

# Management Directive

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## 1. Legislative or Administrative Authority:

### 1.1 Federal Jurisdiction

Telecommunication Antenna/Tower Systems are exclusively regulated by Federal legislation under the Radiocommunication Act and administered by Innovation, Science and Economic Development (“ISED”) Canada, formally known as Industry Canada. Therefore, legislation such as the Planning Act, including zoning by-laws do not apply to these antenna systems. It is important to understand that ISED Canada, while requiring proponents to follow municipal consultation protocols, makes the final decision on whether or not an antenna system can be constructed. The Municipality of Clarington (the “Municipality”) can only provide comments to ISED Canada. The Municipality also does not have the authority to stop the construction of an antenna system.

### 1.2 Other Federal Jurisdiction

As a Federal undertaking, antenna systems must adhere to all applicable Federal regulations and guidelines, including but not limited to:

- ISED Canada’s Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems Client Procedures Circular (CPC-2-0-03);
- ISED Canada’s Conditions of Licence for Mandatory Roaming and Antenna Tower and Site Sharing and to Prohibit Exclusive Site Arrangements (CPC-2-0-17);

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- Health Canada's Safety Code 6 - Limits of human exposure to radio frequency Electromagnetic Fields in the Frequency Range from 3 KHZ to 300 GHZ;
- National Building Code of Canada;
- Canadian Environmental Assessment Act; and
- Transport Canada's painting and lighting requirements for aeronautical safety.

## **2. Purpose:**

**2.1.** To maintain policies and procedures that are harmonized with ISED Canada procedures and protocols for the installation of antenna systems, which emphasize the following:

- To outline the Municipality's site selection, design guidelines and consultation process for the installation and modification of cell towers and other antenna installations covered by this protocol for telecommunications facilities;
- Encourage designs that integrate with existing and planned surrounding land use and public realm and minimize visual impacts;
- To outline a municipal consultation process for the installation and modification of cell towers and other antenna installations covered by this protocol for telecommunications facilities;
- Provide a straight-forward, objective process for the installation of antenna systems; and
- To enable the development of a high calibre wireless telecommunications service in Clarington that ensure all residents are connected.

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## 3. Scope:

- 3.1. This Protocol applies to anyone (referred to in this document as “the proponent”) who is planning to install or modify an antenna system, regardless of the type of antennae and the type of installation. This includes telecommunication carriers, businesses, governments, Crown agencies, and the public. Anyone who proposes to use or own an antenna system must follow this Protocol. The requirements also apply to those who install towers or antenna systems on behalf of others or for leasing purposes (“third party tower owners”).

## 4. Definitions:

**Amateur radio operator:** is someone who uses equipment at an amateur radio station to engage in two-way personal communications with other amateur operators on radio frequencies assigned to the amateur radio service.

**Antenna System** shall mean an exterior transmitting device – or group of devices – used to receive and/or to transmit radio frequency (RF) signals, microwave signals, or other federally-licensed communications energy transmitted from, or to be received by, other antennas. Antenna Systems include the antenna, and may include a supporting tower, mast or other supporting structure, and an equipment shelter. This protocol most commonly refers to the following two types of Antenna Systems:

**Freestanding Antenna System:** a structure (e.g., tower or mast) built from the ground for the expressed purpose of hosting an Antenna System or Antenna Systems;

**Building/Structure-Mounted Antenna System:** an Antenna System mounted on an existing structure, which could include a building wall or rooftop, a light standard, water tower, utility pole or other.

**Non-Tower Structures** shall mean structures that camouflage or conceal the presence of antennas or towers such as flagpoles, water towers, church steeples, streetlights, artificial trees and other everyday features.

**Co-location** shall mean the placement of antennas and equipment operated by one or more proponents on a telecommunications Antenna System operated by a different proponent, thereby creating a shared facility.

**Equipment Shelter** shall mean a structure containing equipment necessary to transmit and receive signals.

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**Freestanding Antenna System** shall mean a structure (tower, mast, etc.) built from the ground for the expressed purpose of hosting an Antenna System(s).

**Height** shall mean the height of an antenna system measured from the lowest ground level at the base, including the foundation, to the tallest point of the antenna system. Depending on the particular installation, the tallest point may be an antenna, lightning rod, aviation obstruction lighting or some other appurtenance. Any attempt to artificially reduce the height (addition of soil, aggregate, etc.) will not be included in the calculation or measurement of the height of the antenna system.

