



VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

**Agenda for Council
Council Chambers**

Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Monday February 14, 2022

*****IMPORTANT NOTICE:** This meeting will be held electronically. To ensure transparency, an audio recording of this meeting will be livestreamed on YouTube on the “Village of Merrickville-Wolford” YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_OEkw3yIMarGSHGeNecrQg and posted on the website following adjournment.***

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof**
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
4. **Planning** Consent Application B-11-22 & Jp2g report
5. **Delegations** Rogers Cell Tower Delegation and request for Letter of Concurrence
6. **Notices of Motion** Councillor Ireland re: Tower Consultation
Councillor Ireland re: Pandemic
7. **Minutes** Approval of Minutes of Regular Council meeting of January 24, 2022
Receipt of Library Board minutes of January 12, 2022
Receipt of Community Development Advisory Committee minutes of November 29, 2021
Receipt of Environmental Advisory Committee minutes of December 22, 2021
8. **Correspondence** Chamber of Commerce – Snowflake Festival requests
Sainte-Marguerite-Bourgeoys re: Sign By-law exemption request
Yves Grandmaitre re: Inclusive Community Grants
9. **Finance** FIN-03-2022 & By-law 06-2022 regarding 2022 water and wastewater rates
By-Law 11-2022 re: Municipal Modernization Program grant agreement
10. **Public Works** 2022 Brush Amnesty Schedule
11. **CBO** Heritage By-law MW Jakes McLean Building
12. **In Camera** A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board
13. **Public Question Period:** Questions may be emailed to: mayor@merrickville-wolford.ca
14. **Next meeting of Council:** Monday, February 28th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
15. **Confirming By-Law:** 07-2022 re: Confirm Proceedings of Council meeting of February 14, 2022
16. **Adjournment.**

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Resolution Number: R - - 22

Date: February 14, 2022

For Clerk's use only, if
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**Recorded Vote Requested
By:**

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Ireland	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby
approve the agenda of the regular Council meeting of February 14, 2022 as:

___ circulated.

___ amended.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

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Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive Planning Report from Forbes Symon of Jp2g Consultants Inc. dated February 10, 2022 with respect to Consent Application B-11-22 and Municipal Consent Application Questionnaire Form, for information purposes; and

That Council does hereby approve and recommend support of Consent Application B-11-22 to the Consent Granting Authority with the following standard conditions:

1. That the applicant deposit a copy of the registered reference plan with the Village Clerk; and
2. That the applicant pay all outstanding taxes, if any, to the Village; and

In addition to the following condition:

3. That the lands to be added are rezoned to "Highway Commercial" (C3) and the remaining agricultural lands be rezoned to recognize their 32 ha minimum lot size, by way of a zoning by-law amendment application.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor



Municipal Consent Application Form

Please complete and send to the Secretary-Treasurer (via email) within 30-days of receipt of an application to Krista.Weidenaar@uclg.on.ca

File:	B11-22
Municipality:	Village of Merrickville Wolford
Owner:	Ogilvie
Location:	Pt Lot 26 Con A

Municipal Responses	Yes or No?
What is the local Official Plan designation of the land? <u>Agriculture</u>	
Does the application conform to the local Official Plan?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
If not, please give relevant sections of the plan. 	
What is the land currently zoned in the Zoning By-Law? <u>"Agriculture (A)"</u>	
Does the application comply with the municipal Zoning By-Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If not, please give relevant sections of the By-Law. <u>retained parcel will not meet minimum lot size of 40 ha; severed to be placed in C3 zone</u>	
Are there any other relevant documents or other Municipal By-Laws which would affect the proposed consent? <u>please see planning report</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any additional applications on the subject lands (minor variance, Official Plan Amendment Zoning By-Law amendment, etc.)? If yes, what type? <u>ZBA will be requested as a condition of consent</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Information	
Please check which of these municipal services are available for the subject lands?	
Water <input type="checkbox"/>	Sanitary Sewers <input type="checkbox"/> Access to a public and maintained road <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electricity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Garbage Collection <input type="checkbox"/> Name of public road <u>Kilmarnock Road</u>

Municipal Consent Application Form

Recommendations	Yes or No?
Does the Planning Committee, or Council, recommend approval be given to this application, and why? <hr/> <hr/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any issues the approval authority should be made aware of for the application lands (Site conditions, development history/activity, flooding, water quality and quantity concerns, etc.)? <hr/> <hr/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If provisional approval is granted, what Conditions would the municipality wish to see attached? (Please attach Council's resolution, a Planning Report, list of conditions, or check below). <u>please see planning report - need to rezone retained parcel (minimum lot size)</u> <u>and lot addition parcel (to be put in C3 Zone)</u> <hr/> <hr/>	
Does the municipality require their own copy of the reference plan for the subject lands?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the municipality require that the balance of any outstanding taxes, including penalties and interest, be paid to the municipality?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the municipality require an Environmental Impact Study or other supporting studies? If yes, please describe. <hr/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the municipality require a road widening?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the Planning Committee or Council wish to recommend that up to 5% of the land if residential, or 2% for commercial or industrial, be set aside as parkland dedication? Or does Council wish to accept cash to the value of 2% or 5% of the land? If Yes, please describe below. <hr/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Date: <u>February 10, 2022</u> </div> <div> Signed: <u>Forbes Symon</u> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div> Position: <u>Contract Planner</u> </div> <div> Municipality of <u>Village of Merrickville Wolford</u> </div> </div>	



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February 10, 2022

Village of Merrickville-Wolford
317 Brock Street West
P.O. Box 340 Merrickville, ON K0G 1N0

Attention: Doug Robertson, CAO/ClerkDear Mr. Robertson:

**Re: Planning Report – Consent Application B11-22 (Ogilvie)
714 Kilmarnock Road, Pt Lot 26, Con A, Wolford
Village of Merrickville-Wolford**

I have now had an opportunity to review the Consent Application B11-22 as it relates to the Village of Merrickville Wolford Official Plan and Zoning By-law and the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Official Plan and provide the following comments.

The proposal involves a lot addition to an existing commercial property located at 714 Kilmarnock Road. The existing commercial lot is approximately 4,481 m² (1.1 acre) in size. The proposal is to sever roughly 0.23 ha (0.5 acre) of land from the abutting 32.77 ha (81 acre) agricultural parcel and add the lands to the rear of the existing commercial lot (Map 1).

The subject lands are designated "Agriculture" in the Merrickville Wolford Official Plan and zoned and "Agriculture – A" in the Merrickville Wolford Zoning By-law 23-08. The property is also impacted by the "Special Heritage Policy Area 1".

Local Official Plan Policies

Section 6.3.3, Agriculture, sets out the policies for development in the area of the subject property. The policies state that development must comply with the Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) and generally have agricultural holdings of 40 ha (99 ac).

Section 9.3.2.1 contains the specific policies related to consents in the Agricultural designation. Specifically, subsection (4) reads "a farmer may be permitted a severance to make minor boundary adjustments between farms provided that the net effect is the retention of two viable farm parcels and no new lots are created."

There are no identified significant natural heritage features associated with the property. The lands are impacted by Special Heritage Policy Area 1. The Special Heritage Policy Area 1 read as follows:

- "1. The natural heritage of the Rideau Canal is to be protected by restricting all development in accordance with the Waterfront Development policies of Section 4.3.
2. Where development is to occur within view of a lock station, the design should be compatible with the architectural style of the lock station buildings. In this regard, the relevant Design Guidelines for Special Heritage Policy Area 2 are to be followed.

3. In all other instances, owners are encouraged to follow the relevant Design Guidelines for Special Heritage Policy Area 2."

It is worth noting that the Special Heritage Policy Area 2 provide direction on new residential development and is silent on existing development.

United Counties Official Plan Policies

The Official Plan for the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, Schedule B, recognizes the agricultural designation of the area in which the subject property is located. Accordingly, the severance policies are quite restrictive. Section 3.2.5 Agricultural Area Lot Creation and Adjustment states that "lot adjustments in the Agricultural Area may be permitted for legal or technical reasons. Lot line adjustments will be interpreted to prohibit the creation of new residential or non-farm parcels."

Summary & Recommendations

The proposal is to sever 0.23 ha (0.5 ac) of land from an existing 32.77 ha (81 ac) agricultural holding and add the severed lands to an existing 0.45 ha (1.2 ac) highway commercial property. The lands are located within an agricultural area of the Village and as such consideration must be given to the impact on agricultural activities in the area.

