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January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Cariboo Regional District**  
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**Re: TELUS Request for Land Use Concurrence (TELUS File: BC105335 – Chilanko Forks)**

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

Further to our prior discussions, TELUS is planning to deliver improved wireless service directly east of Chilanko Forks on Provincial Crown Land. The proposed facility will improve connectivity in Chilanko Forks, portions of Puntzi Lake, along a segment of Highway 20 and will tie into another proposed facility on Redstone Flat 1 Reserve. The proposed tower location was selected due to favourable topography as well as proximity to supporting infrastructure including existing access and power lines. TELUS also developed this proposal as a result of a thorough pre-consultation with the Chilanko Forks community, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (MFLNRO) staff and local First Nation stakeholders. It should be noted that this proposal represents an amended proposal for this area relative to the prior proposed tower directly within the community of Chilanko Forks at the TELUS-owned property. As a result, this proposal reflects TELUS' efforts to respond to prior stakeholder input.

The proposed facility, if approved, will support both economic development and public safety since the majority of calls to emergency service responders are now placed via wireless devices. This proposal is in response to longstanding requests for service improvements in the local area and is moving forward a result of subsidy funding from the CRTC.

In order to move forward with the proposed tower, TELUS was required to consult area stakeholders including First Nations in accordance with the *Crown Land Use Operational Policy for Communication Sites*. This consultation process included referrals to relevant stakeholders as well as a public notice in the *Williams Lake Tribune*. Please refer to **Appendix A** for a copy of the newspaper notice, **Appendix B** for a copy of the mail-out package.

During the consultation process, TELUS received input from a total of seven (7) commenters of which four (4) indicated support, two (2) indicated opposition and one (1) asked questions but did not state a position. Of those who stated support, additional context was provided including a desire for TELUS to restore the area after construction and to place its power lines underground, if possible. Some of the supporters also indicated that while they support the current proposal, they still believe that there may be alternative locations that would be preferable. Of those who indicated opposition, the primary concerns related to perceived impacts to the health and safety of wildlife including birds. In response to this, TELUS noted that it will comply with all applicable regulatory requirements including Health Canada's Safety Code 6, the Impact Assessment Act and any other applicable environmental regulations via the provincial government's approval process for the subject proposal.

Given that the public consultation process for this revised proposal resulted in limited public feedback and more support than opposition, TELUS respectfully requests a letter of land use concurrence that addresses the following items:

- *The Cariboo Regional District is satisfied with TELUS' 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.*

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Thank you,

  
**Brian Gregg, RPP, MCIP**  
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BETWEEN:

M.B.

PLAINTIFF

AND:

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DEFENDANTS

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**PROPOSED TELUS 92.0 METER TALL WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS GUYED TOWER INSTALLATION**

**TELUS PROPOSÉ TÉLÉCOMMUNICATIONS SANS FIL DE 92,0 MÈTRES DE HAUT INSTALLATION DE TOUR GUYÉE**

The proposed installation is composed of a 92.0-meter tall guyed telecommunication tower, including the antennas and a lightning rod. TELUS will comply with marking and lighting requirements in accordance with Transport Canada protocols.  
Geographic Coordinates: 52.133982, -124.062992  
Objective: To improve wireless coverage in the vicinity of Chilanko Forks, Redstone Flat 1, Highway 20 and to meet rising demands for wireless services.  
Details: An equipment shelter will also be installed at the base of the proposed tower and the site will be surrounded by a security fence with a locked gated access point.  
The public is invited to provide written comments by end of business day on October 9th, 2023 to the contact information shown below. Please include a return address.

The site of telecommunication proposed sera composé d'une tour de type autoportante d'une élévation hors-tout d'environ 38.0 mètres incluant les antennes, le balisage aérien et le parafoudre.

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3	WL - WEST of FRASER RIVER	ROSITA-MELDRUM FSR 6426-01 (BCTS)	BEAVERTAIL LAKE
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If any of the sites noted above are within your area of interest and you would like to discuss in more detail, please contact either Reilly Fuller or Hugh Flinton by email at [dechenventuresforestry@gmail.com](mailto:dechenventuresforestry@gmail.com), prior to October 31, 2023.

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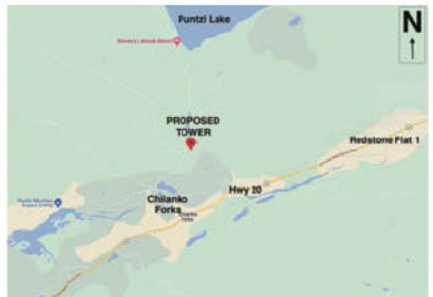
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## Chilanko Forks (Dicks Meadow) reference BC105335

Brian Gregg <briangregg@sitepathconsulting.com>  
To: Linda/Bob [REDACTED]

Wed, Sep 20, 2023 at 1:56 PM

Hello Linda,

Thank you for clarifying. I understood that you were referring to closer to Puntzi Lake Road and my comments as provided below were in relation to that location near the road (rather than near the lake). I may have made a typo however my comments below as summarized do relate to your question about whether the tower could be near the road and not the lake.

We understand that people can use their cell phones if they have internet access via wi-fi; however, wi-fi coverage is typically very limited and only useful on one's property. If people were to go out onto the lake or adjacent roadways and trails, they would not be able to rely on the service from their internet provider. The subject proposal will provide coverage including in outdoor areas.

Regards,

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On Tue, Sep 19, 2023 at 5:15 PM Linda/Bob [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Brian thank you for getting back to me and addressing my concerns. Just to clarify it was **not** putting a tower closer to Puntzi Lake that I was suggesting. It was putting it closer to Puntzi Lake Road where you will be acquiring your power from. Just for your info anybody who wants to use their cell phones currently at Puntzi Lake are already doing so through their internet provider and an app on their smart phone.  
Thank you  
Linda