**Tower Facility** shall mean the support structure, antenna systems foundations, and fenced compound enclosing the antenna system.

## 5. Exclusions

Antenna Systems that meet the exclusion criteria outlined in ISED's current and applicable antenna systems requirements, as amended from time to time, are excluded by ISED from land-use authority and public consultation requirements.

Proponents who are not certain if their proposals are excluded, or whether consultation may still be prudent, are encouraged to initially contact ISED for guidance.

Where a Proponent contacts the Municipality for guidance, the Municipality may request Proponents to provide relevant information about their proposal in order to respond to the request. This may include, but is not limited to:

- A description of the proposal, including purpose of the existing and proposed towers;
- Date of initial tower construction;
- Location of the existing and proposed antenna system on the property and its proximity to neighbouring residents;
- Existing and proposed antenna system's physical dimensions, including the antenna, mast, and tower, compared to the local surroundings;
- Details on any change in lighting that may affect aeronautical safety between the existing tower and new tower;
- Confirmation of consultation with ISED; and

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- Details of public consultation undertaken for the existing tower.

Notwithstanding, all Proponents are encouraged to consider the siting and design guidelines outlined in Section 7 of this protocol in the planning and development of their proposal.

## **6. Siting on Municipally Owned Properties**

- 6.1.** Any request to install an antenna system on lands owned by the Municipality shall be made to the Director of Planning and Infrastructure Services (or designate). If the proposed location is acceptable in principle, the Director (or designate) will ask the requestor to continue with the process in accordance with this Protocol.
- 6.2.** Proponents must still submit a formal request to the Municipality of Clarington in accordance with this Protocol and follow the public consultation process in accordance with Section 9 of this Protocol, unless the proposal meets the exclusion criteria under Section 5 of this protocol.
- 6.3.** Notwithstanding the public consultation requirements outlined in Section 9 of this Protocol, the Director (or designate) shall circulate the proposal for information to the Mayor and Councillor(s) for the ward in question. Following that, broader public circulation and content of the notice may be required.

## **7. Site Selection for New Antenna Systems**

The location and design guidelines outlined in this section are established to encourage proponents to select sites that minimize the number of tower and antenna facilities erected in the Municipality and to ensure that selected sites minimize visual impacts on the surrounding area.

### **7.1. Co-location**

Before submitting a proposal for an Antenna System on a new site, the proponent must explore the following options:

- a. Consider sharing, modifying or replacing an existing Antenna System structure.
- b. Consider using any feasible existing infrastructure in the area, including but not limited to, rooftops, water towers, utility poles or light standards.

Proponents shall demonstrate efforts made for co-location.

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## **7.2. Preferred Locations**

Where co-location on an existing Antenna System or structure is not possible, proponents are encouraged to:

- a. Consider the use of Municipally-owned lands and/or facilities, where technically feasible, and acceptable to the Municipality.
- b. Select sites for new towers that are within industrial, commercial, or non-residential areas, and/or that maximize the distance from residential areas, listed and designated heritage buildings and sites, and sensitive uses, and that do not interfere with traffic flows.
- c. Provide new towers with co-location capabilities. Proponents should make all reasonable efforts to consider co-location in their proposal.
- d. On undeveloped sites, locate the structure and equipment shelter so as not to preclude future development opportunities for the site.

## **7.3. Discouraged Locations**

The Municipality discourages the installation of new antenna systems in the following locations:

- a. Residential areas except where located on high rise buildings or if needed for emergency service or municipal operations.
- b. On sites of topographical prominence or located in such a manner that would obscure public views and vistas.
- c. Within or adjacent to environmentally sensitive lands.
- d. On, or immediately adjacent to, Heritage Properties or within Heritage Conservation Districts.
- e. Where the future land use has not been determined or in locations that would preclude the development or redevelopment of the area.

If no solution is available to meet service demands other than in a location discouraged by the Municipality, the proponent shall provide a detailed rationale for the necessity of the proposed location in the Site Selection/Justification Report submitted to the Municipality (as noted in Section 8.3).

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## **7.4. Site Design and Layout**

### **7.4.1. Antenna Systems**

Where a new antenna system must be constructed, proponents shall use the following design guidelines to ensure the facility is appropriately designed and sited to minimize visual impacts on the surrounding area.