Generally, MDS does not apply to existing situations such as exists with the commercial use of 714 Kilmarnock Road. However, the lands to be added to the existing commercial property are 378 m from the nearest livestock facility and satisfy MDS requirements.

Both the Village and Counties Official Plan generally discourage consents within the Agricultural areas. There are limited opportunities for lot line adjustments, provided the agricultural parcel remains viable and there are no new lots created. The proposal involves a lot line adjustment and proposes to remove 0.23 ha (0.5 ac) of land from agricultural production. This is a modest lot line adjustment and is not seen as decreasing the viability of the existing agricultural holding which is currently less than the 40 ha minimum farm size. There is no new lot created as a result of this application. Generally, the proposed lot addition maintains the intent and purpose of the Official Plan.

The Village Official Plan identifies Special Heritage Policy Area 1 (SHPA1) considerations for the subject lands. There is no new lot proposed through this lot addition and as a result, SHPA1 are not applicable. It is also worth noting that the property is approximately 500 m from the Rideau Canal.

In order to facilitate this severance application, it will be necessary for a by-law amendment for two specific changes:

1. Rezone the lands to be added to the existing highway commercial property to "Highway Commercial (C3)" so that the entire new lot is appropriately zoned.
2. Rezone the remaining agricultural holding to recognize the 32 ha (80.5 ac) lot size which is less than the minimum 40 ha (99 ac) lot size set out in the "Agricultural (A)" zone.

The recommendation of this report is to support the proposed consent application with the standard conditions of:

1. That the applicant deposit a copy of the registered reference plan with the Village Clerk.
2. That the applicant pay all outstanding taxes, if any, to the Village.

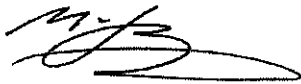
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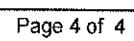
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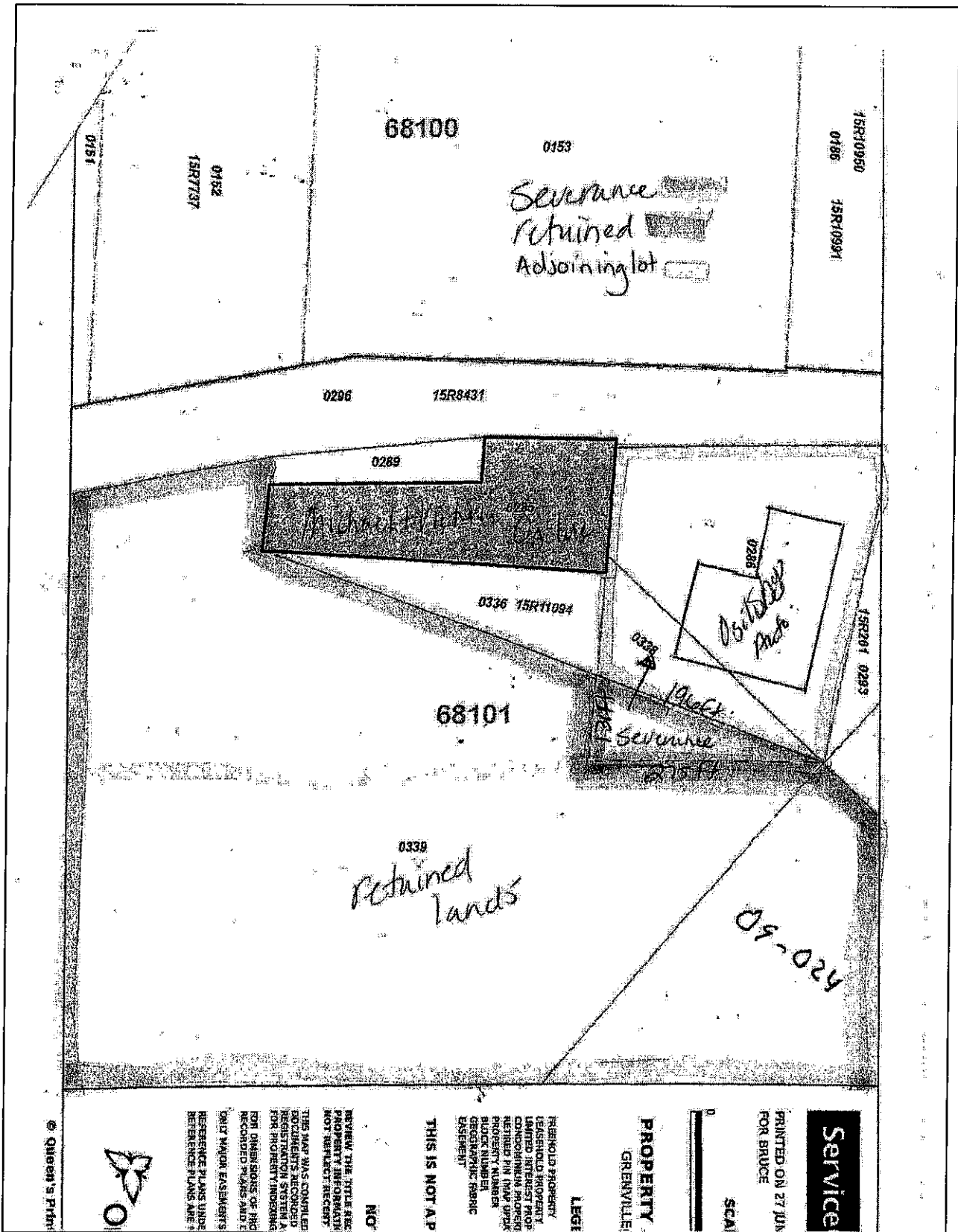
of which is respectfully submitted.

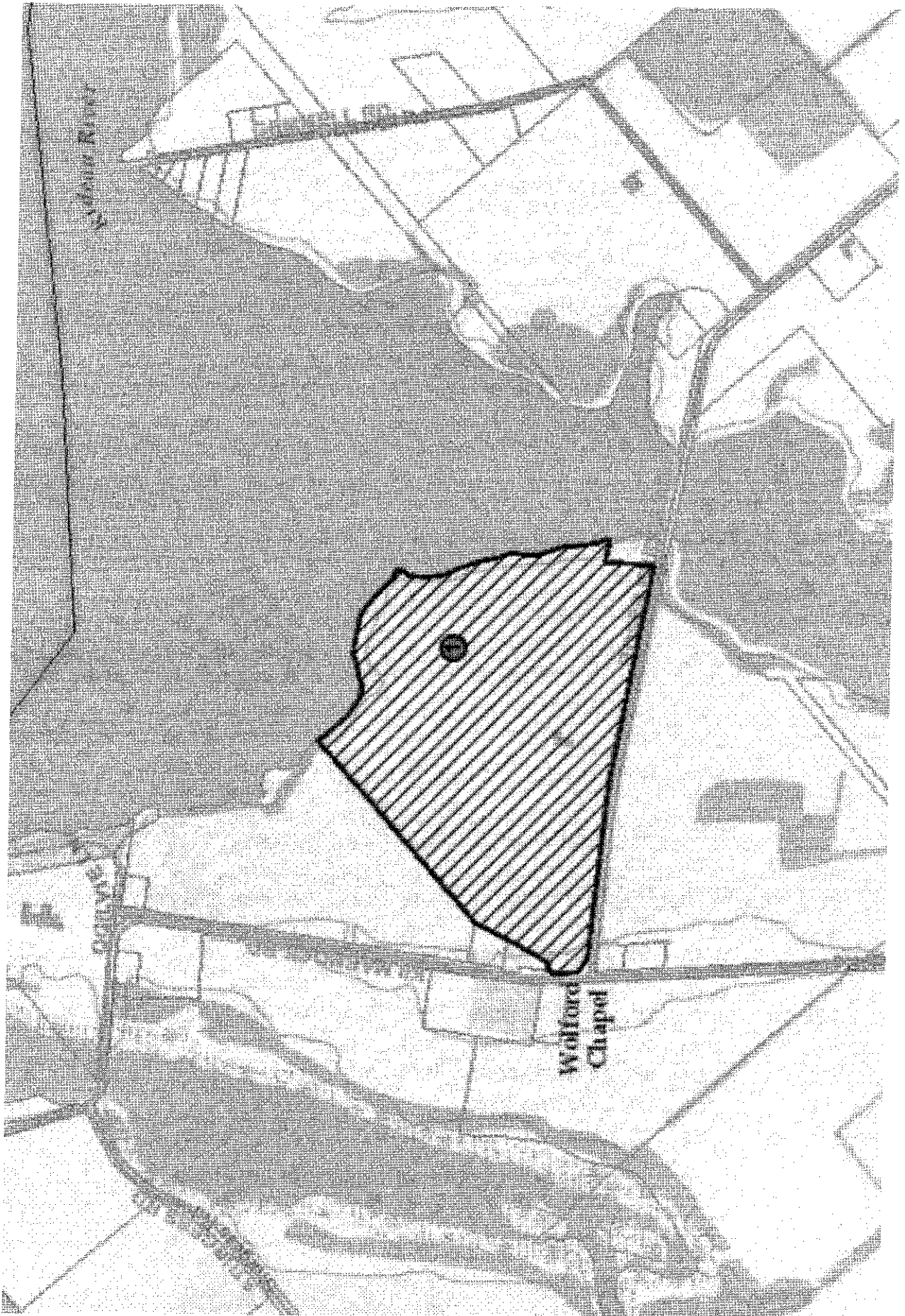
Sincerely,
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Forbes Symon, MCIP, RPP
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Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive C8683 Consultation Summary & Concurrence Request for information; and