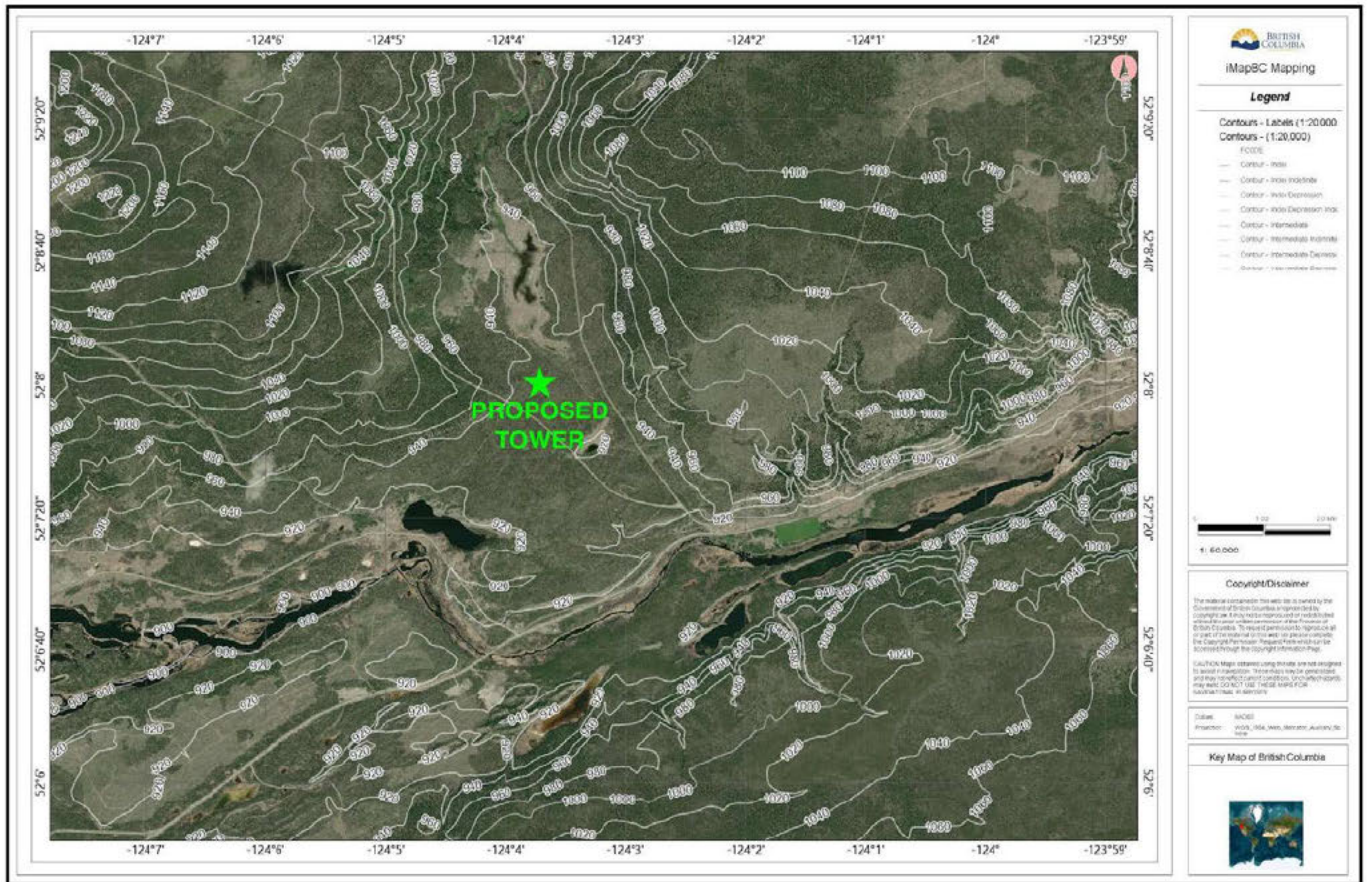
On Tue, Sep 19, 2023 at 2:39 PM Brian Gregg <briangregg@sitepathconsulting.com> wrote:  
Hello Linda,

The proposed tower location was identified based on numerous factors including:

- prior community requests to find a location for the tower outside of Chilanko Forks during the initial consultation for the prior proposed tower location
- topography - the proposed tower location will enable reliable service delivery to Chilanko Forks, portions of Puntzi Lake, Hwy 20 and the adjacent indigenous community to the east
- supporting infrastructure - access and power are nearby and it will be feasible to construct a facility here and tie the site into TELUS' network.
- pre-consultation - Some pre-consultation occurred with the province to identify this location.

To answer your questions, locating the tower directly near Puntzi Lake is not something that has been currently proposed. The location as currently proposed has reasonably good sight lines to both portions of Puntzi Lake, Hwy 20 and the adjacent indigenous community. If we were to locate the tower closer to Hwy 20 there is a concern that there would be coverage exceptions up near Puntzi Lake.





Regarding your environmental question, TELUS will work closely with the province to ensure compliance with applicable regulatory requirements. TELUS will work closely with the crown lands officer to discuss any permitting requirements. TELUS will also align with the expectations of ISED and the Impact Assessment Agency if there are applicable requirements; however, in most cases cell towers are not considered designated projects under the applicable legislation. TELUS will work closely with the regulators and land use authorities to ensure that environmental regulations are taken into account. At this time no unique stipulations have arisen as we are still in the early stages of this proposal and must defer to the land use authorities and regulators.

In terms of coverage, the proposed location does not reduce highway coverage and ties into the proposed tower in the adjacent First Nation community as previously shared with you. The two towers as proposed will deliver excellent coverage along the highway and in adjacent communities.

It is our understanding that TELUS was not able to meet the coverage requirements stipulated by the CRTC by proposing the tower on Puntzi Mountain. This was reviewed previously.

We will share your comments with TELUS' engineering team for further consideration.

As noted you will have 21 days if you wish to comment further per ISED protocols.

Kind Regards,

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On Tue, Sep 19, 2023 at 9:55AM Linda/Bob [REDACTED] wrote:

Good day Brian , I am writing this email to express my personal concerns and hopefully receive some answers as to why the current location for the Dicks Meadow Cell Tower has been chosen. I have owned my property on Puntzi Lake for over 32 years and have been a full time resident for 18 years. Dicks Meadow is an area that for decades was abused by man. It was also at one time a Ducks Unlimited Project. It is currently a recreation area. It is easily accessible to locals and tourists by foot, ATV or vehicle. It consists of vast grass areas , much of which is often water covered. There is a large area of willows and other trees. The recreation trails around the meadow were chosen so people would have a minimal impact on the grasslands and the wildlife living or resting there. In the spring there are large numbers of migratory and nesting birds. Wild horses call this area home year round. In the winter I have seen moose, and caribou feeding and resting in Dicks Meadow.

The Telus equipment will be a scar on the landscape in the Meadow. That being said we need to move forward with the cell towers but it must be done in a manner that is acceptable to local people , the wildlife that live there and Telus.

Your proposed equipment placement does not appear to be in Dicks Meadow proper but on the outer portions of it. Currently your telephone poles which would cross Dicks Meadow would not be much higher than the surrounding trees. The tower itself is off to the side of the meadow and may not have any impact on the birds and other mammals. But when TsiDel del logs this area as they have planned your equipment will be very obvious. Once your tower and hydro poles are installed they will be there forever. If harm is done to the environment or the wildlife there is no turning back.

**Why was a site not chosen right off of Puntzi Lake Road near your power source?** It would be fewer poles , easier year round access and have a minimal impact on the land and wildlife of Dicks meadow. If for some reason the only location to give people service is the proposed site. **What environmental precautions will Telus be taking?** Such as lights that will reduce bird strikes. Lights that ensure the animals in Dicks Meadow are protected by the cover of darkness at night. Noise reduction if equipment is loud enough to be heard outside of your compound.

Looking at this location it seems to me that Telus and the authorities are wanting to supply cell coverage to Puntzi Lake. I thought this project was for the safety of travelers along Hwy 20.

