer up and select the abutting property. Members of Council have essentially thumbed your noses at these citizens and the Centre and taken the lease money from the congregation's pocket. Why does the Town think this is a good idea when not that many months ago the Board of the RDN listened and learned and turned away the proposal?

Council has also ignored the recommendations of staff: "...staff recommend an additional period of time for members of the public to write directly to the Town. This will allow staff to review input in a more structured manner, and will have little impact on the overall site review timeline, as the lease has yet to be negotiated. "

Please reconsider.

Sincerely, Anne Skipsey From: Debby Wetmore <

**Sent:** August 21, 2020 10:55 AM

**To:** communications

**Subject:** Copy of letter to ISED re- Inappropriate Telus Communication Methodology **Attachments:** Public Notification Mail-Out Package - BC105331 - Qualicum Beach - Country Club

Drive\_Fairways Drive.pdf

Please enter in Correspondence Log:

Dear Mr. Ries,

I am a resident of Qualicum Beach and live within the ISED Default Public Consultation Process boundary for a proposed new Telus Telecommunications Tower and as such received the attached document. I refer to the Comment Sheet at the end of the document and in particular to Question 2. I also have taken a screen shot and included it below.

Please note there are only 3 questions asked in the Comment Sheet and nowhere is the respondent asked "Do you want a new Telus Telecommunications Tower?". Instead, question 2 asks the respondent to choose between Location Option 1 or Location Option 2. It takes effort on the part of the respondent to consider a third unnamed option - are you in favour of a new Telecommunications Tower - yes or no. I know because I had to hand-write "Neither" in the Comment Sheet.

I have an undergraduate degree in Consumer Behaviour, an MBA and am a CPA,CA. How people make choices is an area I have researched and is the focus of Behavioural Economics (*Behavioural Economics is the study of psychology as it relates to the economic decision-making processes of individuals and institutions* - <a href="Investopedia.com">Investopedia.com</a>). When you give people 2 choices they are most likely to choose one of the 2 options offered. In a court trial it might be called "leading the witness". This may be ok when marketing soap or magazine subscriptions. In my opinion, it is not acceptable when considering an infrastructure item like a telecommunications tower.

I request that Telus repeat its Public Notification process with a revised Comment Sheet that adds the simple question - Are you in favour of a new Telecommunications Tower at the corner of Island Highway and Village Road - yes or no?

## **COMMENT SHEET**

## PROPOSED TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER

Location Option 1: 2045 Island Hwy W, Qualicum Beach, BC [Approximate Coordinates: 49.351034, -124.406460]
Location Option 2: 845 Village way, Qualicum Beach, BC [Approximate Coordinates: 49.350199, -124.406109]

TELUS File: BC105331 - Qualicum Beach - Country Club Drive/Fairways Drive

1.	Are you a cellular phone or wireless device user?  ☑ Yes □ No
2.	Do you prefer location option 1 or location option 2? Please provide any additional comments.  Location Option 1  Location Option 2
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	Are you satisfied with the appearance / design of the proposed facility? If not, what changes would you suggest?  Yes No
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Dear Res dent/Landowner June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Re: Proposed 45 m TELUS Radiocommunications Tower

TELUS File: BC105331 - Qualicum Beach - Country Club Drive/Fairways Drive

Two (2) Proposed Location Options:

1. 2045 Island Hwy W, Qualicum Beach, BC - Approximate Coordinates: 49.351034, -124.406460

2. 845 Village way, Qualicum Beach, BC - Approximate Coordinates: 49.350199, -124.406109

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### **TELUS' Proposal**

TELUS s proposing to construct a 45-meter tail monopole tower near Eaglecrest GofC ubin Qualicum Beach, BC. In conjunct on with Town of Qualicum Beach staff, TELUS has identified two (2) potent a tower location options on vacant municipal-owned and at both 2045 Is and Hwy W (option 1) and 845 V lage Way (option 2). As both location options are acceptable to enable TELUS to service the community, we are consulting the community to determine the preferred tower location. A lofthelequipment necessary to operate this factity will residue within a compound located at the base of the tower. The tower, if constructed, will provide moroved high-speed internet access and wireless service to the Qualicum Beach community in response to longoing customer complaints regarding a lack of dependable service in the community.