- a. The design should accommodate for future co-location of additional carriers, where appropriate;
- b. Stealth techniques, such as flagpoles, clock towers, trees, light poles, etc., should be considered and used where appropriate and in harmony with the context of the surrounding area;
- c. Monopole towers with antennas shrouded or flush mounted are preferred, particularly when the tower is proposed in or near residential areas;
- d. Equipment shelters should be designed and landscaped in a manner that is compatible and sensitive to the character of the surrounding area in order to mitigate the visual impact;
- e. Make best effort to preserve existing vegetation and/or provide planting of trees and shrubs around the perimeter fencing to mitigate the visual impact of the antenna system and equipment shelter;
- f. Towers should have non-reflective surfaces and be painted with neutral colours that blend with the surrounding landscape, unless Transport Canada requires the use of other materials or colours (e.g., for aeronautical safety purposes);
- g. Towers should not be illuminated, unless required by Transport Canada;
- h. Towers and their related components should have no adverse effects on natural heritage features, hydrologically sensitive features or areas prone to natural hazards, and proponents must adhere to the policies within the Municipality's Official Plan that pertain to the protection of the natural environment.
- i. Only signage directly related to an antenna system as required by ISED Canada shall be permitted. No third-party advertising or promotion is permitted on a tower facility, unless approved by the Municipality; and,



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- j. Towers and antennas that are attached or adjacent to existing buildings, including rooftop installations, should be screened and/or designed to complement the architecture of the building with respect to form, materials and colour.

## **Structure/Building-mounted Antenna Systems**

Where a new antenna system must be constructed on rooftops or existing structures, proponents shall use the following design guidelines to ensure the facility is appropriately designed and sited to minimize visual impacts on the surrounding area.

- a. Wall mounted antenna on the side of a building are discouraged below the roof but may be permitted subject to appropriate design. Wall mounted antenna on penthouses and stairwells above the roof are preferred;
- b. Utilizing alternative tower structures;
- c. New antennas should have a maximum height of 6 metres above the highest point of the building or existing structure and it should be setback a minimum of 3 metres from the roof edge on a building;
- d. Equipment shelters on roof tops should be setback from the roof edge as appropriate with appropriate consideration of the structural design of the roof;
- e. The colour and architectural style of the antenna and equipment shelter shall blend in with the building or structure;
- f. If an equipment shelter is aboveground and related to a roof-top antenna then the architecture of the equipment shelter must reflect appropriate urban design considerations related to the area within which it is located (e.g. pitched roof, brick if in a residential area); and,
- g. Locations and heights that are in compliance with Transport Canada's requirements relative to the Oshawa Executive Airport.

## **7.5. Amateur Radio Operators in Residential Areas**

The following location and design guidelines apply to amateur radio operators proposing the installation of new radiocommunication antenna systems in residential neighbourhoods.

- a. The antenna system should be located in the rear yards of properties. Avoid locating these systems in front or flankage side yards, or on environmentally



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sensitive lands, designated heritage sites and within a designated heritage conservation district.

- b. The height of the antenna system should not exceed 15.0 metres above ground level and the width should not exceed 3.0 metres at any point.
- c. No part of the antenna system should be located within 1.2 metres of any lot line.
- d. When located on a roof of a building or structure, the antenna system should only be located on that part of the roof closest to the rear yard.
- e. Non-reflective surfaces and neutral colours that blend with the surrounding area should be used.
- f. No part of the antenna system shall include or be used for graphics, signage, flags, or lighting.

## **8. Pre-consultation with Municipality**

Proponents are required to have a preliminary consultation (known as a "Stage 1" pre-consultation) with the Planning and Infrastructure Services Department prior to submitting a formal request to install an antenna system unless it is an excluded structure in Section 5. This initial contact will allow the proponent to meet with staff to discuss the proposal, including the rationalization behind the site selection.

During this meeting, Municipal staff will provide preliminary input and comments regarding the proposal such as, but not limited to, land use compatibility, potential impacts on high profile and sensitive areas, alternative sites, aesthetic or landscaping preferences and other agencies to be consulted.

This meeting will also provide an opportunity for Municipal staff to inform the proponent of the formal consultation process outlined herein and to advise on the notification process for this proposal.