**Does this proposed location reduce the coverage along Hwy 20 from your original Airport road location?**

When dealing with the Airport Road location I messaged you about putting the tower on Puntzi Mountain. It is high elevation , would give good Hwy 20 coverage , has power and would have no impact on Puntzi Airport. **Is there a reason why the cell tower can not go on top of Puntzi Mountain with all the other communication towers (which includes an already existing Telus tower)?**

Respectfully submitted  
Linda Armstrong





Brian Gregg <briangregg@sitepathconsulting.com>

**Tower proposal for Puntzi Lake area Hwy 20 project reference BC105335**

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To: Linda/Bob [REDACTED]

Thanks Linda, Please do feel free to stay in touch if you have questions.

Best Regards,

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On Mon, Sep 11, 2023 at 3:19PM Linda/Bob [REDACTED] wrote:

Thanks Brian. I am technically challenged. Lol  
Your additional maps have clarified things for me.  
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On Mon, Sept 11, 2023, 1:56 p.m. Brian Gregg <briangregg@sitepathconsulting.com> wrote:

Thank you, Linda. The coordinates in your latest email point me to an entirely different location on the south side of Hwy 20. The mapping, drawings and coordinates I supplied in my prior however, to the best of my knowledge.

Regards,

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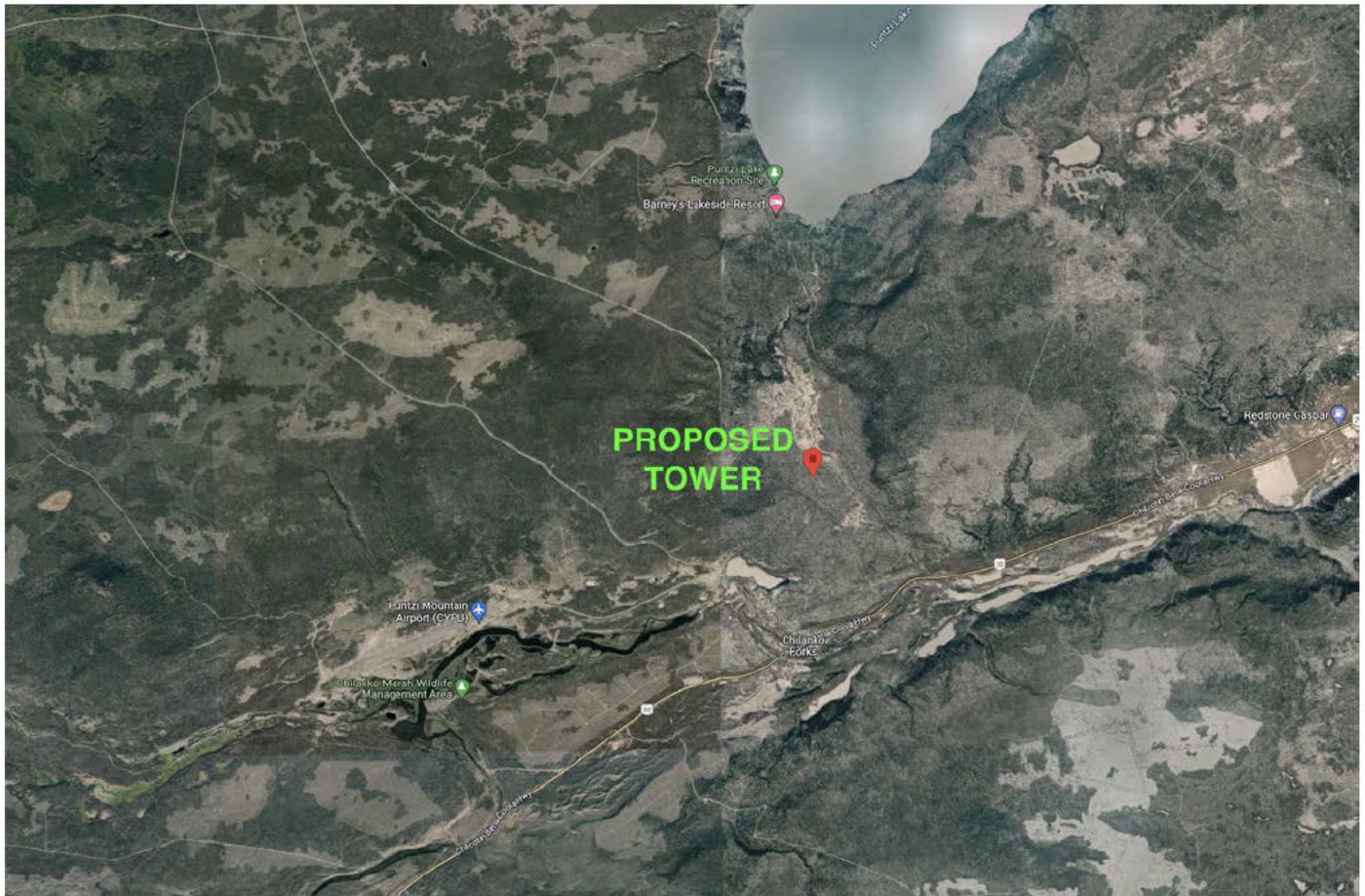
Brian thank you for the additional information. I have a pretty good idea by the maps where the proposed site will be. According to google earth and my ancient old GPS the coordina seems like it should have coordinates like 52,0805 -124,0346  
Thank you for the information  
Linda

On Mon, Sep 11, 2023 at 10:52AM Brian Gregg <briangregg@sitepathconsulting.com> wrote:

Hi Linda,

Thanks for Reaching out, Attached is the only public notice that I am aware of. Is this the one you are referring to? It contains geographic coordinates as follows: 52,133982, -124,062 on provincial crown land, Attached is a site plan and some mapping. I've also pasted an aerial photo below showing the location that the geographic coordinates noted above point to

Does this help to clarify the proposed location?



Thanks and please note that as per ISED protocols you will have 21 days if you wish to comment further.

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On Mon, Sep 11, 2023 at 9:44AM Linda/Bob [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Brian , Just to let you know I found another Public Notice from the end of August which has gps coordinates for Puntzi Mountain, Good location with power and several other tow notice shows the tower being south of Puntzi Lake in Dicks Meadow . Which the two do not match. Awaiting your confirmation thank you.  
 Linda

On Sun, Sep 10, 2023 at 9:09AM Linda/Bob [REDACTED] wrote:

Morning Brian. I am seeking clarification on the proposed location of the cell tower as the GPS coordinates and the map are in conflict, The map shows the tower being located recreation block and has designated recreation trails and located south of Puntzi Lake.  
 The GPS coordinates are a distance away on the north of Puntzi Lake,  
 Neither site has access to power.  
 I look forward to hearing from you.  
 Linda Armstrong





Brian Gregg &lt;briangregg@sitepathconsulting.com&gt;

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**52.048447 - 124.197140 Pyper Lake area**

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Brian Gregg <briangregg@sitepathconsulting.com>  
To: Pam Grover [REDACTED]

Thu, Sep 14, 2023 at 3:55 PM

Thank you, Pam. I think this will be a helpful additional letter to include in the file for the decision makers to reflect a summary of our email discussions. This will be saved in the consultation file for the decision makers. I trust that I have provided you with an initial response to each of these subjects, however if you desire any further responses please feel free to let me know.

