



COUNCIL POLICY

TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To establish a procedure for telecommunication antenna system tower applications and local land use consultation in the Township of Langley, pursuant to Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) Canada regulations and requirements.

2. Background

- 2.1 The jurisdiction for the location of telecommunication antenna structures is with the Federal Government, ISED Canada. The Client Procedures Circular (“CPC”) 2-0-03, *Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems* policy document includes roles and responsibilities for site sharing, land-use consultation and public consultation, as well as other important obligations including: compliance with Health Canada’s Safety Code 6 guideline for the protection of the general public, compliance with radio frequency immunity criteria, notification of nearby broadcasting stations, environmental considerations, Transport Canada aeronautical safety responsibilities, and NAV Canada air navigation facilities.
- 2.2 For the purposes of this policy, an “antenna system” and a “telecommunications carrier” have the same meaning as set out in CPC-2-0-03.

3. Policy

3.1 Location Preferences

- 3.1.1 The co-location of telecommunication antenna systems on towers is encouraged. Before submitting an application, the proponent must:
 - contact, in writing, all telecommunication carriers of existing telecommunication antenna system towers within 500m of the base of the proposed location to request co-location on the existing tower; and
 - supply a copy of the written request and all responses regarding the co-location request, including the reasons provided by the existing telecommunications carriers for declining co-locating with the proponent’s application.
- 3.1.2 When new telecommunication antenna system towers must be constructed, where technically feasible, the following locations are preferred:
 - Industrial and Mixed Employment areas
 - Other non-residential areas where appropriate
 - Areas that maximize the distance from residential areas
 - Areas with mature landscaping screening

3.1.3 The siting of telecommunication antenna system towers is discouraged in the following locations:

- Locations of environmental concern that are identified in the Official Community Plan (OCP), that in the opinion of the Township, the placement of a telecommunication antenna system towers will have an adverse impact on these areas
- Riparian lands. The proposed location must adhere to federal regulations including, but not limited to, setbacks from watercourses and wetlands
- Heritage areas
- Areas that negatively impact public views and vistas of important natural or constructed features

3.2 Design Preferences

3.2.1 Telecommunication antenna system towers should be sited and designed to respect local sensitivities and preferences as identified by the Township. The Township encourages the installation of telecommunication antenna system towers that are unobtrusive and as inconspicuous as possible including:

- Slim line monopoles
- The mitigation of negative visual impacts through the use of appropriate landscaping, screening, stealth design techniques, etc.

3.2.2 The following designs are discouraged:

- Lattice work towers
- The use of cables or guy wires to steady, support, or reinforce freestanding telecommunication antenna system tower

3.2.3 This policy acknowledges that the objective of promoting co-location as described in Subsection 3.1.1, and the objectives of making the telecommunication antenna structure less noticeable, as described in Section 3.2.1 may sometimes come into conflict. Nevertheless, the Township intends to review each submission on its own individual merits with a view to promoting both objectives and, where necessary, determining the appropriate balance between them.

3.3 Application

3.3.1 Proponents of a new telecommunication antenna system tower are encouraged to consult with staff at an early stage of the site evaluation process, including pre-application.

3.3.2 Telecommunication carriers that are not excluded under Section 3.4.1 must submit an application to the Township of Langley's Community Development Division pursuant to Township of Langley Development Application Procedures Bylaw No. 5760 as amended which shall include the following items:

- A completed application form
- A title search
- The application fee
- Tower design plans
- A letter of intent (including the identification of any other structures within a 500m radius of the proposed location and an explanation as to why co-utilization of the existing structure is not a viable alternative)
- Copies of returned co-location offer letters (or copies of the original co-location offer letters if no response was received)

3.4 Public Notice and Consultation

- 3.4.1 Telecommunication antenna system installations that are not excluded under the ISED exclusion criteria in CPC-2-0-03 Section 6 are not subject to the public consultation process in this policy. Notwithstanding the ISED exclusion criteria, proponents are asked to inform the Township of all new antenna system installations within the Township's boundaries.
- 3.4.2 Subject to 3.4.1, the application for all telecommunication antenna system tower installations, including co-locations, are subject to public consultation.
- 3.4.3 Where public consultation is required, consultation with the public should be completed within 120 days of the proposal being accepted as complete by the Township.
- 3.4.4 Subject to any additional requirements of this policy, public consultation shall occur in accordance with ISED's default public consultation process in CPC-2-0-03 Section 4.2.
- 3.4.5 At the conclusion of the public consultation process proponents are required to provide a summary report that includes all correspondence between the public and the proponent, copies of all notifications, and any other related information pertaining to public consultation. The summary report must be sent to the Community Development Division.

3.5 Council Consideration of Application

- 3.5.1 Following the completion of the public consultation and provision of the summary report outlined in Section 3.4.5, staff will draft a report to Council for their consideration and include the summary report.
- 3.5.2 Council may pass a resolution indicating its objection or non-objection for the application. The Township of Langley will then provide the telecommunication carrier(s) and ISED with a letter within 10 days of approval of the Council meeting minutes indicating Council's resolution.

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