The proponent is required to consult with adjacent municipalities that are located within 500 metres, measured from the tower base, or the outside perimeter of the supporting structure, whichever is greater. The proponent shall provide written confirmation of this consultation to the Director of Planning and Infrastructure Services.

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## **8.1. Pre-consultation Meeting Requirements**

The following information must be provided to the Planning and Infrastructure Services Department, to the attention of the Director (or designate) prior to scheduling a pre-consultation meeting:

- a. Cover letter describing the rationale for the proposed location and other potential sites;
- b. Aerial photos of the potential sites for the antenna system;
- c. Draft site plan or survey plan of the subject property showing the location of the proposed antenna system in relation to the site and/or buildings on the property;
- d. Elevation drawings of the proposed antenna system, height and colour;
- e. Photo Simulations showing the proposed antenna system structure in four different directions, and,
- f. Anticipated coverage and capacity (as a result of installation).

## **8.2. Pre-consultation Summary**

Following the pre-consultation meeting, the Director (or designate) will provide the proponent with a letter outlining the Municipality's requirements and summarizing the results of the pre-consultation meeting. The summary letter will generally provide:

- a. The Municipality's formal submission requirements as set out in Section 8.3;
- b. A list of plans and studies that may be required;
- c. A list of municipal departments and agencies to be consulted;
- d. An indication of the Municipality's preferences regarding location and design guidelines for the site(s) under discussion; and,
- e. Confirmation of the notification requirements for the proposal, following consultation with the Mayor and Ward Councillors.

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## 8.3. Formal Submission Requirements

For the purposes of administration and processing, proponents will be required to complete an application for site plan approval. The proponent must submit the following materials to the Planning and Infrastructure Services to the attention of the Director (or designate) with the appropriate fees in addition to the materials outlined at the pre-consultation meeting and outlined in the summary notes. Such applications are not processed under Section 41 of the Planning Act.

### New Freestanding Antenna Systems

All proposals for new Freestanding Antenna Systems, where consultation with the Municipality is required by ISED, will include the following information:

- a. A completed Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna System application form and applicable fees;
- b. A Site Selection/Justification Report prepared by a qualified professional, such as a land use planner or engineer. The report should identify all antenna systems within the vicinity of the proposed location. It should also include details with respect to the coverage and capacity of the existing antenna systems in the surrounding area and provide detailed evidence as to why co-location on an existing antenna system is not a viable alternative to the construction of a new tower facility and compliance with Health Canada's Safety Code 6 shall be addressed in the justification;
- c. A site plan showing the subject property, including the existing property lines, and/or the leased area (as applicable), site grading, existing and proposed buildings, fences, buffering, existing and proposed landscaping, access, parking and type and height of the proposed Freestanding Antenna System;
- d. Pictures of the location and the proposed Freestanding Antenna System and associated facilities superimposed on the picture from four directions; north, south, east and west;
- e. Two sets of stamped engineered drawings to identify the Freestanding Antenna System design, this will be required to submit at time of entering into a Letter of Undertaking with the Municipality;
- f. A map showing the horizontal distance between the Freestanding Antenna System installation and the nearest residential zone and/or residential dwelling;

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- g. A public notification package (as per Section 9);
- h. A copy of the draft notice and the proposed date on which it will be distributed (no sooner than 14 days from the date of request being submitted), if applicable;
- i. A copy of the draft notice sign to be posted on the subject property, if applicable;
- j. Photo Simulations show the proposed antenna system structure in four different directions; and,
- k. Any required technical reports, background information and other supporting materials provided to the proponent during or after the pre-consultation meeting.

## **Structure/Building-mounted Antenna Systems**

All proposals for Antenna Systems on structures and buildings, where consultation with the Municipality is required by ISED, will include the following information:

- a. A plan showing the location proposed Antenna System and associated facilities on the structure or building;
- b. Building permits to be submitted in accordance with the Ontario Building Code, and any relevant information that may be required by the Clarington Chief Building Official (or Designate) if necessary; and,
- c. Pictures of the structure or building with the proposed Antenna System and associated facilities superimposed on the picture from four directions; north, south, east and west.

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## **Alterations to existing Antenna Systems**

Where modifications to an existing Antenna System are proposed that are not excluded from municipal consultation, amendment to the approved plans may be required and the corresponding fee must be remitted.

### **8.4. Determination of Complete or Incomplete Application**

Within 5 working days of the submission, a staff member will be assigned to the application and confirm receipt. The Director (or designate) will determine whether the required antenna system documentation is deemed complete or incomplete.