As noted please be advised that you will have 21 days if you wish to comment further as per ISED protocols.

Regards,

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On Thu, Sep 14, 2023 at 3:52 PM Pam Grover [REDACTED] wrote:

Mr. Brian Gregg and associates:

I am writing to state my concerns over Telus locating a cell tower in the middle of what's locally called Dick's Meadow in the Chilanko Forks area. The meadow has long been a source of wild hay for wild horses, free ranging cattle (cattle here do not have to be behind fences) and also a source of food for local raptors. Putting a road thru marshy land that has been known to flood in spring is a disruption to local wetland ecology and a threat to many many wild waterfowl in the area, as Dick's Meadow is surrounded by vast marshes. I am primarily concerned regarding the guy wires that will hold the tower in position, but I also worry that the lights may attract birds at night, as this happens regularly in other areas, resulting in bird deaths. I have suggested to Mr. Gregg that the tower be relocated to Crown land at the above noted co-ordinates. Mr. Gregg has informed me that this is unlikely as it may be too far from the signal area required by CRTC. I accept that this may be so, but I reiterate my concern for the wild birds, mostly waterfowl. This area is part of a huge migratory flight path, as evidenced by the Tatlayoko Bird Observatory in nearby Tatlayoko valley.

Mr. Gregg has informed me that there are similar tower locations in BC. I disagree that the named locations are similar. The named locales were Pacific Rim National Park, Sonora Island, several Gulf Islands, and Glacier National Park. With the exception of Glacier Nat'l Park, the rest are all coastal locales which our area's waterfowl do not inhabit, though they do fly over them in migration. As for Glacier Nat'l Park, our area's waterfowl would not be present there at all. The Chilanko Forks area is very well known as a place to see birds, lots of them, particularly some

rare birds such as American Pelicans, Trumpeter Swans, Barrows Goldeneye, Solitary Sandpipers, Caspian Terns and more.

My concern is for inadequate regulations. Mr. Gregg has informed me that the project meets all current regulations. I do not take comfort in that as most regulations are one-size fits all, that do not fit all situations. I call upon SitePath Consulting Ltd., as well as Telus to do their utmost to mitigate the cell tower for Dick's Meadow as much as possible, *not* just up to and including pertinent regulations compliance. Wild birds are often attracted to lights at night and can be injured or killed by guy wires when migrating at night. Many times they cannot see guy wires in flight during daylight hours as well.

This morning I called OWL, a raptor rehabilitation organization in Delta, BC. They told me that BC Hydro often does mitigation for their guy wires. BC Hydro has coloured **brackets that fasten all along the guy wires** to alert birds that they are there. This apparently is very effective for daytime. As well, apparently **tin foil coloured tape (used by HVAC installers)** is also used to wrap around guy wires in spiral fashion to catch/reflect light along guy wires to prevent night-time collisions. There are also various kinds of 'flashers' similar to large fishing lures that can be attached. According to the person I spoke with, this would be effective and inexpensive.

To summarize, I am asking on behalf of myself and neighbours that both SitePath and Telus go beyond their legal guidelines and regulations to do the right thing and mitigate these guy wires' effect on wild birds. With a little effort akin to what I've mentioned above, this could save many birds, especially during migration. (For the necessary lights I have no solution but there may be one if researched) These birds are increasingly threatened globally by habitat encroachment and are declining precipitously through no fault of their own. They deserve respect and cannot save themselves. Doing this would be an act of good corporate citizenship in a very remote but special area with still abundant waterfowl. It would also be good publicity for both companies.

Thank you for consideration of this matter.  
Sincerely,  
Pam Grover and Chris Clutchey





Brian Gregg &lt;briangregg@sitepathconsulting.com&gt;

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**RE: Chilanko Forks cell tower(s)**

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Brian Gregg <briangregg@sitepathconsulting.com>  
To: Pam Grover [REDACTED]

Thu, Sep 14, 2023 at 10:40 AM

Hello Pam:

Thank you for all your thoughts. As we are in the consultation stage of the project, it is not feasible for us to implement immediate changes and we must allow all stakeholders to have the same comment period (i.e. the consultation has only just commenced). With that said, please find below additional comments. As this email thread is getting fairly lengthy and will need to be reviewed by any decision makers, I might respectfully suggest the following:

- We could arrange time for a phone call to discuss all your concerns;
- Perhaps, subsequent to our discussion, you may wish to consider summarizing your comments/concerns in a concise letter for the decision makers to understand (I fear, at times, that when I share lengthy email threads like this that it may not be easy for decision makers to digest -- this is a suggestion only of course and you can do as you wish)

My additional responses are in red text below in brief.

Hi Pam:

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**intended service area. This project is related to subsidy funding via the CRTC and in order to proceed there are specific coverage objectives that must be fulfilled and moving the site several kilometers away is not something we would be able to readily or immediately agree to most likely. However, please do feel free to share any specific coordinates or a map.**

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In other past similar instances, this has considered the specific types of wildlife and birds that you have referenced (e.g. sometimes there are requirements that construction must occur only during certain times of the year to mitigate impacts on nesting etc.). TELUS will also ensure that its proposed works comply with all applicable regulatory requirements of the Impact Assessment Act (IAA); however, generally speaking most cell towers do not meet the physical test of a designated project under the IAA (with some exceptions). Common examples of projects that do require further assessment are more impactful projects such as mines, oil and gas pipelines and linear infrastructure (highways, transmission lines etc).

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TELUS has demonstrated good faith by already moving the tower once based on stakeholder input and certainly there is a desire to take into account community feedback as long as it is achievable, reasonable and aligned with regulatory requirements. We will review your input in conjunction with input from all relevant stakeholders during this consultation period.

If you desire a phone call please feel free to let me know. I'll be available next week.

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Respectfully,

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Again....my responses in diff. coloured font below...right after yours in orange.....P and C.

From: Brian Gregg

Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 4:23 PM

To: Pam Grover

Subject: Re: Chilanko Forks cell tower(s)

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**From:** Brian Gregg

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023 10:17 AM

**To:** Pam Grover

**Subject:** Re: Chilanko Forks cell tower(s)

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For your reference, below is a coverage map showing both proposed towers (each tower is represented in the graphic below by the colourful 3 pronged icons).