That Council approves the CAO/Clerk to issue the Letter of Concurrence for Rogers Cell Tower application #C8683.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor



February 15, 2022

Eric Belchamber,
Site Acquisition Specialist
On Behalf of Rogers Communications Inc.,
Network Implementation

Dear Mr. Belchamber:

Please consider this your formal letter of Concurrence, that the land-use consultation requirements on behalf of Rogers Communications Inc., under ISED's default protocol as they pertain to the municipal consultation for a proposed cell tower at C8683 Wolford Centre Road & County Road 15 that is part of the EORN Cell Gap Project have been fulfilled.

The Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford acknowledges receipt of the site selection, justification report, the public consultation package and survey for the proposed tower as well as notification of notice to 7 registered property owners and local circulation of the notice in our community newspaper.

All requirements on behalf of Rogers Communications Inc. on the new installation of a telecommunications site at C8683 Wolford Centre Road & County Road 15 in the Village of Merrickville-Wolford have been fulfilled.

Should you require further clarification, please contact the undersigned at (613) 269-4791, extension 229.

Yours truly,

Doug Robertson
CAO/Clerk/Director, Economic Development

January 17th, 2022

Village of Merrickville-Wolford
317 Brock Street West, P.O. Box 340
Merrickville, Ontario, K0G 1N0
Tel. (613) 269-4791 ext. 229

Attention: Doug Robertson, MBA, CAO/Clerk/Director, Economic Development

Hello Mr. Robertson,

Re: Proposed Wireless Communication Site: C8683 Wolford Centre Rd. & County Rd. 15

On behalf of Rogers Communication Inc. ("Rogers"), I would like to submit for your review and consideration a summary of the municipal and public consultation process for the purpose of issuing a statement of concurrence concerning a proposed wireless communication site to be located at **12979 County Road 15, Merrickville.**

Project Description & Proposed Location

Rogers is constantly improving and expanding its infrastructure to meet the ever-growing demand for high-quality reliable wireless voice and data services. The proposed site is needed to improve our wireless voice and data services within the growing community and part of the EORN Cell Gap Project.

The proposed wireless communication installation consists of a 90m guyed communication tower and (1) walk-in equipment cabinet located within an enclosed compound approximately 135m from County Rd. 15.

Municipal & Public Consultation Process

Rogers is regulated and licensed by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED, formerly Industry Canada) to provide inter-provincial wireless voice and data services. As a federal undertaking, Rogers is required by ISED to consult with land-use authorities in siting tower locations. The consultation process established under ISED's authority is intended to allow the local land-use authorities the opportunity to address land-use concerns while respecting the federal government's exclusive jurisdiction in the siting and operation of wireless and data systems.

The provisions of the Ontario Planning Act and other municipal by-laws and regulations do not apply to federal undertakings. Rogers is, however, required to follow established and documented wireless protocols or processes set forth by land-use authorities.

Rogers submitted an Application for an Antenna System to the Village of Merrickville-Wolford via email on October 29th, 2021 for a wireless communications installation to be located at **12979 County Road 15, Merrickville.**

The Village of Merrickville-Wolford has not developed a protocol relevant for establishing telecommunication facilities in the Township and as a result, Rogers is following Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) Canada's CPC-2-0-03 Default Protocol as it pertains to the public notification and consultation required for communication towers.

Rogers provided the attached Public Notification Package to the seven property owners within the required 270m radius of the proposed installation. The notice was issued by regular mail on December 10th, 2021. The notice described the proposal and invited comments by mail, electronic mail, or phone before 5pm January 14th, 2022.

A newspaper ad was also published in the December 15th, 2021 editions of the NG Times and the Smiths Falls Record News notifying the public of the proposal and inviting residents to provide comments within 30 days of the notice.

Email correspondence was received from Carol Williams, Stew Hamill and Fred McFarland & Heather Wilson. The correspondence and Rogers' responses are attached. In summary, Carol Williams wondered whether or not the tower would have 5G equipment on it and subsequently expressed concern regarding 5G technology and the potential of contamination on an area of the property where tower construction is not planned. Stew Hamill and Fred McFarland & Heather Wilson expressed opposition to the tower on various grounds including tower lighting, loss of tree cover, existing site conditions and public consultation. Rogers addressed all of the reasonable and relevant concerns.

Rogers has now fulfilled all circulation requirements under ISED's Default Protocol as they pertain to the proposed new communication site to be located at **12979 County Road 15, Merrickville.**

Rogers has followed all the necessary steps in accordance with the Default Protocol's guidelines by:

- consulting with the municipality;
- advising the public of our proposal;
- addressing all reasonable and relevant concerns pertaining to our proposal; and
- keeping and producing all associated communications to Industry Canada and the municipality.

Conclusion

Rogers takes concerns or suggestions expressed by the public as important elements to our proposal. As a result of the consultation process, five people wrote to Rogers expressing opposition to the tower.

Rogers feels that the proposed site is well located to provide improved wireless voice and data services in the targeted area. The proposed site is also situated and designed so as to have minimal impact on surrounding land uses.

Request for Concurrence

Rogers has now fulfilled all the requirements under ISED's Default Protocol as they pertain to the proposed new telecommunications site at **12979 County Road 15, Merrickville.**

In order to conclude this land-use consultation and meet ISED's requirements, Rogers Communications Inc. respectfully requests that our proposal be considered complete and that the Village of Merrickville-Wolford move forward with the assessment of the process Rogers has undertaken to date.

Rogers also requests that the Village of Merrickville-Wolford issue a formal Letter of Concurrence to Rogers with a copy to ISED in order to permit Rogers to move forward with the installation of the proposed wireless communication site.

Yours Truly,

Eric Belchamber, Site Acquisition Specialist
On behalf of Rogers Communications Inc., Network Implementation
(613) 220-5970



December 13, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Rogers Site: C8683 Wolford Centre Rd. & County Rd. 15

Like many areas of the province, your community is experiencing a growing demand for wireless services. As people rely more on wireless devices such as smartphones, tablets and laptops for business and personal use, network improvements are required to ensure high quality voice and data services are available. In response to this growing demand for wireless services, Rogers Communications Inc. (Rogers) has been working to find a suitable location for a new telecommunications structure in efforts to provide improved coverage in the area south of Merrickville.

The site location proposed is at 12979 County Road 15, Merrickville. The location will provide much relied upon communication services in the area such as EMS Response, Police and Fire, and will also improve wireless signal quality for the local residents, those traveling along the major roads, as well provide local subscribers with Rogers' wireless network coverage and capacity for products and services such as iPhones, Smartphones, Tablets and wireless internet through the Rogers Rocket Stick technology in the surrounding area.

As part of the public consultation process, you are invited to comment in writing about the proposed Rogers site before 5pm January 14, 2022. Since Merrickville-Wolford does not have its own protocol relevant to wireless communications site placement, Rogers will be following ISED's (formerly Industry Canada) default protocol which requires that all residents and businesses within 270m of the leased property area will receive this notification package (the height of the proposed site is 90m).

This package contains detailed information about the proposed structure, the consultation and approval process, as well as contact information available to you during the consultation process.

Rogers is committed to working with your community to integrate the proposed telecommunications facility to continue providing dependable and reliable wireless service. Your questions and comments are an important part of the consultation process.

Please know you may provide your comments by contacting a Rogers representative. All written comments are to be directed to:

Rogers Communications Inc.

Eric Belchamber, Wireless Site Specialist

Eric Belchamber & Associates

337 Autumnfield St., Kanata, ON, K2M 0J6

Telephone: (613) 220-5970

Email: eric.belchamber@rogers.com

Included on the following page is a comment form, for you to provide your comments pertaining to the proposal.