If the required materials listed in Section 8.3 of this Protocol are not complete or provided to the satisfaction of the Director (or designate), the application will be deemed incomplete and the official commencement of the 120 day consultation process will not commence. The Director (or designate) will notify the proponent of the outstanding items to be addressed.

When the application is deemed complete by the Director (or designate), the 120 day consultation process will officially commence, and the Director (or designate) will:

- a. notify the proponent that the application has been deemed complete and application the proponent to initiate the required public consultation process;
- b. notify the Mayor and Ward Councillors of the complete application; and,
- c. circulate the proposal to the applicable municipal departments and agencies for review and comment.

## **9. Public Consultation**

### **9.1. Public Consultation Requirements**

Where a Antenna System Review Process is required, the proponent must carry out public consultation in accordance with this Protocol.

The proponent must not initiate public notification or consultation for an antenna system proposal until a formal submission has been made to the Municipality and written confirmation from the Director (or designate) to proceed with public notification and consultation has been provided.

The proponent shall be responsible for all costs associated with public notification and consultation.

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## **9.2. Public Notification Requirements**

The proponent is to distribute the public notification packages by mail to the following recipients:

- a. All property owners and resident associations within a radius of the following:
  - i. Within an Urban Boundary: The greater of 150 metres or three times the tower height, measured from the tower base or the outside perimeter of the supporting structure. For the purpose of this requirement, the outside perimeter begins at the furthest point of the supporting mechanism, such as the outermost guy line, building edge, face of the self-supporting tower, etc.
  - ii. Outside an Urban Boundary: 500 metres. For the purpose of this requirement, the outside perimeter begins at the furthest point of the supporting mechanism, such as the outermost guy line, building edge, face of the self-supporting tower, etc.;
- b. The Mayor and Ward Councillors in which the proposed antenna system is located;
- c. The Municipal Clerk (or designate); and,
- d. Adjacent municipalities within 500 metres of the proposed tower facility.
- e. Proponents are also required to send a copy of the public notification package to the Director (or designate).

## **9.3. Public Notification Package Requirements**

- a. A location map, including the address, clearly indicating the exact location of the proposed antenna system in relation to the surrounding properties and streets; including a letter size (8.5" x 11") copy of the site plan submitted with the application;
- b. A physical description of the proposed antenna system including the height, dimensions, tower type/design, any antenna(s) that may be mounted on the tower, colour and lighting;
- c. An elevation plan of the proposed tower facility;
- d. Colour simulated images of the proposed tower facility;

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- e. The proposed antenna system's purpose, the reasons why existing towers or other infrastructure cannot be used, a list of other structures that were considered unsuitable, and future sharing possibilities for the proposal;
- f. An attestation that the general public will be protected in compliance with Health Canada's Safety Code 6 including combined effects within the local radio environment at all times;
- g. Address, location (including a map) and timing of the public information centre, if applicable;
- h. Information on how to submit written public comments to the Applicant and the closing date for submission of written public comments;
- i. Reference to the Municipality of Clarington's Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems Protocol and where it can be viewed ([www.clarington.net](http://www.clarington.net));
- j. The following sentences regarding jurisdiction:

“Telecommunication tower/antenna systems are regulated exclusively by Federal Legislation under the Federal Radiocommunication Act and administered by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada. Provincial legislation such as the Planning Act, including zoning by-laws, does not apply to these facilities. The Municipality of Clarington is participating in land-use consultation pursuant to Issue 5 of I Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's CPC 2-0-03. In the case of a dispute between the proponent and the Municipality, a final decision will be made by ISED”;
- k. Notice that general information relating to antenna systems is available on Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's Spectrum Management and Telecommunications website ( [www.ised-isde.canada.ca/](http://www.ised-isde.canada.ca/));
- l. The name and telephone number of a contact person employed by the proponent and the municipal contact person; and,
- m. Closing date for submission of written public comments.



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## **9.4. Public Notice Sign**

Unless otherwise determined through pre-consultation, the proponent shall erect a sign on the property notifying the public of the proposal to establish an antenna system on the subject property. The sign shall be erected on the property so that it is clearly visible and legible from the street(s) - on all frontages.

