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To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Nigel Whitehead, Manager of Planning Services

Date of Meeting: Cariboo Regional District Board_Mar01_2024

File: 3220-20/R3-USCL

Short Summary:

TELUS Communications Tower – BC105335 – Chilanko Forks – Request for Concurrence Area J

Voting:

Stakeholder Vote – Unweighted – All Electoral Areas

Memorandum:

TELUS c/o SitePath Consulting Ltd. has completed a public consultation process, following Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's (ISED) Default Public Consultation Process. TELUS is requesting the concurrence be issued from the Cariboo Regional District for the TELUS tower proposal in an effort to provide improved TELUS wireless communications services in the Chilanko Forks area.

Staff note this proposal is located on Crown land, located north of Chilanko Forks, between Hwy 20 and Bendziny (Puntzi Lake). CRD Planning Staff have delegated authority to consider concurrence on Crown land telecommunications proposals, however have brought this proposal for Board consideration due to the varied nature of public feedback received.

TELUS staff note that this current proposal is an alternative site which was moved from Chilanko Forks due to negative public feedback. They assert there is not a viable alternative to the current proposed site to provide the necessary service coverage in the area that will meet federal/provincial funding requirements. Should the Board not provide concurrence, TELUS indicates they will likely abandon their efforts for servicing the immediate area.

Attachments:

TELUS Information Package.

Financial Implications:

N/A

Policy Implications:

N/A

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- Infrastructure and Asset Management:** To establish a systematic, predictable approach to managing the regional district's assets and infrastructure that builds on current asset management data and condition assessments.
- Enhanced Communications and Engagement:** To build trust and credibility of the regional district by enhancing our communications and engagement with citizens, stakeholders, and volunteers.
- Effective and Responsive Land Use Planning and Development:** To ensure our land use planning and development is responsive to future growth and housing needs, anticipates risks and hazards associated with climate change and provides efficient and consistent processes for landowners and developers.
- Relationships with First Nations:** To foster a healthy and inclusive region by building and strengthening our relationships with First Nations and embracing the principles of reconciliation.

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Options:

1. Provide Concurrence;
2. Deny;
3. Defer.

Recommendation:

Action at the discretion of the Board.

Should the Board wish to provide concurrence, the following resolution can be endorsed:

That the Board of Directors concur with the TELUS proposal to construct a telecommunications tower BC105335, located on That Parcel or Tract of Land in the Vicinity of Hourglass Lake, Range 3, Coast District, Containing 4.002 Hectares, More or Less (Crown file 5408145). Further, that staff be instructed to advise TELUS that:

- The Cariboo Regional District is satisfied with TELUS's consultation process, as outlined in ISED's Default Public Consultation Process;
- That the proposed tower is a permitted use;
- The proposed design and location is acceptable;
- That the Cariboo Regional District has been consulted and concurs with the tower location.