Thank you,
Rogers Communications Inc.



Public Consultation for Proposed Wireless Structure

Location: 12979 County Rd. 15, Merrickville
Rogers Site: C8683 Wolford Centre Rd. & County Rd. 15

Please submit your comments by **5pm January 14, 2021** to:

Rogers Communications Inc.
Eric Belchamber, Wireless Site Specialist
Eric Belchamber & Associates
337 Autumnfield St., Kanata, ON, K2M 0J6
Telephone: (613) 220-5970 Email: eric.belchamber@rogers.com

COMMENTS

Name: _____

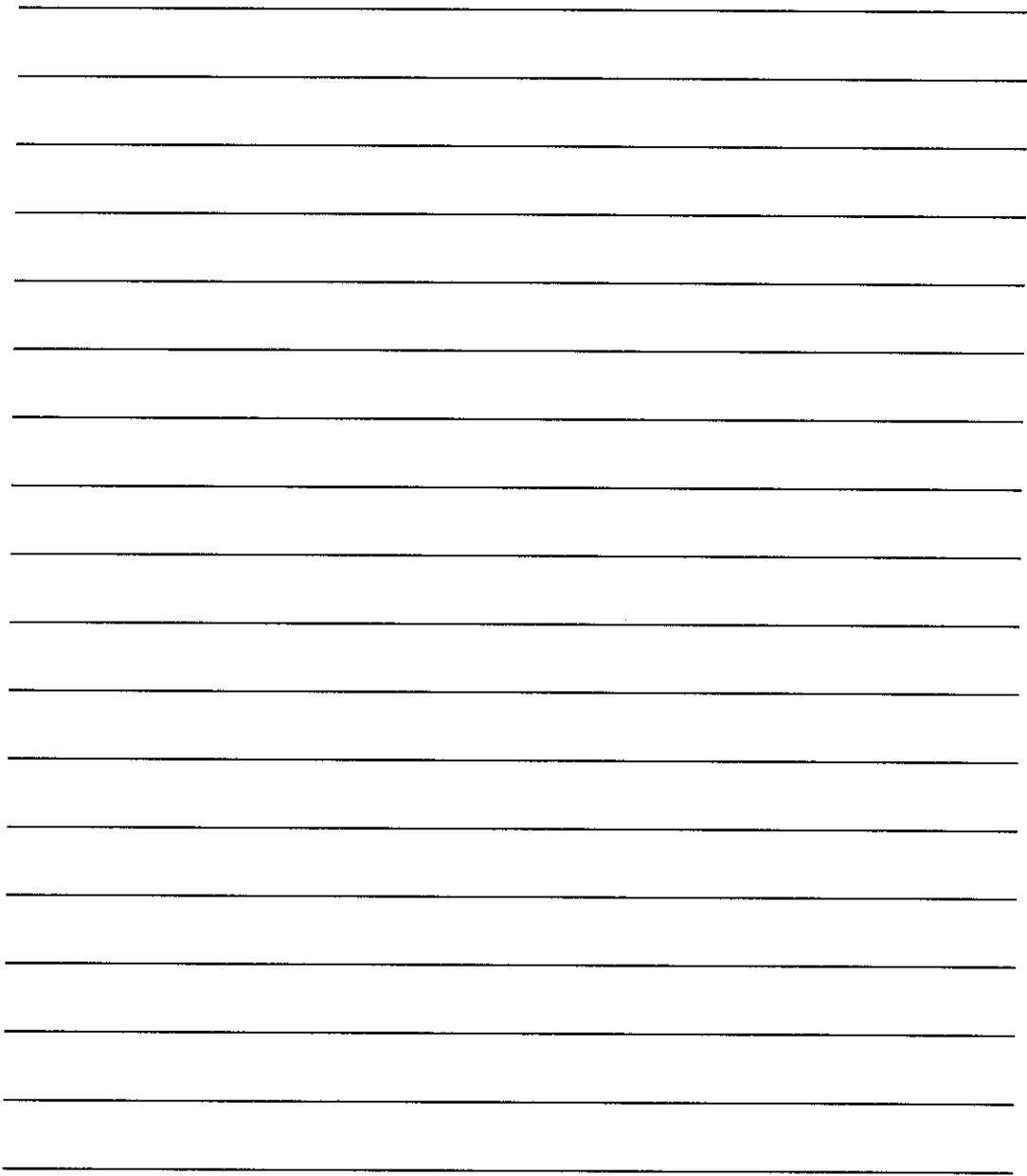
Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please provide your comments, suggestions or requests for additional information about the proposed wireless structure below:

Thank you for your comments. Your feedback is appreciated.



**Information received shall form part of Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) Canada's Public Consultation Process under the Spectrum Management and Telecommunications Client Procedures Circular CPC-2-0-03, Issue 5, and will be collected in compliance with the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act. The information collected will be used solely for the purpose of documenting Rogers' consultation, communicating the results of this consultation, including your comments, to the Village of Merrickville-Wolford and/or ISED and communicating with you concerning this proposal should that be required. Any personal information such as name, address, telephone number, and property location included in a submission from the public becomes part of the public record for this matter."*



Notice of Proposed Wireless Site: C8683 Wolford Centre Rd. & County Rd. 15

Facility Proposal:

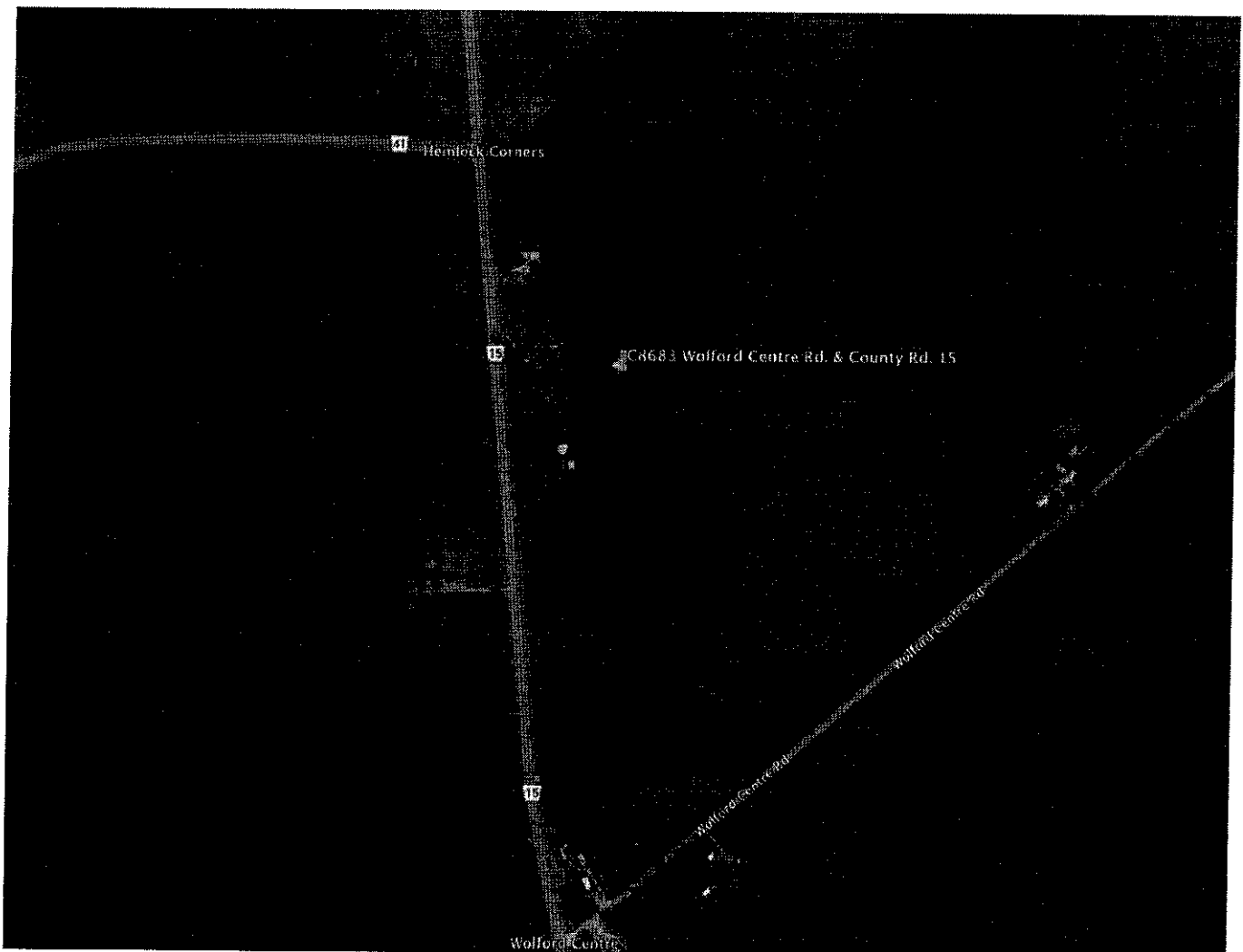
Location and Site Context

Rogers Communications Inc. (Rogers) is proposing a new 90m guyed tower telecommunications facility and an ancillary equipment structure surrounded by chainlink fencing, to be located at 12979 County Road 15.

