

October 27, 2021

Chair and Directors
Electoral Areas Services Committee

Re: Telecommunication Antenna Policy

The Comox Valley Regional District has received and considered applications over the years from telecommunication providers regarding installing various types of communication antenna systems within the rural areas.

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Industry Canada) is the regulating agency responsible for telecommunication towers and prescribes a standard Public Consultation Process that the proponents must follow, including the support of the relevant local government in the form of a Letter of Concurrence.

Consideration of concurrence for telecommunication antennas in the rural areas has in many instances elicited a strong public reaction that has emphasized the importance of a thorough consultation process.

To assist the Comox Valley Regional District in considering future telecommunication towers, I request the committee's consideration of the following:

THAT staff be directed to bring forward a telecommunications antenna policy that provides for a broader process for public consultation and relevant considerations.

Sincerely,

E. Grieve

Edwin Grieve
Director