

Recommendation:

That the Clerk's Office-2023-02 report, dated February 7, 2023 regarding a proposed telecommunication tower – C8697 Brookwood be received, and

That the Township of Douro-Dummer concurs that the proposal by Rogers Communications Inc. to erect a wireless communication tower on lands known as 556 Fifth Line Rd South Dummer, Douro-Dummer, ON is fully compliant in the Township's opinion, with respect to the stipulated Proponent duties of consultation in accordance with the requirements of the local protocol - Policy No. D-4 Protocol for Radio and Telecommunications Facilities, Section 4.0 Exemptions, and such, all of the Proponent obligations have been satisfactorily addressed.

Overview:

The Eastern Region Ontario Network (ERON), is currently undertaking the Cell-Gap project. This is a public-private partnership that seeks to improve cell service across Eastern Ontario. The Township of Douro-Dummer is a part of this project via the County of Peterborough and Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and Mayors' Caucus. Through a competitive bid process, Rogers Communications has been awarded the contract to improve the coverage and capacity of the network. More information regarding the project can be found here: <https://www.eorn.ca/en/index.aspx>

As part of Rogers Communication's contract on this project, they are identifying locations that would be suitable and preferable to locate the necessary infrastructure to improve service. One of the locations for this infrastructure has been identified at 556 Fifth Line Road South Dummer (please note that the Rogers document reference North Dummer but this is an administrative error on their part).

Township staff were contact by Rogers Communication to discuss the project and to become aware of any policies or requirements the Township may have in place regarding these types of facilities. It should be noted that the Township does not have jurisdiction to regulate telecommunication facilities under the *Planning Act, 1990* as the regulation of these facilities falls under Federal legislation. The Township does have a policy in place regarding communication facilities, it is Policy D-4 – Protocol for Radio and Telecommunications Facilities which was updated in summer 2022 to exempt projects that Council has provided support either via an endorsement or via direct financial support such as ERON's Broadband Phase 1, Gig Project or the Cell Gap Project from the Public Participation Programme as outlined in the Policy.

Conclusion:

Rogers Communications Inc., have provided a Site Selection and Justification Report that explained why the site was chosen and the various factors that were considered. This site will provide service to a part of the Township that does not have access to highspeed internet currently and it will not conflict with neighbouring business, agricultural or recreational activities.

Based on the information provided staff are recommending that Council provide a letter of concurrence to Rogers Communication Inc. for this project.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact to the Township and the applicants will be required to submit a \$1200.00 application fee.

Strategic Plan Applicability: To set out a direction of focus for economic development while utilizing resources to facilitate the promotion of the community.

Sustainability Plan Applicability: N/A

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Telecommunication Tower Proposal - C8697 Brookwood.docx
Attachments:	- C8697 - Site Selection and Justification Report - Redacted.pdf - C8697 - Survey.pdf - C8697 Statement of Concurrence (DRAFT).docx - 2022 Update - D4 - Protocol for Radio and Telecommunications Facilities.docx
Final Approval Date:	Jan 31, 2023

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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