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Thank you for sharing your perspective. You might be aware that the current proposal in the location shown below represents TELUS' revised proposal for the area. Last year, TELUS initially had proposed a similar tower directly in Chilanko Forks at the local TELUS owned property. During the public consultation process for that proposal, TELUS heard feedback from neighbouring residents that it would be desirable for TELUS to consider alternative tower siting options on crown land outside of the community hence the current amended proposal. The current updated proposal has been identified as it attempts to respond to prior public input received from other stakeholders as well as technical requirements from a service delivery standpoint. This location has the benefit that it will cover Chilanko Forks, portions of Puntzi Lake, segments of Highway 20 and it will also provide contiguous coverage in relation to the additional proposed tower on Tsi Del Del lands as shown in the above coverage map. **This current revised site was never spoken about to any of my neighbours except of course with the**



**local 1st Nation group at Tsi Del Del...why was that? Why has this taken everyone else here BESIDES Tsi Del Del by surprise? We WERE NOT and ARE NOT inherently against cell coverage...we all know that to be able to communicate better along Hwy 20 would be a tremendous improvement on what we have now, esp. in winter. Some of my neighbours just didn't want to be looking out at one, and were worried about electronic or radio waves emanating from the tower if it was closer than 1/2 mile to our homes. That DOESN'T mean we didn't want to be consulted about the next location.**

TELUS will be required to work with the the BC Government through a permitting process to ensure that the proposed design takes into account numerous factors including stakeholder input which includes First Nations. They also have environmental staff that will review whether the proposal meets their permitting requirements and to ensure that impacts on wildlife are minimized, mitigated and taken into account. **What type of mitigation beyond when you do your installation, are you prepared to do? What kind of mitigation IS there to be done if the type of structure itself is a threat to birdlife? The fact is that Dick's Meadow is surrounded by marshes heavily populated by waterfowl, some of them rare. Wild birds are often attracted to lights at night and can be injured or killed by guy wires while flying at night when migrating.** In other past similar instances, this has considered the specific types of wildlife and birds that you have referenced (e.g. sometimes there are requirements that construction must occur only during certain times of the year to mitigate impacts on nesting etc.). TELUS will also ensure that its proposed works comply with all applicable regulatory requirements of the Impact Assessment Act (IAA); however, generally speaking most cell towers do not meet the physical test of a designated project under the IAA (with some exceptions). Common examples of projects that do require further assessment are more impactful projects such as mines, oil and gas pipelines and linear infrastructure (highways, transmission lines etc).

As a point of reference, there are many similar tower sites located in similar types of locations. For example, TELUS has towers in Glacier National Park, directly adjacent to Pacific Rim National Park (Tofino area), Sonora Island (eco resort), many of the Gulf Islands (Islands Trust area) amongst other similar settings and we have not been made aware of any substantive impacts on wildlife. **Have you asked? And these particular areas may not BE on a migratory flight path like what we have here, as most of them are coastal, often with year round bird populations. One is unlikely to find our kind of wildfowl in Glacier Nat'I Park. You either value wildlife or you don't, in which case, birds will continue slowly becoming extinct, sir, even while your company is complying with what are, in many cases, inadequate regulations. One size fits all regulations are just that; you may take legal comfort in them, but they do not fit all situations. I implore your company to consider a site further away from these marshes and threatened wildfowl...set back in a higher area like Bear Hill, also on Crown land, adjacent to Pyper Lake may provide even better coverage.**

We do respect and appreciate your concerns and will be sure to share your feedback with the land use authorities and decision makers.

This is also an area that needs all the economic stimulation it can get, as forestry has really dropped due to the beetle infestation of the past. While there is still logging, the scale is small compared to times past. Tourism, incl. guided marsh tours for bird watching is one of the current economic developments that shows promise. Also as you may know, there is the Tatlayoko Bird Observatory which while an hour away from your proposed installation area, in the Tatlayoko valley, does surveys and research on migrating birds...this whole area incl. theirs is on a migratory bird flight path their research has shown. It would be dangerous to compromise this, as our wildlife, especially birdlife, is dwindling rapidly as it is, due to human development.

Certainly we appreciate this. As noted, your comments will be shared with TELUS and the land use authorities for consideration as part of the consultation process.

Consequently we ask that you consider the above information and put the cell tower in your other option rather than at Dick's Meadow at Chilanko Forks. Thank you for the opportunity to send in our comments. Thank you for your suggestions and comments.

Sincerely, Pam Grover and Chris Clutchey, [REDACTED]

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From: **Pam Grover** [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, Sep 12, 2023 at 4:19 PM

Subject: RE: Chilanko Forks cell tower(s)

To: <[briangregg@sitepathconsulting.com](mailto:briangregg@sitepathconsulting.com)>

Hello Mr. Gregg:

Notice that 1 cell tower will be put up is welcome. My husband and I are sending in our recommendation for your perusal. We would like to see the tower go up further west than at Chilanko Forks, closer to Tsi Del Del, which is already quite developed.

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## Chilanko forks tower

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Brian Gregg <briangregg@sitepathconsulting.com>  
To: Leona Jensen [REDACTED]

Thu, Sep 14, 2023 at 4:24 PM

Hi Leona:

Yes, I would reiterate that one of the key objectives is to focus on connecting indigenous communities and reserve lands; however there are additional objectives including highway coverage as well as connecting non indigenous communities (for example, Chilanko Forks, Alexis Creek, etc). You can see that the coverage maps I provided to you show a lot of coverage outside of reserve lands for instance.

We certainly understand the desire for equal service everywhere and we're working to expand the network as much as possible however it does take time and substantial capital. This current initiative along Hwy 20 will greatly improve service and it may not be the end of the discussion. It is conceivable that there could be more service improvements into the future and this is a good first step.

Kind Regards,

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On Thu, Sep 14, 2023 at 4:11 PM Leona Jensen [REDACTED] wrote:  
You stated in a previous e mail that

“One of the key objectives of this project is to focus on connecting indigenous communities and reserve lands.”

Thank you for the information. But Telus should realize B.C. Is a huge province with big spaces and we all want the same services.

At least we have our hand held icons for emergencies when on the road and landlines for phone calls same as before cell service hits our area.

End of my discussion.  
Cheers  
Leona Jensen

On Thu, Sep 14, 2023 at 3:59 PM Brian Gregg <briangregg@sitepathconsulting.com> wrote:  
Hello Leona:

The proposals cover many communities including not only indigenous communities as well as segments of Hwy 20 and beyond. There are 9 cell towers and we've done the best we can to cover the maximum number of households,



communities (both indigenous and otherwise) as well as Hwy 20. It is not feasible with the current capital to provide a solution that will provide 100% contiguous coverage as we are working with very big spaces and areas; however as per the coverage maps shared TELUS estimates that this project will deliver over 150 kms of new coverage that does not currently exist. This should thus help greatly with resolving some of the concerns you noted for people who are within the new 150 kms of coverage area.