#### **Authority**

A though Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) has exclusive jurisdiction over the placement of wireless telecommunications facities, it requires the carriers to consult with the applicable local government and the general public regarding new installations. The public consultation process is intended to provide an opportunity to have property owner questions addressed while respecting federal jurisdiction over the installation and operation of telecommunications systems.

### ISED's Default Public Consultation

As the Town of Qualcum Beach does not have an established and documented public consultation process applicable to tower siting, TELUS is required to follow the ISED (formerly Industry Canada). Default Public Consultation Process. ISED has jurisd ction over telecommunications facilities and has set out public and and use authority consultation requirements in the ISED circular, CPC-2-0-03 (CPC) for telecommunication carriers. The CPC requires TELUS to consult with the local and use authority and the general public. TELUS is also required to provide notification packages to property owners within a radius of three times the proposed tower height, measured from the tower base or the outside per meter of the supporting structure. The required notification radius in this instance is 135 meters from the outside per meter of each proposed tower location. Your property fals within this notification radius, and accordingly, TELUS is consultingly you regarding this proposed tower. This process will provide you with an opportunity to engage in reasonable, relevant, and timely communication regarding this proposa. This notification will also be submitted to the Town of Qualcum Beach and ISED as part of our application for and use concurrence.

I w acknow edge recept of comments and quest ons receved within 14 days and address a relevant and reasonable concerns within 60 days. The commenting member of the public withen have 21 days to reply to the response. A summary of a comments received and our responses withen be submitted to ISED.

#### Site Details

1. Purpose - The purpose of the proposed tower s to expand TELUS were ess coverage and to provide access to dependable wire essing antenna support structures or other feasible structures that can be ut it zed and, as a result, a new tower significant to the purpose of the proposed tower significant to the purpose of the purpose of the proposed tower significant to the purpose of the purp

required. The tower, if constructed, will provide improved wireless connectivity in terms of reliability and speed for those in the vicinity of the facility.

- 2. Location and Land Use The tower s proposed to be ocated on vacant mun c pa -owned at e ther 2045 Is and Hwy W (opt on 1) or 845 V age Way (opt on 2), Qua cum Beach, BC. The geograph ca coord nates for the proposed tower s te at 2045 Is and Hwy W (opt on 1) are 49.351034, -124.406460 whereas the geograph ca coord nates for the proposed tower s te at 845 V age Way (opt on 2) are 49.350199, -124.406109. The property at 2045 Is and Hwy W (opt on 1) s zoned F3-Recreat on 3 and the property at 845 V age Way (opt on 2) s zoned F1-Recreat on 1. The subject propert es have been se ected for this proposa as they are both on high elevation and, min min zing the need for a taller tower structure in the community. Additionally, each property is surrounded by mature trees ensuring that only the upper port on of the tower will be visible field.
- 3. Safety Code 6 ISED requires a wireless carriers to operate in accordance with Health Canada's safety standards. TELUS confirms that the tower described in this notification package will be installed and operated on an ongoing basis so as to comply with Health Canada's Safety Code 6 including combined effects with the local radio environment, as may be amended from time to time.
- 4. Site Access For ocat on opt on 1 at 2045 Is and Hwy W, TELUS s proposing to access the site via Is and Hwy W and a new small access road that will connect TELUS compound to the highway. For ocation opt on 2 at 845 Village Way, access will be achieved via Village Way and a new small access road that will connect TELUS compound to the road.
- 5. Environment TELUS conf rms that the nsta at on s exc uded from env ronmenta assessment under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.
- 6. Design This proposa is for a 45-meter tail monopole tower as we as a 4-meter tail ghtning rod (49 meters of total height not uding the ghtning rod). A pre-minary design of the tower profile and compound plan is included in this notification for your reference for both location options. The proposed tower height is the same for both location options.
- 7. Transport Canada The tower w be marked n accordance with the Department of Transportation and NAV Canada requirements.
- 8. Structural Considerations TELUS confirms that the antenna structure described in this notification package will apply good engineering practices including structural adequacy during construction.
- 9. Land Use Authority The Town of Qua cum Beach does not have an app cab e Antenna Stng Protoco and as such we are app yng ISEDs Defaut Pub c Consutation process in consutation with Town staff.
- 10. General Information- Genera information relating to antenna systems is avaiable on ISED is Spectrum Management and Telecommunications website: http://www.c.gc.ca/epic/ste/smt-gst.nsf/en/h\_sf01702e.htm.