The sign shall be professionally prepared and its size shall be a minimum of 1.2 metres by 1.2 metres and located a minimum of 1.0 metre and a maximum of 1.8 metres from the ground. However, the size of the sign shall not exceed 2.4 metres in height by 1.2 metres in width unless otherwise specified through pre-consultation. The erection of the notice sign should be coordinated with the distribution of the public notification packages.

Photographs showing the sign posted and the date on which it was erected on the subject property shall be submitted to the Director (or designate) within ten days after the sign has been erected.

The sign shall remain on the subject property for the duration of the public consultation process. The proponent shall be responsible for removing the sign no later than 21 days after the completion of the consultation process.

## **9.5. Public Information Centre**

The Public Information Centre (PIC) shall be held no sooner than 30 days and no later than 45 days of the notice being mailed, or hand delivered. The format of the PIC may be determined by the proponent however the date, time and location for the PIC shall be agreed upon by the Municipality and the proponent.

Staff from the Planning and Infrastructure Services Department shall attend the Public Information Centre for observation purposes only.

The type of public meeting to be conducted (open house, drop-in, town hall or virtual format) is up to the discretion of the Proponent, however, the proponent shall adhere to the following requirements when organizing and convening a Public Information Centre:

- a. The Public Information Centre shall be open and accessible to all members of the public and local stakeholders.
- b. An appropriate date, time and location for the Public Information Centre will be determined in consultation with the Municipality and the Proponent.

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- c. The duration of the Public Information Centre shall be a minimum of 2 hours.
- d. Two display panels, at a minimum, containing a site plan drawing and colour photographs of the subject property with superimposed images of the proposed antenna system shall be displayed at the Public Information Centre.
- e. The proponent shall provide information regarding the tower proposal, including the purpose of the tower, general information relating to Health Canada's Safety Code 6 and a clear statement indicating that telecommunication tower/antenna facilities are exclusively regulated by Federal legislation under the Radiocommunication Act and administered by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada; Provincial legislation such as the Planning Act, including zoning by-laws, does not apply to these facilities. The Municipality of Clarington is participating in land-use consultation pursuant to Issue 5 of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's CPC 2-0-03.
- f. Public notification packages including a public comment sheet shall be made available for attendees.
- g. Closing date for written public comment Industry s shall be clearly announced at the Public Information Centre.
- h. A record of all names, addresses, email addresses and phone numbers of the attendees shall be retained, subject to applicable privacy laws in respect of personal information.

## **9.6. Responding to the Public**

The proponent is to address all applicable concerns, make all efforts to resolve them in a mutually acceptable manner and must keep a record of all associated communications. If the public or Director (or designate) raises a question, comment or concern relating to the tower facility, as a result of the public consultation process, the proponent is required to:

- a. Respond to the party in writing within 14 days by acknowledging receipt of the question, comment or concern and keep a record of the communication.
- b. Address, in writing, all applicable concerns within 30 days of receipt or explain why the question, comment or concern is not, in the view of the proponent, applicable and clearly indicate that the party has 21 days from the date of the correspondence to reply to the proponent's response.

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- c. In the case where the party responds within 21 days, the proponent shall address all applicable concerns within 21 days, either in writing, by contacting the party by telephone or engaging the party in an informal meeting.

## **9.7. Closing Date for Written Public Comments**

The closing date for submission of written public comments shall not be less than:

- a. 14 days after the Public Information Centre, where a public information session is required; or
- b. 30 days where a Public Information Centre is not required.

## **10. Post Consultation**

### **10.1. Consultation Summary Package**

The proponent shall provide to the Director (or designate) a package summarizing the results of the public consultation process which shall include the following information:

- a. Attendance list and contact information from the Public Information Centre (if applicable).
- b. All written public comments and/or concerns received regarding the proposal.
- c. The proponent's responses to the public comments and/or concerns, outlining how the concerns were or will be addressed, or alternatively, by clearly indicating why such concerns are not applicable.
- d. Details of any modifications to the proposal, including revised plans and drawings, if applicable.

A recirculation of the public notification packages will be required if the proposed antenna system has been relocated as a result of the initial public consultation process.

### **10.2. Municipal Comment Letter on Proposal**

The Director of Planning and Infrastructure Services will issue to ISSED, the proponent and Mayor and Ward Councillor a letter outlining one of the following:

- a. Concurrence;

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- b. concurrence with conditions; or
- c. non-concurrence.

