Proposed Rogers Telecom Tower 498928 Grey Rd 2 Town of The Blue Mountains

Oct 22 2024 - Town summary of public comments/questions

Concern regarding how public consultation is undertaken and to what end i.e. is the process to select a site, select a tower design

Question re: the rationale for the proposed tower design, height and location

Question about why towers are being constructed generally.

Question regarding the cost of the tower and who are the financial beneficiaries of tower siting and construction.

Question re impact on property values

Question re: co-location and whether all local opportunities have been explored

Question about whether stealth options have been explored for this proposal

Concern that there is insufficient or nonexistent tree cover or buildings to hide or shield the tower from view.

Concern regarding the topographic prominence of the subject location and combined impact of the tower height and design and lighting at this location on viewscapes and aesthetics

Question about the role the proposed tower plays in network expansion and future tower site locations

Question about whether other carriers have been contacted for either co-location on their existing facilities or co-location on the subject facility if approved

Concern regarding the impact of the proposed tower location and height relative to properties at higher topographic locations that may be disproportionately impacted by view impacts.

Concern regarding impact on short and long term views

Concern as to why a 90 m tower is proposed at the site location rather than shorter towers with less obtrusive visual impact

Question re: site selection process, other candidate sites and how this site was selected.

Question regarding the lack of information on lighting and the expected lighting plan for the proposed tower

Question re: proximity of existing residential to tower site

Question re equipment shelter specs.

Question re: ground compound screening

Question re the direction of antennae

Question re: Rogers obligations if the tower becomes redundant

Question re: comparable sites/towers for reference to understand scale of proposal

Concern regarding the need for the tower given

- existing level of good cellular service for Bell customers
- fibre optic installation

Question re: impact on satellite service of the proposed location

Concern regarding the impact on human health:

- arising from radiofrequency exposure including relative impacts of reduced separation space due to local topography
- arising from 5 G technology

- arising from future unknown technologies that could be housed on this facility

Question re: the devices to be mounted on this tower, future devices and their relative safety to the public

Question re: health risks of tower on vegetation

Concern re: environmental and status impact of tower on Ontario Heritage Tree

Support for improved cellular service for emergency services, at home

Concern that the proposal does not comply with the objectives and requirements of the Town of The Blue Mountains Telecommunications Protocol

Has the effect of visual prominence been considered in the selection of the proposed site?

Why were rurally designated properties not considered in site selection process?