### 11. Contacts:

#### **TELUS**

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Shou d you have any spec f c quest ons regard ng the proposa, p ease fee we come to contact the contacts sted here n, or return the enc osed comment sheet by ma or ema to TELUS by **July 27<sup>th</sup>**, **2020.** 



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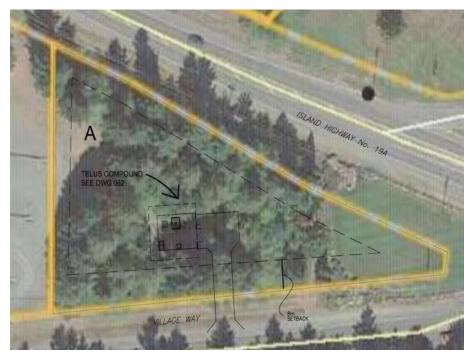


Location Option 2 - 845 Village way, Qualicum Beach, BC Approximate Coordinates: 49.350199, -124.406109

Aerial Photos (for discussion purposes only)

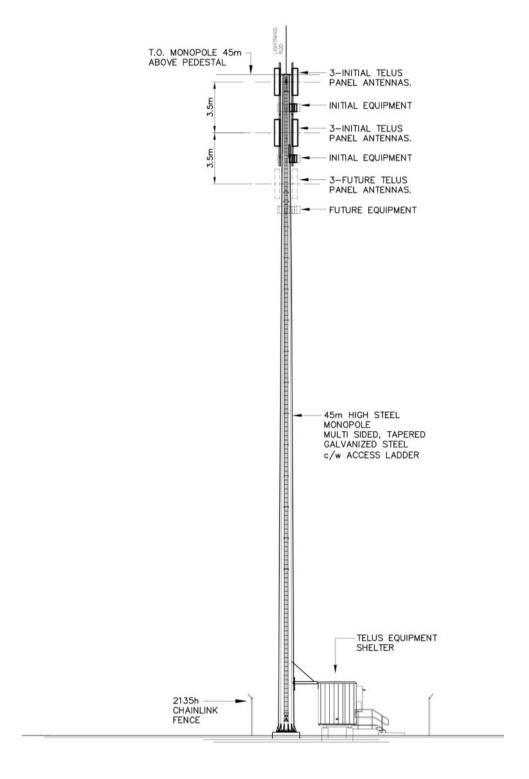


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# Site Plans (for discussion purposes only)



**Tower Profile (for discussion purposes only)** 

## **Photo Simulations**

Location Option 1 - 2045 Island Hwy W, Qualicum Beach, BC (for discussion purposes only)



View Looking West from Island Hwy W

# Location Option 2 - 845 Village way, Qualicum Beach, BC (for discussion purposes only)



View Looking West from Island Hwy W

## **COMMENT SHEET**

### PROPOSED TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER

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Location Option 2: 845 Village way, Qualicum Beach, BC [Approximate Coordinates: 49.350199, -124.406109]

TELUS File: BC105331 - Qualicum Beach - Country Club Drive/Fairways Drive

1.	Are you a cellular phone or wireless device user?  Yes  No		
2.	Do you prefer location option 1 or location option 2? Please provide any additional comments.  Location Option 1  Location Option 2		
Comments			
3.	Are you satisfied with the appearance / design of the proposed facility? If not, what changes would you suggest?  Yes No		
Со	mments		
Additional Comments			
	ease provide your name and full mailing address if you would like to be informed about the status of this posal. This information will not be used for marketing purposes;		
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Mailing Address			
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Please email to briangregg@sitepathconsulting.com or mail to 2528 Alberta Street, Vancouver, BC V5Y 3L1 ATTENTION: Brian Gregg by July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Thank you for your input.