## **10.3 Post-Consultation Construction Time Limit**

The construction of an antenna system must be completed within three years of the conclusion of consultation. After three years, previous consultations will no longer be valid.

## **10.4 Letter of Undertaking**

Letter of Undertaking is required in situations where:

- a. a new, non-excluded Antenna System is constructed;
- b. a new equipment shelter is to be constructed on a roof-top; and,
- c. a new equipment shelter is to be constructed to accommodate co-location on an existing Antenna System.

When the Municipality is satisfied with the site location, layout and design, the proponent will provide a Letter of Undertaking, in the Municipality's prescribed format, to address the following issues as they are applicable:

- a. Site Plan and Landscaping drawings;
- b. Building Permits;
- c. Entrance Permits from the road authority;
- d. Sign Permits from the Municipality of Clarington;
- e. Security deposits for site works;
- f. Road widenings and easements;
- g. A commitment to remove an Antenna System within two years of it no longer being in use;
- h. A commitment to accommodate other future antennas on site where feasible;

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- i. Provide two sets of stamped engineering drawings to identify the Antenna System and associated facilities on the structure or building and anything required by the Chief Building Official; and
- j. Other conditions as required.

## **11 Timeframes**

### **11.3 Consultation Timeframes**

The consultation process and the decision from the Municipality of Clarington should be completed within 120 days from the date the municipality deems the application complete.

Appendix 2 of this Protocol contains a flow chart of the consultation processes.

### **11.4 Supplementary Public Consultation**

Where the consultation process has not been concluded and 270 days have elapsed from the time of the public notification packages being sent, the proponent may be required to carry out a supplementary public consultation process, if requested by the Director (or designate).

### **11.5 Redundant Antenna Systems**

The Director (or designate) may issue a request to a network operator to clarify that a specific Antenna System is still required to support communication network activity. The network operator will respond within 30 days of receiving the request and will provide any available information on the future status or planned decommissioning of the Antenna System.

Where the network operator concurs that an Antenna System is redundant, the network operator and the Municipality will mutually agree on a timeframe to remove the system and all associated buildings and equipment from the site. Removal will occur no later than 2 years from when the Antenna System was deemed redundant.

## **12 Roles and Responsibilities:**

### **12.3 Role of Municipality of Clarington**

The role of the Municipality of Clarington as the Land Use Authority (LUA) is to communicate to proponents the planning priorities and other characteristics of the

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Municipality that are relevant to the antenna system proposal. In addition, the Municipality advises the proponent on the public consultation requirements outlined in this protocol. A formal decision on a proposal shall be provided by Municipal Council.

## 12.4 Designated Official for Processing Antenna System Proposals

For the purpose of this Protocol, the designated official for the Municipality of Clarington having the authority to administer this Protocol is the Director, Planning and Infrastructure Services (or designate). All correspondence and materials submitted as part of the consultation process shall be addressed to the attention of the Director (or designate).

## 13 Inquiries:

All inquiries regarding Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems Protocol should be sent to [Planning@clarington.net](mailto:Planning@clarington.net).

## 13 Revision History:

Date	Description of Changes	Approved By
November 25, 2002	First Approved	Council
July 2, 2013	Advancement in the wireless telecommunication technology landscape required adjustment - <a href="#">Report PSD-041-13</a> provides an overview of the changes	Council
March 26, 2025	Updates to Section 5 Exclusions	CAO

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## Appendix 1:

### Public Notice Sign Wording

#### **Public Notice - Cell Tower**

[Name of Proponent] is proposing to locate a telecommunication tower/antenna facility, being [#] metres ([#] feet) in height, on this property.

(If applicable) A Public Information Centre is scheduled on [date of meeting] from [start time] to [end time] at [location of meeting].

Public comment is invited.

The closing date for submission of written comments is [applicable closing date].

For further information, contact [Applicant's name, phone number and e-mail address].

Telecommunication tower/antenna systems are regulated exclusively by Federal Legislation under the Federal Radiocommunication Act and administered by ISED. Provincial legislation such as the Planning Act, including zoning by-laws, does not apply to these facilities. The Municipality of Clarington is participating in land-use consultation pursuant to Issue 5 of ISED CPC 2-0-03. In the case of a dispute between the proponent and the City, a final decision will be made by ISED

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Appendix 2: Antenna Systems Process Flowchart

