

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO HELD ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2015 AT 4:00 PM IN THE
RDN BOARD CHAMBERS**

In Attendance:

Director B. Veenhof	Chairperson
Director A. McPherson	Electoral Area A
Director M. Young	Electoral Area C
Director B. Rogers	Electoral Area E
Director J. Fell	Electoral Area F
Director J. Stanhope	Electoral Area G

Also in Attendance:

Director H. Houle	Electoral Area B
P. Thorkelsson	Chief Administrative Officer
J. Harrison	Director of Corporate Services
G. Garbutt	Gen. Mgr. Strategic & Community Development
J. Hill	Mgr. Administrative Services
J. Holm	Mgr. Current Planning
T. Brown	Planner
C. Golding	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and respectfully acknowledged the Coast Salish Nations on whose traditional territory the meeting took place.

LATE DELEGATIONS

MOVED Director Rogers, SECONDED Director McPherson, that late delegations be permitted to address the Committee.

CARRIED

Samuel Sugita and Darren Hird, Rogers Communications Inc., re Proposed Telecommunication Antenna System Application No. PL2013-086 – 891 Drew Road, Electoral Area ‘G’.

Samuel Sugita provided an overview of the steps Rogers Communications Inc., has taken since beginning the application process in 2013, and Darren Hird asked the Committee to consider the application and grant concurrence to Rogers Communications Inc.

Kelly Olson, re Cell Tower Siting - 1421 Sunrise Drive and 891 Drew Road (Electoral Area ‘G’).

Kelly Olson voiced her concerns regarding cell tower placement in residential areas and asked that the Committee rescind their concurrence for the placement of a cell tower at 1421 Sunrise Drive and put a hold on all tower siting until a policy can be prepared and other locations considered.

Tricia Thomas, re Proposed Telecommunication Antenna System - 1421 Sunrise Drive, Electoral Area 'G'.

Tricia Thomas voiced her concerns regarding the cell tower placement in a residential area and asked the Committee to adopt a policy for cell tower siting that would apply to all area residents.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Jon Leugner, TELUS, re ROGERS Proposed Telecommunication Antenna System Application No. PL2013-086 – 891 Drew Road, Electoral Area 'G'.

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Young, that the correspondence received from Jon Leugner, TELUS, regarding ROGERS proposed Telecommunication Antenna System Application No. PL2013-086 – 891 Drew Road in Electoral Area 'G' be received.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Proposed Telecommunication Antenna System Application No. PL2013-086 – 891 Drew Road, Electoral Area 'G'.

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Young, that Regional District of Nanaimo staff be instructed to advise ROGERS COMMUNICATION Inc. and Industry Canada that the Regional District of Nanaimo does not concur with the proposal submitted by ROGERS COMMUNICATION Inc. to construct a single-provider freestanding telecommunication antenna system at 891 Drew Road at this time.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director McPherson, that Regional District of Nanaimo staff be instructed to advise ROGERS COMMUNICATION Inc. that it is the Regional District of Nanaimo's expectation that telecommunication industry proponents will work together to maximize co-location opportunities; coordinate the placement of telecommunication infrastructure in the region; and where co-location is not possible, provide detailed information to the Regional District of Nanaimo as to why co-location is not possible.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director McPherson, that Regional District of Nanaimo staff be instructed to advise TM Mobile Inc. (TELUS) that it is the Regional District of Nanaimo's expectation that telecommunication industry proponents will work together to maximize co-location opportunities; coordinate the placement of telecommunication infrastructure in the region; and where co-location is not possible, provide detailed information to the Regional District of Nanaimo as to why co-location is not possible.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director McPherson, that Regional District of Nanaimo staff be instructed to advise TM Mobile Inc. (TELUS) that it is the Regional District of Nanaimo's expectation that TELUS will provide a detailed assessment outlining why neither co-location nor co-build opportunities are possible prior to requesting siting concurrence for the proposed telecommunications facility at 885, 891 and 897 Island Highway West.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Young, that given the complexity of siting of telecommunication antenna systems in the District 69 area, Regional District of Nanaimo staff be instructed to contact Industry Canada, TM Mobile Inc. (TELUS), ROGERS COMMUNICATION Inc. to arrange a meeting between representatives of the Regional District of Nanaimo, City of Parksville and Town of Qualicum Beach to discuss the coordination of siting applications and co-location opportunities in order to address telecommunication gaps that exist in the District 69 area.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Fell, that Regional District of Nanaimo staff be instructed to advise Industry Canada and TM Mobile Inc. (TELUS) that based on new information provided by the public, that the Regional District of Nanaimo recommends that Industry Canada withhold approval of the proposal submitted by TM Mobile Inc. (TELUS) to construct a single-provider freestanding telecommunication antenna system at 1421 Sunrise Drive until such time as property owners within 500 metres of the proposed site have been given notice of the proposal and an opportunity to provide input on the proposal.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

Jon Leugner, TELUS, re ROGERS Proposed Telecommunication Antenna System Application No. PL2013-086 – 891 Drew Road, Electoral Area 'G'.

MOVED Director Rogers, SECONDED Director Young, that a late delegation be permitted to address the Committee.

CARRIED

Samuel Sugita, Rogers Communications, provided an update that there has not been any subsequent communication between ROGERS and TELUS regarding co-building and co-location of the proposed telecommunication antenna system further to the letter provided by TELUS.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Director McPherson, SECONDED Director Rogers, that this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

TIME: 4:46 PM

CHAIRPERSON

CORPORATE OFFICER