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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_Aug15_2025

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Short Summary:

TELUS Telecommunications Tower – BC109200 – Watch Lake – Request for Concurrence – Area L

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 to the TELUS tower proposal in an effort to provide improved TELUS wireless communications services in the Watch Lake area.

The CRD Board previously provided concurrence for the proposal on December 9, 2022, however ISED protocols permit telecommunications tower approvals for only three years. CRD staff requested that the proponent complete the consultation process again due to the passage of time and potential for changes in local and neighbouring residents.

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 BC109200, located at 6303 Pioneer Road, Watch Lake. 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.