The coordinates for this facility are: 44.829414-75.813954

Proposed Facility Map

Due to increased demand for improved wireless service, it is necessary to improve wireless coverage across the community. The site selected, shown on the below map, fits the necessary criteria to maximize and improve network coverage for wireless users in the area.





Site Selection and Co-Location

Many factors are considered in selecting an appropriate site, such as the level of use of wireless service in the area, local terrain, interaction with existing radio base stations, and line-of-sight requirements for high-quality communications. Each site that is investigated is subject to a comprehensive review process by radio frequency, transmission and civil engineering groups for it to be qualified as an optimal site for the community.

Before proposing a new antenna-supporting structure, Rogers first explores the following options, which are required by Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) Canada:

- consider sharing an existing antenna system, modifying or replacing the structure if necessary;
- locate, analyze and attempt to use any feasible existing infrastructure such as rooftops, water towers or other tall infrastructure

During the site selection process for this proposed, Rogers determined that no other existing infrastructure opportunity was available in our target area that was suitable for our network. The nearest site that was evaluated was an existing 91m guyed tower located approximately 15.5km west of the proposed site. However, the site is located too far from our target area, therefore, is not sufficient for our coverage. Unfortunately, there are no other structures available near the area requiring coverage that offers the necessary height. Thus, the proposed location is a suitable available property that will allow Rogers to provide improved coverage for the community and the traveling public.

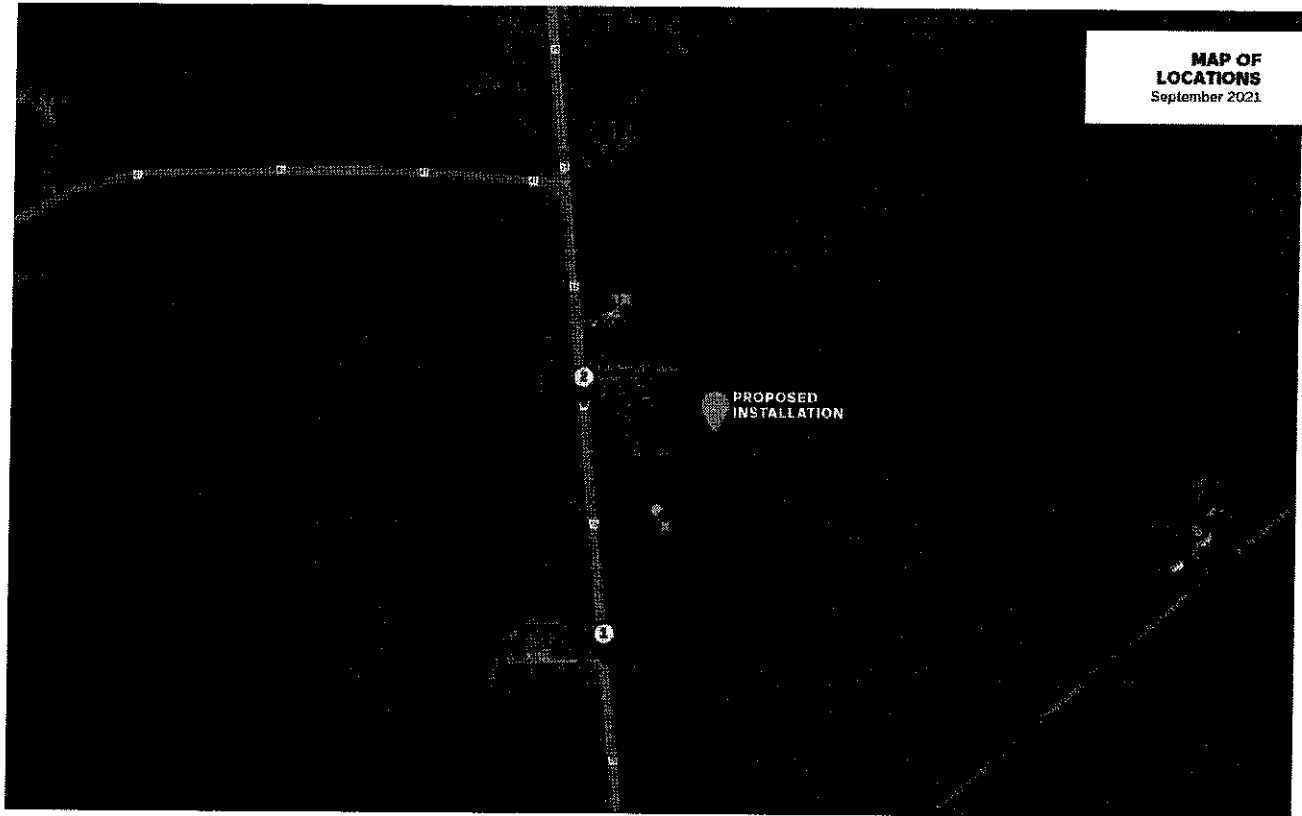
In consideration of Rogers' technical requirements, the setting of the subject lands makes the proposed location ideal for our site. The proposed site is almost directly in the center of the search radius which will result in optimal coverage. The site is set back from County Rd. 15 by approximately 135m so as to minimize the visibility of the compound. The tower footprint will be using only a small fraction of the large lot.

The design proposed is a 90m guyed tower which will have ample space to provide for future co-location opportunities, as well as assist in minimizing tower proliferation in Merrickville-Wolford. Rogers welcomes future site sharing opportunities on this proposed location, as per Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's guidelines. At the time of this notification, Rogers anticipates having space available for future sharing proponents. Rogers will respond to a request to share in a timely fashion and will negotiate in good faith to facilitate sharing where feasible following standard co-location procedures.

