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Good morning Ian,

As per the City of Kawartha Lakes requirements, please find below a summary of the public consultation outcome for the proposed radio communication tower at 3818 Boundary Rd in Kawartha Lakes.

In accordance with ISED's Default Public Consultation Process that is also adopted by the City of Kawartha Lakes, Metrolinx engaged in a public consultation process regarding the radio communication tower proposed on MTO lands at 3818 Boundary Rd.

The consultation package included a notice sign posted in front of the property in question, a newspaper ad in the local newspaper (Kawartha Lakes This Week) and a mail notice sent out to the property owners affected by the 3 times the tower height radius.

On April 1st, Mr. Peter N Hughes, sent an email stating that he has nothing against the tower being built as long as his internet and TV services will not be affected.

Next day, I responded back to Mr. Hughes (you were copied on it) and I reassured him that we will only receive a licence to operate from ISED, if they find no interference with other licenced carriers in the area.

I did not receive any further comments from Mr. Hughes.

Second resident that contacted me was Mr. Brent Moxam on April the 11th, 2018.

First he called me stating that he has concerns with the proposed radio tower and he'd like to have his questions answered.

Shortly after our phone conversation, Mr. Moxam followed up with an email requesting his questions and concerns to be answered.

His concerns were radio frequencies and its effect on humans and animals, interference with cell phone and internet services, loss of property value and future additions to the tower.

In my response, I indicated that Metrolinx will have to comply with Health Canada's safety guidelines for exposure to radio frequency fields and as a licensed operator will have to comply with all the rules and regulations established by ISED.

In regards to his concerns about the loss of natural landscape, I indicated Mr. Moxam that the zoning of the area where the tower is proposed allows radio tower installations and that there will be no loss of green vegetation since the proposed location is utilized as a works yard.

As for his concern regarding the future additions, I explained Mr. Moxam that is not our decision since we are mandated by both ISED and the Land Use Authority to accept collocation requests in order to minimize the number of towers.

Mr. Moxam replied back the next day indicating that even though Metrolinx will obey all federal rules and guidelines it is not enough for him and was asking how will Metrolinx go "over and above to ensure the safety and wellbeing of my family, animals and equine business."

I reiterated our earlier statement that Metrolinx will follow all rules and regulations mandated by the federal regulatory bodies.

He also inquired about using an "eco emulated tower".

I responded back to him that a disguised tower cannot be built any higher than 50 meters due the deflection and wind loading.

Again, this response did not satisfy Mr. Moxam, as he indicated that our engagement to follow the laws in effect, is nothing else just deflecting his questions.

Once again he asked what will Metrolinx do.

He also asked about the collocation on a tower 3KM away, located just north west of Hwy 115.

At this time, Mr. Gary Eckhardt, the Manager of the Radio Group at Metrolinx answered him back.

Mr. Eckhardt reiterated once again that Metrolinx will have to follow Federal rules, procedures and guidelines and if Metrolinx fails to do so, will not be licenced.

Furthermore, Mr. Eckhardt also suggested that if Mr. Moxam feels that the standards are not sufficient for him to contact those regulating bodies and make his concerns known to them. Metrolinx is required to comply with the rules and not create or modify them.

Mr. Eckhardt also explained Mr. Moxam that the tower construction in the area is not random or arbitrary and the proposal is in the works for more than a year now.

He also addressed the collocation question posed by Mr. Moxam, explaining that the elevations on the tower in question, are less than the height required to meet the coverage design and provide optimal links to other sites.

At the end of his reply, Mr. Eckhardt reassured Mr. Moxam once again that Metrolinx will follow all rules and regulations as set out by the regulatory bodies and that we have done our best to convey this to him.

Mr. Moxam did not reply back ever since and we consider that we have answered all relevant questions posed by him.

No other comments were received regarding the proposed Metrolinx tower.

Since the public consultation has concluded on April 19th, please let me know what are next steps in this process.

With many thanks once again

Tony

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