Kind Regards

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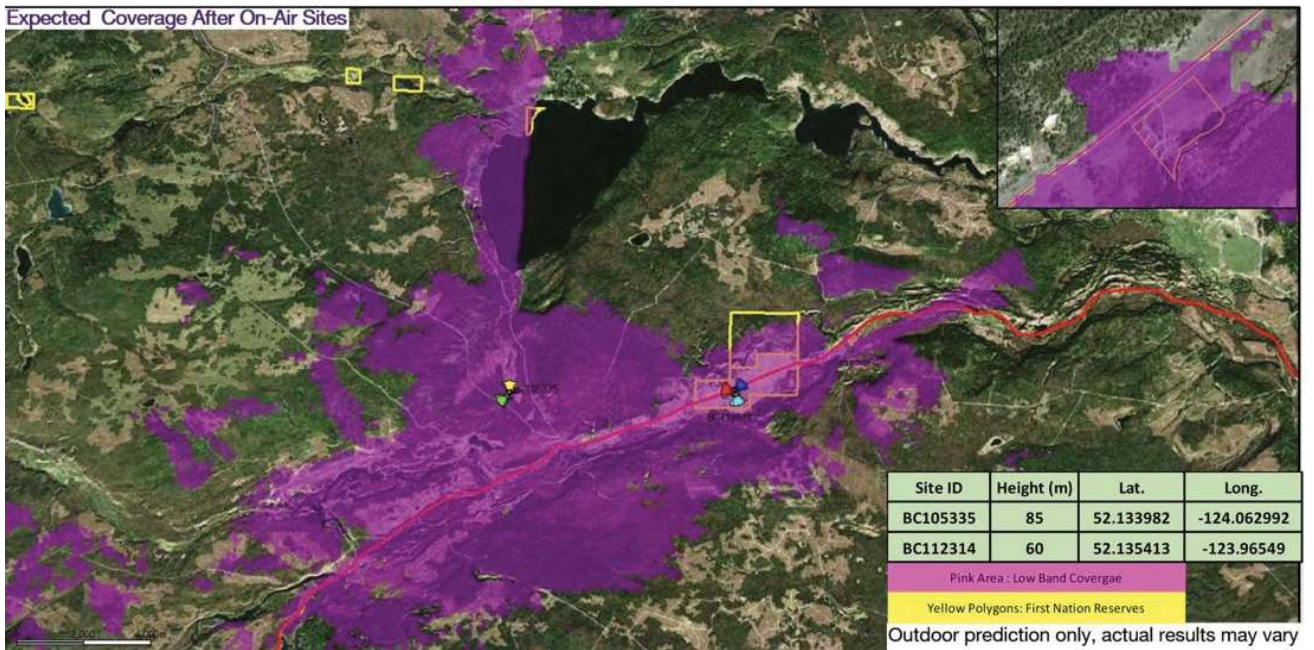
On Thu, Sep 14, 2023 at 3:52 PM Leona Jensen [REDACTED] wrote:

So when , we as non indigenous people, drive to our appointments, meetings, etc. in Tatla Lake and have car trouble, stuck in the snow, hit an animal and car is too damaged to drive, or whatever that will make us miss these items we are no further ahead to contact anyone that we will be late, are having car trouble etc. so we will be in the same situations as before cell service is here. So don't see much point to cell service out west for us non indigenous folks. And also the indigenous folks will be in the same situation as us white folks when they head west to the doctor, meetings, community events.

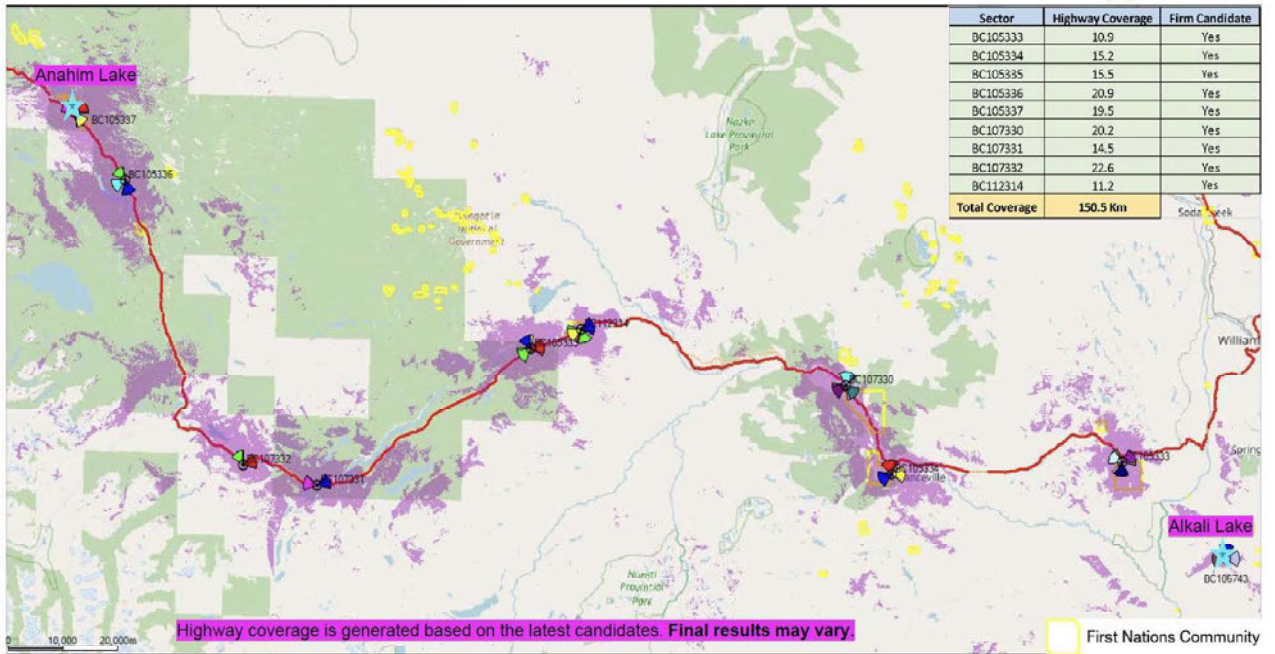
On Thu, Sep 14, 2023 at 1:39 PM Brian Gregg <[briangregg@sitepathconsulting.com](mailto:briangregg@sitepathconsulting.com)> wrote:

Hi Leona:

Please kindly note that TELUS also has a proposed tower on Tsi Del Del Nation reserve lands at Redstone Flat I.R. No. 1 to the east. Due to the challenging topography and large spaces that need to be covered, we need more than one tower to service the Tsi Del Del lands, Chilanko Forks, Hwy 20 and the surrounding areas. Below is a coverage map showing the two towers. There are other locations along highway 20 also as shown below. Currently there are a total of 9 towers and as you can see below this will cover approximately 150.5 kms of highway and surrounding communities. There will still be coverage gaps in certain sections of the highway however this is a good start and a major project to try to improve connectivity in the Highway 20 area as efficiently as possible. At this time there is not another site planned between Tatla Lake and Chilanko Forks. One of the key objectives of this project is to focus on connecting indigenous communities and reserve lands.



**Site Location & Hwy Coverage ( 150.5 Km)**



Please note that these coverage maps are preliminary and represent a software-based estimate only. The final results may be subject to change.

Thanks and please note that as per ISED protocols you will have 21 days if you wish to comment further.

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On Thu, Sep 14, 2023 at 1:20 PM Leona Jensen [REDACTED] wrote:  
Good afternoon

Where is the tower to the west that the Chilanko Forks tower will connect to. I know there will be one west of Tatla but will there be one or will one be necessary between Tatla and Chilanko Forks to give us good coverage.