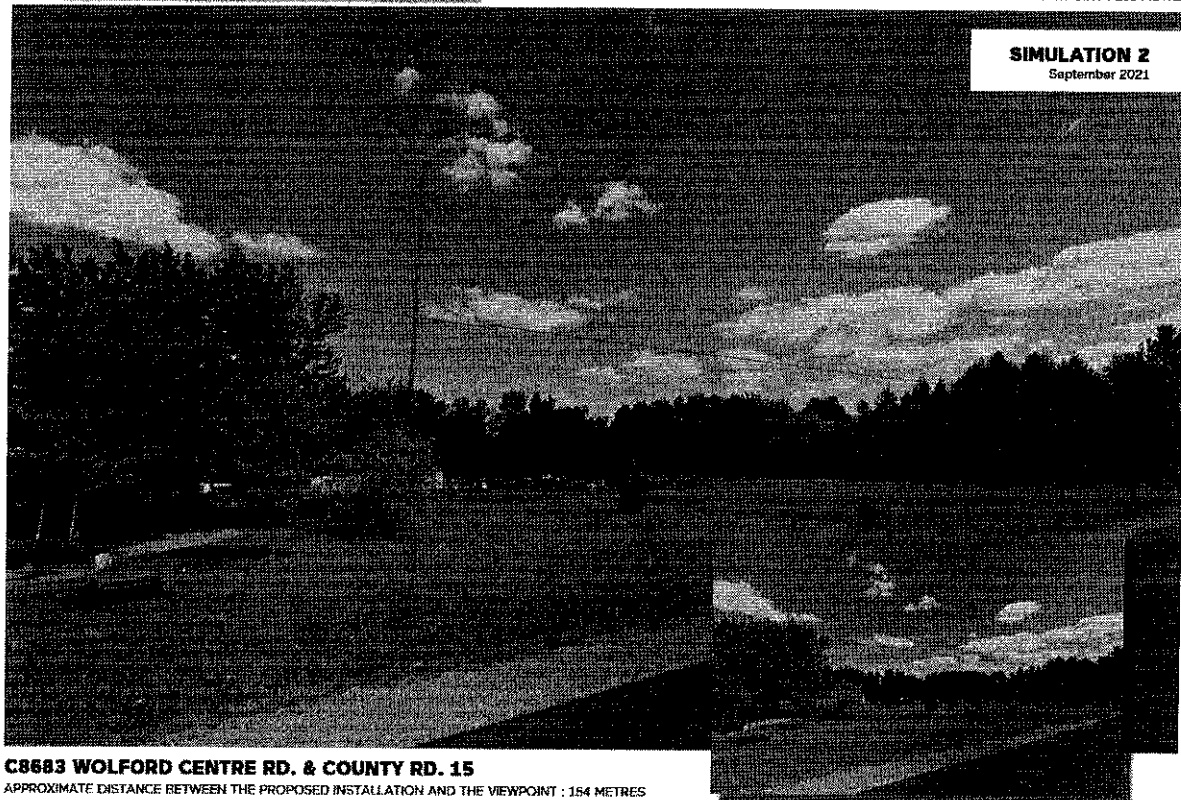
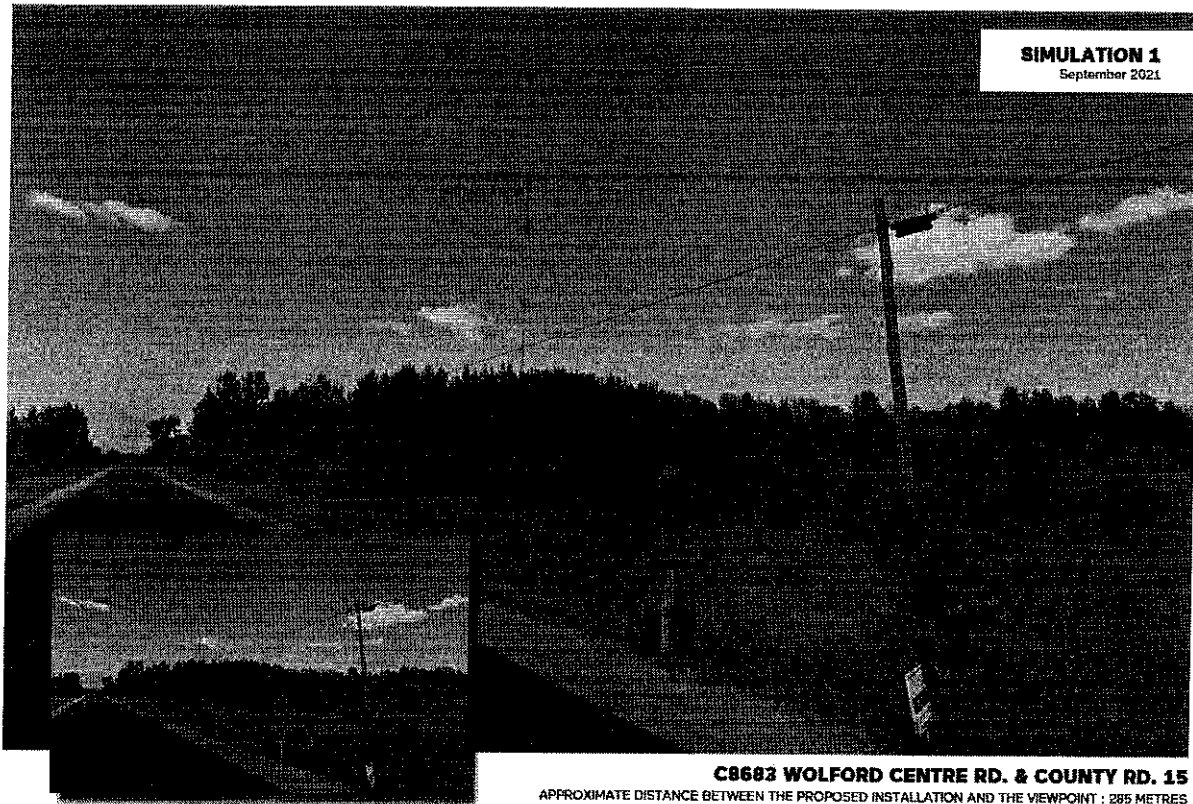
A copy of Rogers' surveyed site plan has been attached for your reference and information. Please also refer to pages 6 & 7 for photo simulations of the proposed site. The viewscape simulations simulate the view of the proposed installation from points along County Rd. 15. The process of simulating the proposed facility into the existing conditions of the viewscape was done by superimposing an image of the proposed structure on the photographs taken from those viewpoints.



Photo Simulations



CB683 WOLFORD CENTRE RD. & COUNTY RD. 15





Construction and Maintenance

Construction of the proposed facility will take approximately 30 to 45 days. The facility will remain unoccupied, and the only traffic generated at this site after construction will be for routine monthly maintenance visits.

Rogers attests that the radio antenna system as proposed for this location will be constructed in compliance with the National Building Code and The Canadian Standard Association and comply with good engineering practices including structural adequacy.

Aeronautical Approvals

Aerodrome safety is under the exclusive jurisdiction of NAV Canada and Transport Canada. An important obligation of Rogers' installations is to comply with Transport Canada / NAV CANADA aeronautical safety requirements. Transport Canada perform an assessment of the proposal with respect to the potential hazard to air navigation and notify Rogers of any painting and/or lighting requirements for the antenna system. Rogers will the appropriate applications and expects that the tower will require lighting.

Rogers Communications Inc. attests that the radio antenna system described in this notification package will comply with Transport Canada / NAV Canada aeronautical safety requirements. For additional detailed information, please consult Transport Canada¹.

Environmental Health Standards/Safety Code 6 Guidelines

ISED requires that the installation and modification of antenna systems be done in a manner that complies with appropriate environmental legislation. This includes the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA)² and local environmental assessment requirements where required by the CEAA.

Rogers attests that the radio antenna system described in this notification does not qualify as a Designated Project under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act and is excluded from environmental assessment under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.

ISED also manages the radio communications spectrum in Canada and requires that all cellular telecommunications facilities comply with guidelines established by Health Canada in order to protect people who live or work near these facilities.

These Health Canada safety guidelines are outlined in their 'Safety Code 6' document and are among the most stringent in the world. All Rogers' facilities meet or exceed these standards. Rogers attests that the radio installation described in this notification package, will be installed and operated on an ongoing basis so as to comply with Health Canada's Safety Code 6, as may be amended from time to time, for the protection of the general public including any combined effects of nearby installations within the local radio environment.

¹ <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/civilaviation/regserv/cars/part6-standards-standard621-3808.htm>

² <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-15.21/>



Public Consultation

ISED has developed a protocol for establishing telecommunication facilities. The protocol outlines the land use consultation process relevant to evaluating wireless communication installation proposals (<http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/sf08777.html#sec4.2>). In accordance with ISED's Policy, proponents must provide a notification package to the local public (including nearby residences, community gathering areas, public institutions, schools, etc.), neighbouring land-use authorities, businesses, and property owners, etc. located within a radius of 270m from the tower.

Rogers Communications Inc. is committed to effective public consultation. The public is invited to provide comments to Rogers about this proposal by mail, electronic mail, or phone.

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's policy contains requirements for timely response to all questions, comments or concerns. Rogers will acknowledge receipt of all communication within **14 days** and will provide a formal response to the Municipality and those members of the public who communicate to Rogers, within **60 days**. The members of the public who communicated with Rogers will then have **21 days** to review and reply to Rogers a final response. Rogers will keep record of all correspondence during the consultation process, which will be included in the summary report to the Village of Merrickville-Wolford and the regional Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada office.

Rogers is requesting any written public comments be returned within 30 days of receipt of this package. Upon receiving any comments from the public, Rogers will respond accordingly. At the close of the public consultation process, a summary of comments received and their corresponding responses will be provided to the Village of Merrickville-Wolford and Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada. Subsequently, a formal package requesting concurrence will also be provided to the Village.

Residents may contact our office and discuss the proposed facility:

Rogers Communications Inc.

Eric Belchamber, Wireless Site Specialist

Eric Belchamber & Associates

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Residents may contact the Village of Merrickville-Wolford office and discuss the proposed facility:

Village of Merrickville-Wolford

Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk/Economic Development Director

317 Brock Street West, P.O. Box 340

Merrickville, Ontario, K0G 1N0

Telephone: (613) 269-4791 ext. 229

Email: cao@merrickville-wolford.ca



For more information on ISED's public consultation guidelines including CPC-2-0-03, Issue 5³, Spectrum Management and Telecommunications you may contact your local Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada Office at the address noted below.