From: Maureen Curle <

**Sent:** August 21, 2020 11:10 AM

**To:** communications

**Subject:** MORATORIUM on ANOTHER cell tower

To all concerned...and please place this letter in 'the Log',

With such short notice...and only a moment now...I am again expressing my DEEP and personal fact based knowledge of the extreme dangers that cell towers subject a community to....with a range far broader than most are aware.

PLEASE do your DUE DILIGENCE and contribute to a broader education of the Oceanside and Qualicum community on this critical issue.

Sincerely, Maureen Curle From: Debby Wetmore

**Sent:** August 21, 2020 11:10 AM

To: Brian Gregg
Cc: communications

Subject: Re: TELUS File: BC105331 - Qualicum Beach - Country Club Drive/Fairways Drive - Public

Notification MISLEADING

Hi Brian,

Sorry - your response does not address the issue I raised. A specific question "do you want a new cell tower at the corner of Village Way and Island Highway?" Yes or No - is missing from the Comments Sheet. People who are not informed about the issue are likely to respond (if they respond at all) only to the "calls to action" in the first 3 questions. It is human nature.

In any event, you have a job to do and you represent Telus. You go home after work to your "home". I am not doing a job, this is my home and sanctuary and this new tower (the second tower in a small radius of less than 250 meters) will have an impact on my and my family's well-being. You win, Telus wins, the people of Eaglecrest who aren't willing to change cell phone providers win, Qualicum Beach Council wins with a money influx (though so small), the residents who understand the nascent nature of EMF research lose and children in childcare or schools nearby are at risk of being collateral damage.

Disgusting from my perspective ~

Debby

On Aug 20, 2020, at 3:16 PM, Brian Gregg < briangregg@sitepathconsulting.com > wrote:

Hi Debby:

Thanks for your input. In your screenshot in your below email, I think you cut off the bottom part of our comment sheet where we welcomed all "additional comments". We also welcomed all input via a newspaper notice and previously we held a public meeting (albeit not required as part of the federal process).

For clarity, the Town asked us to consult on two location options and to seek peoples' preference as to the location options. Typically, we only consult on a single location. We have therefore tried to exceed all of the typical requirements for this consultation.

I should kindly note that the comment period closed on July 27th however I wanted to respond to you to clarify our intentions.

**Brian Gregg | SitePath Consulting Ltd.** 

Cell: 778-870-1388 | Email: briangregg@sitepathconsulting.com

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On Thu, Aug 20, 2020 at 2:55 PM Debby Wetmore < > wrote: Dear Mr. Ries,

I am a resident of Qualicum Beach and live within the ISED Default Public Consultation Process boundary for a proposed new Telus Telecommunications Tower and as such received the attached document. I refer to the Comment Sheet at the end of the document and in particular to Question 2. I also have taken a screen shot and included it below.

Please note there are only 3 questions asked in the Comment Sheet and nowhere is the respondent asked "Do you want a new Telus Telecommunications Tower?". Instead, question 2 asks the respondent to choose between Location Option 1 or Location Option 2. It takes effort on the part of the respondent to consider a third unnamed option - are you in favour of a new Telecommunications Tower - yes or no. I know because I had to hand-write "Neither" in the Comment Sheet.

I have an undergraduate degree in Consumer Behaviour, an MBA and am a CPA,CA. How people make choices is an area I have researched and is the focus of Behavioural Economics (Behavioural Economics is the study of psychology as it relates to the economic decision-making processes of individuals and institutions - Investopedia.com). When you give people 2 choices they are most likely to choose one of the 2 options offered. In a court trial it might be called "leading the witness". This may be ok when marketing soap or magazine subscriptions. In my opinion, it is not acceptable when considering an infrastructure item like a telecommunications tower.

I request that Telus repeat its Public Notification process with a revised Comment Sheet that adds the simple question - Are you in favour of a new Telecommunications Tower at the corner of Island Highway and Village Road - yes or no?

Sincerely,

Debby Wetmore

<Public Notification Mail-Out Package - BC105331 - Qualicum Beach - Country Club Drive\_Fairways Drive.pdf>