



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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The Honourable Christian Paradis
Minister of Industry and Minister of State (Agriculture)
C. D. Howe Building
235 Queen Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Minister:

Re: Telecommunication Towers

The establishment of telecommunication towers is becoming extremely active and is causing a crisis situation in residential areas in our city because of the inadequate process which the applications go through.

We are well aware of the fact that the municipality does not have jurisdiction in regard to the establishment of telecommunication towers. We disagree with this policy because it causes a major interference with the extensive planning process we go through in establishing a residential area in our city and telecommunications towers were never considered.

The telecommunication towers are having a major impact on our well planned residential areas and the citizens are very upset about this invasion into their community.

The telecommunication tower applicant enters into negotiations with the landowner and the City is only advised when the official application is made to your ministry for approval. Our only involvement is to be advised by the applicant that they have followed the procedure outlined by your ministry, a procedure which needs to be revised.

The distribution of the notification that the applicant is required to implement is not satisfactory. The distance covered is unacceptable as is evident from the concerns that have been raised by the citizens to date. The notice distributed to the citizens should be done by registered mail to ensure the receipt of such notification and we would highly recommend that the distance the City uses when advising the community of development applications, which is 400 feet, should also be adopted for telecommunication tower applicants.



Unfortunately, when MPs are contacted by the citizens they often respond advising that it is the responsibility of the City to decide whether or not the application is approved which is contrary to the legislation.

It is important that any application that is received by your ministry for the establishment of a telecommunication tower should be immediately sent to the MP so that the federal representative is aware of the application and they should be calling a public meeting of the citizens affected in order to hear their concerns and to report back to your ministry. This is not being done at the present time and I strongly recommend that this process be implemented immediately.

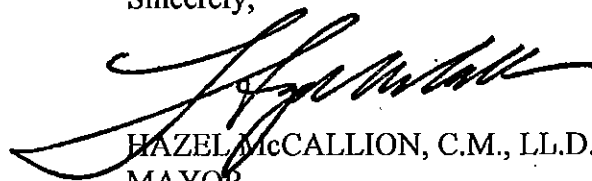
The above-noted recommendations do not require legislative changes but changes to the process currently followed.

I request your immediate attention to this issue and by copy of this letter to the MPs representing Mississauga, I am requesting that they follow up with your ministry to ensure that these changes are implemented.

Unfortunately, the telecommunication companies are concentrating on religious sites in which to locate their towers and are causing controversy between the community and various religious organizations as a result.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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