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada
Spectrum Management
Eastern Ontario District Office
2 Queen Street East, Sault Ste. Marie, ON, P6A 1Y3
Telephone: 1-855-465-6307
Fax: 705-941-4607
Email: spectrumenod-spectredeno@ised-isde.gc.ca
Web: http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/fra/h_sf01702.html

General information relating to antenna systems is available on ISED's Spectrum Management and Telecommunications website⁴. Other resources relevant to regulations and adherence obligations can also be found on provided Government of Canada websites⁵.

Conclusion

Access to reliable wireless communications services is of great importance to residents' and travelers' safety and well-being in today's society. Wireless technology has fast become the preferred method of conducting business and personal communications among a large part of the population.

The trend of future telecom is to become truly "wireless", that is the delivery of the voice and data communications via conventional telephone lines, such as telephone poles along streets and roads, will be virtually obsolete. The current wireless infrastructure will be able to meet this trend and still provide a reliable system. Reliable wireless communication services are a key element of economic development across Canada. It facilitates the growth of local economies by providing easy access to information, and connectivity for residents and business alike. The infrastructure proposed is suitable for the development over the long term and protects public health and safety, and is a powerful economic enabler that promotes home occupations, teleworking, telecommuting and improved community networking.

In addition to meeting consumer needs, technological upgrades are also critical to ensuring the accessibility of emergency services such as fire, police and ambulance. Wireless communications products and services, used daily by police, EMS, firefighters and other first responders, are an integral part of Canada's safety infrastructure.

³ http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/h_sf06136.html

⁴ <http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/antenna>

⁵ <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/sf08792.html>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/environmental-workplace-health/reports-publications/radiation/safety-code-6-health-canada-radiofrequency-exposure-guidelines-environmental-workplace-health-health-canada.html>

<http://cwta.ca/home/>



The proposed site location is well located to provide improved wireless voice and data services in the targeted area and the traveling public.

Rogers looks forward to working with the Village of Merrickville-Wolford in providing improved wireless services to the community.

Sincerely,

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Rogers tower proposal in the Village of Merrickville- Wolford

Presented by Eric Belchamber on behalf of
ROGERS

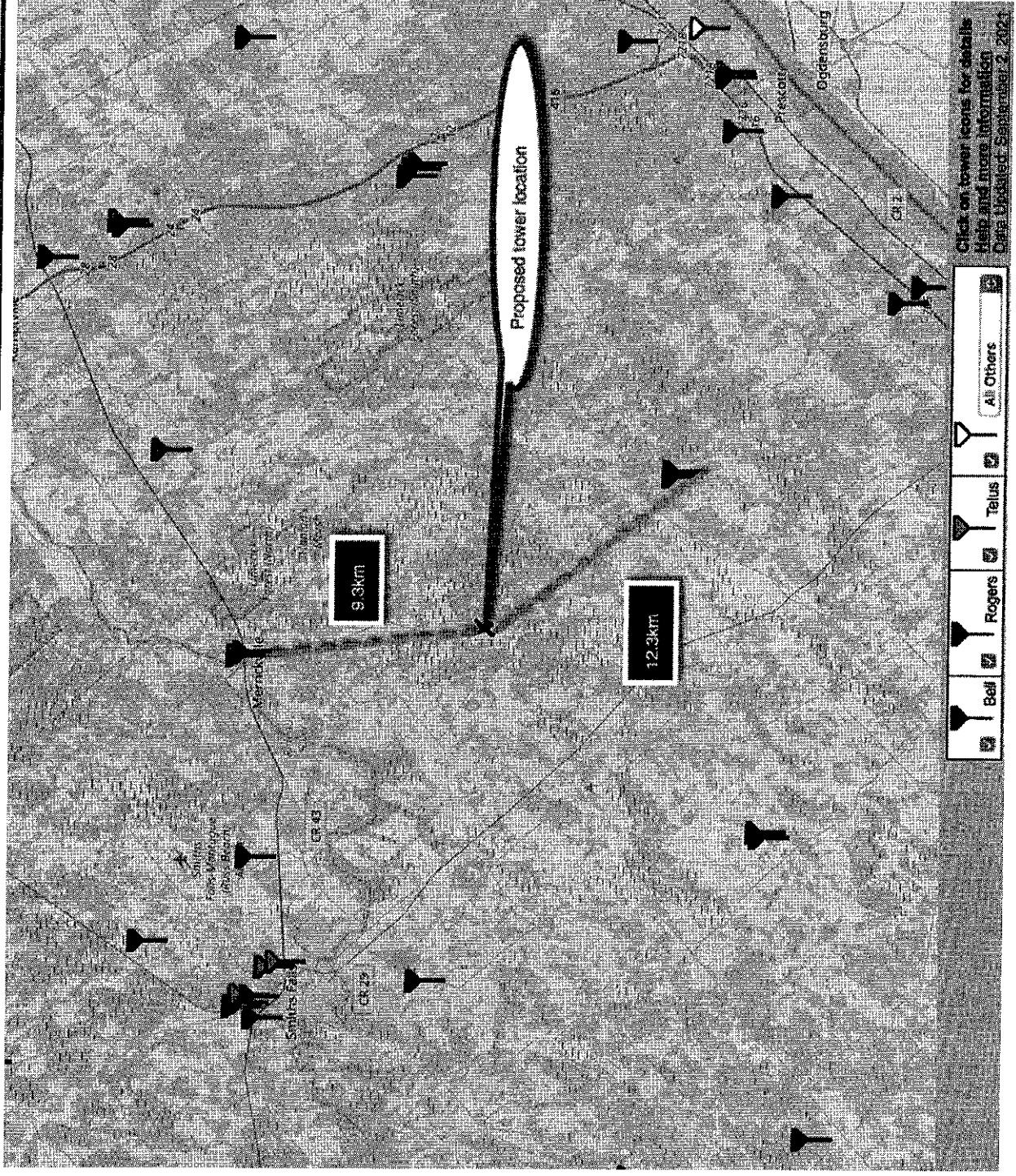
January 24, 2022

Rogers Site Code:
C8683 Wolford Centre Rd. & County Rd. 15

EORN Cell-Gap Project

- \$300M PPP (Public/Private Partnership)
- Objectives:
 - 99% of Eastern Ontario with voice calling services
 - 95% of the area with data services adequate for SD video calls
 - 85% of areas with high-speed access
 - Improve safety (people stranded with no signal)
 - Drive economic growth through connectivity
 - Prepare Eastern Ontario for next gen technology
- 300+ new towers across the region, and upgrading 300+ existing sites

Existing towers near Merrickville and surrounding area



Site acquisition overview and municipal consultation process

- Rogers has a search area, in conjunction with EORN, within which a suitable candidate must be found to satisfy coverage and service objectives for the area
- Careful analysis is completed to find a suitable candidate, keeping existing and surrounding land-uses in mind and a survey is prepared and a lease is signed with the willing landlord
- Municipal consultation starts by providing a Site Selection & Justification Report to the municipality
- Addresses of the registered property owners within the prescribed notification radius are provided to Rogers by the municipality and a Public Notification Package is mailed to them, in conjunction with a notification ad being placed in a community newspaper
- The public is provided with 30 days to comment on the proposal, during which time Rogers responds to any reasonable and relevant concerns
- After the close of the public comment period, a consultation summary and concurrence request is provided to the municipality - including any comments and how the reasonable and relevant concerns were addressed
- A motion is prepared by staff to present at the next available Council meeting, with the intention of having concurrence granted for the tower proposal and that the required municipal consultation requirements have been satisfied

Municipal consultation process details

- Rogers confirmed that the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does not have a locally enacted land use protocol for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.
- Accordingly, Rogers is required to comply with procedures described in ISED Canada's default protocol CPC-2-0-03 Issue 5i (July 2014) "Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems" for the municipal and public consultation process. One of the key concerns of this process is that such installations are deployed in a manner that considers the surroundings in exercising the mandate to deploy necessary infrastructure.
- Rogers notes that the approval of this Site and its design is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Government of Canada through Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada ("ISED"). The LUA has no jurisdiction in this matter other than as a commenting body to ISED and the Applicant.
- Other Municipal Considerations:

As telecommunication facilities are regulated under federal policy, provincial legislation such as the Ontario Building Code and the Planning Act including zoning by-laws, provincial conservation authority and site plan control do not apply to these facilities. The tower is exempt from the application of Clause 2.1.2.1(1)(c) which otherwise requires a designated structure to be designed in accordance with Part 4 of the OBC. As a federal undertaking, the tower structure design falls strictly under ISED's jurisdiction and the standards of CSA S37-01, not the OBC.