Cheers  
Leona Jensen



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## Tower in Dicks Meadow

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**Brian Gregg** <briangregg@sitepathconsulting.com>  
To: Leona Jensen [REDACTED]

Thu, Sep 14, 2023 at 1:07 PM

Good Afternoon Leona:

Thank you for sharing your feedback regarding TELUS' updated proposal. As you may have heard, TELUS initially proposed a communication site at the TELUS owned property directly in the community of Chilanko Forks. During the initial consultation for that proposed tower, TELUS received feedback from the local community that it would be preferred if the tower were shifted further away from some of the residences and outside the Chilanko Forks community onto provincial crown land. This is one of the reasons as to why TELUS has arrived at the current amended proposal. The proposed tower location also has the benefit of tying into and providing contiguous coverage in relation to another tower that is proposed on Tsi Del Del Nation lands on the Redstone reserve. The tower as currently proposed will deliver reliable connectivity within Chilanko Forks, portions of Puntzi Lake, segments of Highway 20 and the Redstone Reserve.

TELUS intends to work with the province to ensure compliance with all regulatory requirements including environmental considerations. We will be sure to share your feedback with the land use authorities and TELUS for review and consideration. TELUS does value input from community members and local stakeholders.

Thanks again for your time and input. Please kindly note that as per ISED protocols you will have 21 days if you wish to comment further.

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On Thu, Sep 14, 2023 at 6:20AM Leona Jensen [REDACTED] wrote:

I am opposed to a tower in Dicks Meadow because it has unique recreational trails and is visited by wildhorses, waterfowl, and other wild animals. Surely you can find a better site.  
Leona Jensen





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**Telus Cell tower- Chilanko Forks (Dicks Meadow) Ref:BC105335**

Brian Gregg &lt;briangregg@sitepathconsulting.com&gt;

Mon, Sep 25, 2023 at 1:49 PM

To: Linda/Bob [REDACTED]

Cc: Tolin Pare [REDACTED], "Ofstie, Curtis FLNR:EX" [REDACTED] Doug Anastos

&lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Dear Puntzi Community Society:

Thank you for sharing your comments. I have cc'd Doug Anastos at TELUS to ensure that you have confidence that the project management at TELUS is aware of your specific comments as a valued and critical stakeholder. Doug may also have some responses however please find some initial responses below in green text.

**From the Puntzi Community Society**

Good Day Brian,

Our Society's mandate is to protect the environmental habitats of two legged, four legged, the winged ones.....that inhabit the lands visible from the summit of Puntzi Mountain.

We have reviewed the proposal for placement of the Cell phone tower in Dicks Meadow. We understand that placing the tower on top of Puntzi Mountain with all existing towers is not an option for the Telus Cell tower. Dicks Meadow is a winter habitat for various animals. In the spring it is a resting spot and nesting location for migratory birds. It is also a year round recreational area for winter and summer activities by both local people and visitors.

After consideration of all the factors our primary concern is the span of approx 10 power poles stretching across the meadow. We feel that it would be advantageous to the community and Telus to **bury underground wiring for both the hydro and Telus lines.**

**Your request for underground power has been noted and will be reviewed with TELUS' engineering and construction team.**

Our rationale for making this request is

- a) protection of infrastructure from any future (and inevitable) wildfires or other forces of nature. Downed power lines in this location could have catastrophic consequences to fire fighters, people who are in the Meadow and wildlife. Your proposed lines if down would completely cut off the southern trails from the remaining exits.
- b) protection of infrastructure from heavy equipment used during any planned and future logging in this area
- c) savings to Telus in maintenance of lines and right of way clearance from brush and tree overgrowth
- d) reduce impact of any year round recreational use in this area
- e) most important wild animals and migrating birds that are passing through or living in Dicks Meadow will not be adversely affected.

Our Society is in partnership with the Ministry of Recreation and Trails for maintaining the "Designated" recreation trails around Puntzi Lake. This includes the area of Dicks Meadow. From your diagram it appears as though the access point for the Tower will be off of P Road South Connector Trail which we are responsible for. We would kindly ask that during the construction process that the trail be accessible to trail users wishing to use it. Also once the project is finished that the trail be left in at least the same condition it currently is.

**This request to leave the trail in at least the same condition TELUS found it is perfectly reasonable and something I think TELUS can readily commit to from the outset.**

Respectfully submitted

Directors of Puntzi Community Society

Linda Armstrong

Diane Olsen

Don Gillaspie

Milt Law

Carol Law

**We will review in conjunction with TELUS' project management team your specific request for underground power and will report back.**

Regards,

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**Proposed Telus Tower (Chilanko Forks)****Brian Gregg** <briangregg@sitepathconsulting.com>  
To: Chelsey M [REDACTED]

Mon, Oct 2, 2023 at 7:22 PM

Thank you, Chelsey. We'll be sure to follow up if we received additional information that we can share with you as well.

Kind Regards,

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On Mon, Oct 2, 2023 at 7:35AM Chelsey M [REDACTED] wrote:  
Hi Brian,

Just wanted to thank you for your prompt and detailed responses. I will look further into both Code 6 and contacting Health Canada in the future should I feel the need to do so.

Again I appreciate the new proposal site and am sure I am not the only one in the community to prefer the new location.

Thanks again, have yourself a great day!

God Bless

Chelsey and Curt

On Mon., Oct. 2, 2023, 7:14 a.m. Brian Gregg, <briangregg@sitepathconsulting.com> wrote:  
Good Morning Chelsey and Curt,

Thanks for your email. Please find our responses below in green text. Please kindly note that as per ISED (federal) protocols, you will have 21 days if you wish to respond further.

Hi Brian,

I am writing to you on account of my family living at 1876 Puntzi Airport Road in Chilanko Forks, BC, in regards to the new proposal for the Telus Tower.

We spoke last October (I believe), as I sent communications to you through my alternate email address ([REDACTED]) I was shocked and infuriated to have seen that proposal only a month after buying my home, considering it was proposed to build only 3 houses down from where I live. It is my understanding that the community largely pushed back against that proposal - and now we have been presented with an alternative location, Dick's Meadow.

So I want to first simply thank you for listening to this community and our sincere concerns about the tower being so close to our homes - I don't know if this sentiment is shared around the community but I must say that I really appreciate Telus for a new proposal site. It shows me that to some degree or extent, we are heard and respected for our concerns and Telus is willing to work with us on finding a site we are comfortable with. Indeed the primary reason for shifting the tower is in response to prior community input. TELUS is aiming to deliver service in a manner that the community may support.

Of course, I can only speak on behalf of my family, but I do feel this is common across the board out here - that folk would prefer the tower be built in either of these proposed locations (I personally would prefer it elsewhere but am satisfied with the Dicks Meadow location):



- the Post Office site right along highway 20 (to fit the narrative of coverage along the highway). It has easy access and lots of land surrounding, thinking construction would be easy enough in this area.

Or

- Atop Puntzi Mountain alongside the weather station. This road is maintained and graveled, easy enough to get up the mountain with tons of space up there for construction of another tower.

Unfortunately TELUS reviewed both of these locations from a radiofrequency engineering perspective and they were not qualified as they would not meet the coverage objectives for this site.

The only reason why I make note of this again is because of the inevitable destruction to the environment in Dick's Meadow, which will misplace wildlife, some of which we (and locals of Tsi Del Del) rely on for hunting. Along with the families of wild horses whom I believe have made that area somewhat of their territory.

TELUS' footprint on the land will be quite nominal and, thus, most of the area will remain as it currently is. Please see a site plan below showing the tower compound area, access and utility corridors.



That being said - I will note my full understanding and acknowledgment that we can't "have the whole cake and eat it too", so to speak. We would much rather the tower be placed further from our homes (so be it if that should be the meadow). But at the same time, Telus also has to respect that we have all purchased this land out here WITHOUT a tower in our backyards. It isn't exactly what we signed up for when we all decided to live the isolated life that we do.

I have tried my best to find this information online with no avail, so I am wondering if it is possible that you provide more information on the tower itself. I think this would be greatly beneficial to community members as we are not all on the same page out here on what type of frequencies this tower will be emitting - and this is information that should be provided to all residents prior to any kind of build or confirmation of a building site. Legally, constitutionally, morally... I think we deserve to know, and I think that could potentially put many at ease if we knew more about what was potentially being placed in our backyards. The frequencies will be those as licenced to TELUS via the federal government radiofrequency spectrum auction process. These will all be licenced radiofrequency spectrum as commonly found on thousands of similar communication sites across BC and Canada. We will ask TELUS' radiofrequency engineer if they are able to provide a list of the specific frequencies if that helps. We do not have those details on file at this time however the engineering team may be able to provide those details.

I also wanted to know if you could relay the reasons behind Telus wanting to build this tower, especially as the surrounding communities have fought against it and have publicly stated that we do not want / need this service. At that point I wonder, is Telus doing this for us, or for Telus?

Will Telus respect a community who says "no"? Or are their government contracts in place that state a tower must be placed nearby? If that should be the case, I think it would be beneficial to share further contact information so that the community can express their concerns.

The proposed facility is partially based on subsidy funding and coverage objectives as stipulated by the CRTC. TELUS, as a service provider, is aiming to deliver upon the CRTC coverage objectives to deliver a baseline level of service to the remote communities in the area.



Lastly, because I can't recall what information was provided for this concern last year, but I'm wondering what Telus has in place for fire suppression as that isn't available in this area should there ever be a fire / issues that may cause a fire, etc. TELUS adheres to fire smart best practices and any site specific requirements as stipulated by the province on provincial crown land in a case like this.

Just as a quick back story Brian,

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In the simplest terms, TELUS is required to attest that it will adhere to Health Canada's Safety Code 6. This is a regulatory requirement. More information on the safety standards can be found here:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/health-risks-safety/radiation/occupational-exposure-regulations/safety-code-6-radiofrequency-exposure-guidelines.html>

Adherence to this safety standard is taken very seriously and it is set forth by the policy makers to uphold public safety and to ensure that it is safe to occupy areas surrounding the infrastructure on a 24/7 basis. It has been our experience that antennas high up above the ground on a tall tower like this are the most safety code compliant type of antenna infrastructure. In urban areas, for example, the service providers often have the same or similar antennas much closer to habitable space on the rooftops of buildings directly above where people are living or working and/or on utility poles directly beside residences. This tower as proposed is too far away from habitable space to come remotely close to infringing upon the safety protocols set forth by Health Canada and the policy makers. In other words, this proposed facility will easily comply with the applicable safety code.

Sharing your medical background while appreciated is not something that we have the authority to manage via this process. For example, we have no medical background. ISED has also specifically noted in their policies that debating the validity of Health Canada's Safety Code 6 is outside the scope of our authority via this process. If you do wish to have a deeper discussion about Health Canada's protocols it would be our suggestion that you may wish to contact Health Canada directly as they are the relevant body to discuss such public health matters. In sum, TELUS must comply with the safety code from Health Canada but has no influence over it nor any authority to debate it as a service provider.

I will end there for now Brian, thank you for considering my concerns and for hearing us out as a community. My family really does appreciate it.

Thank you as well. We can assure you that TELUS has amended this proposal relative to the initial location with the objective of responding to stakeholder input and to demonstrate good faith while still delivering service in alignment with CRTC objectives.

God Bless

Chelsey and Curt Nielson

Thanks again. We will save your input in the consultation file for the key decision makers.

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On Sat, Sep 30, 2023 at 10:54AM Chelsey M [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Brian,

I am writing to you on account of my family living at 1876 Puntzi Airport Road in Chilanko Forks, BC, in regards to the new proposal for the Telus Tower.

We spoke last October (I believe), as I sent communications to you through my alternate email address

[REDACTED] I was shocked and infuriated to have seen that proposal only a month after buying my home,



considering it was proposed to build only 3 houses down from where I live. It is my understanding that the community largely pushed back against that proposal - and now we have been presented with an alternative location, Dick's Meadow.

So I want to first simply thank you for listening to this community and our sincere concerns about the tower being so close to our homes - I don't know if this sentiment is shared around the community but I must say that I really appreciate Telus for a new proposal site. It shows me that to some degree or extent, we are heard and respected for our concerns and Telus is willing to work with us on finding a site we are comfortable with.

Of course, I can only speak on behalf of my family, but I do feel this is common across the board out here - that folk would prefer the tower be built in either of these proposed locations (I personally would prefer it elsewhere but am satisfied with the Dicks Meadow location):

- the Post Office site right along highway 20 (to fit the narrative of coverage along the highway). It has easy access and lots of land surrounding, thinking construction would be easy enough in this area.

Or

- Atop Puntzi Mountain alongside the weather station. This road is maintained and graveled, easy enough to get up the mountain with tons of space up there for construction of another tower.

The only reason why I make note of this again is because of the inevitable destruction to the environment in Dick's Meadow, which will misplace wildlife, some of which we (and locals of Tsi Del Del) rely on for hunting. Along with the families of wild horses whom I believe have made that area somewhat of their territory.

That being said - I will note my full understanding and acknowledgment that we can't "have the whole cake and eat it too", so to speak. We would much rather the tower be placed further from our homes (so be it if that should be the meadow). But at the same time, Telus also has to respect that we have all purchased this land out here WITHOUT a tower in our backyards. It isn't exactly what we signed up for when we all decided to live the isolated life that we do.

I have tried my best to find this information online with no avail, so I am wondering if it is possible that you provide more information on the tower itself. I think this would be greatly beneficial to community members as we are not all on the same page out here on what type of frequencies this tower will be emitting - and this is information that should be provided to all residents prior to any kind of build or confirmation of a building site. Legally, constitutionally, morally... I think we deserve to know, and I think that could potentially put many at ease if we knew more about what was potentially being placed in our backyards.

I also wanted to know if you could relay the reasons behind Telus wanting to build this tower, especially as the surrounding communities have fought against it and have publicly stated that we do not want / need this service. At that point I wonder, is Telus doing this for us, or for Telus?

Will Telus respect a community who says "no"? Or are their government contracts in place that state a tower must be placed nearby? If that should be the case, I think it would be beneficial to share further contact information so that the community can express their concerns.

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