Municipal consultation process details

- CPC Public Response:

Under Section 4.2.2, Rogers will respond to all reasonable and relevant concerns raised during the 30-day consultation period of Section 4.2. What is considered reasonable or relevant (or not) is defined under the CPC section entitled "Public Reply Comments".

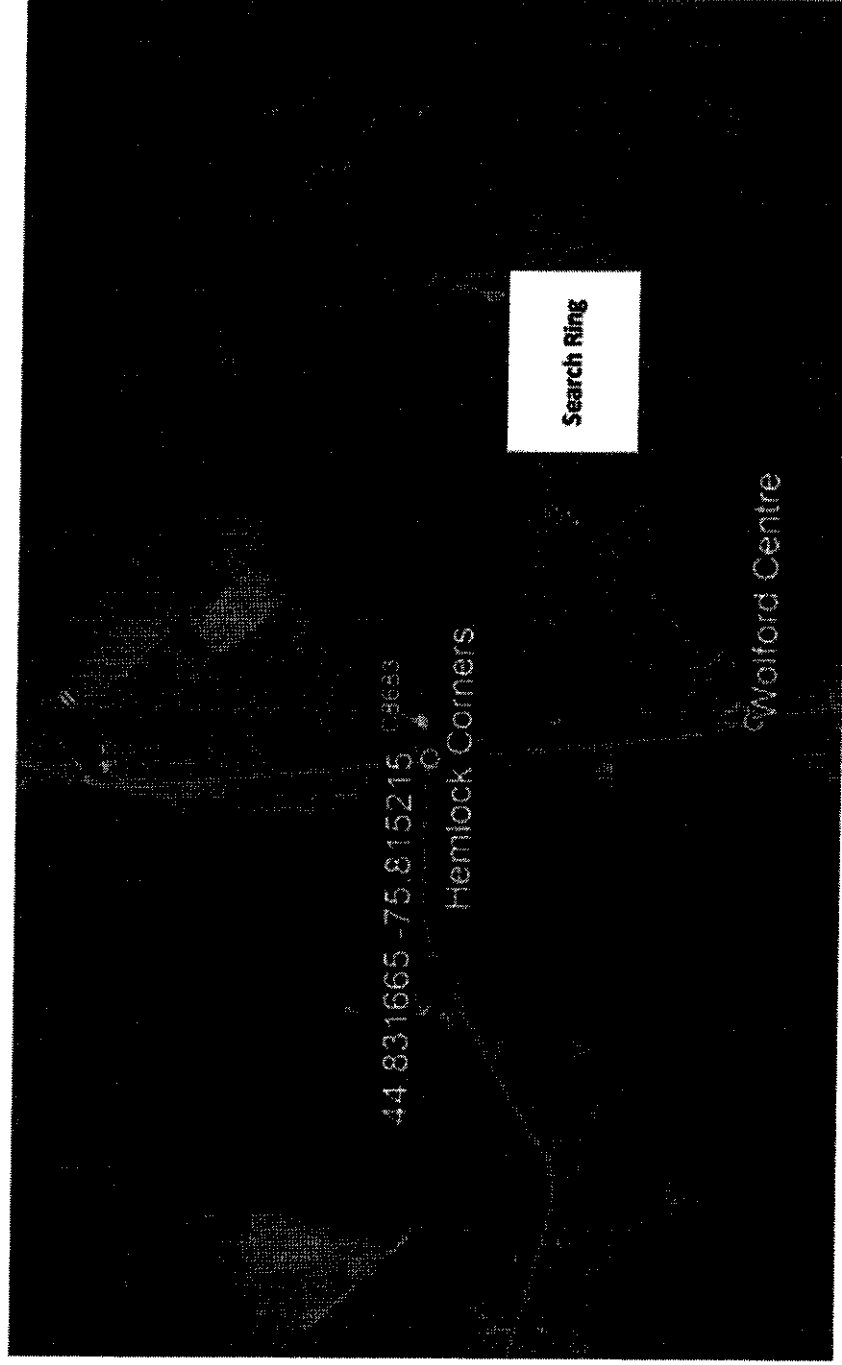
According to ISED, concerns that are not relevant include:

- disputes with members of the public relating to the proponent's service, but unrelated to antenna installations;
- potential effects that a proposed antenna system will have on property values or municipal taxes;
- questions whether the Radiocommunication Act, Safety Code 6, locally established by-laws, other legislation, procedures or processes are valid or should be reformed in some manner.

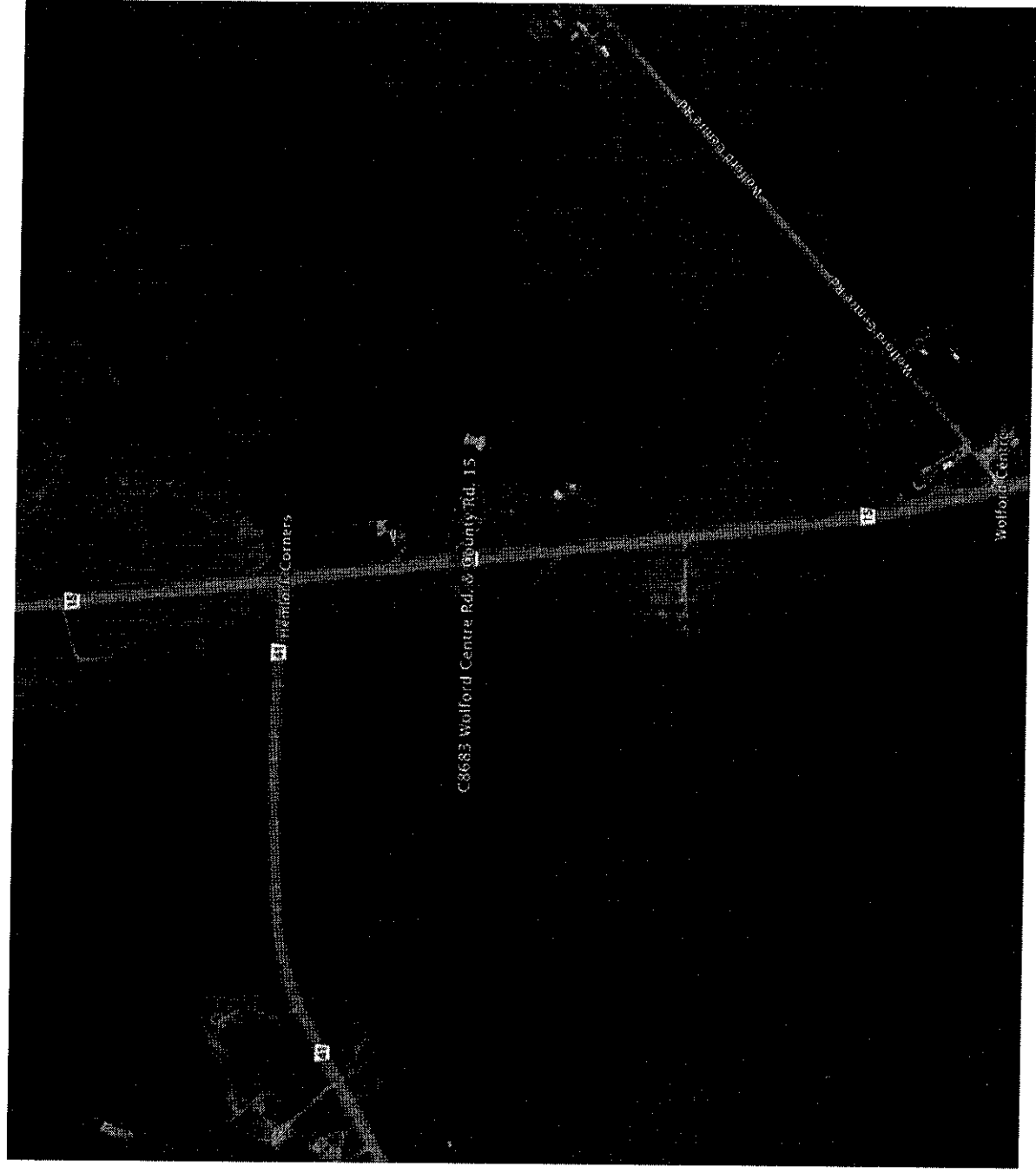
- Concluding Land Use Authority Consultation:

Under Section 4.3, once Rogers have satisfactorily met the consultation requirements, we would ask for a copy of the minutes of either a Council meeting indicating Land Use Authority (LUA) concurrence, or a letter or report from a duly authorized Official, on Village of Merrickville-Wolford letterhead noting the resolution.

Search area

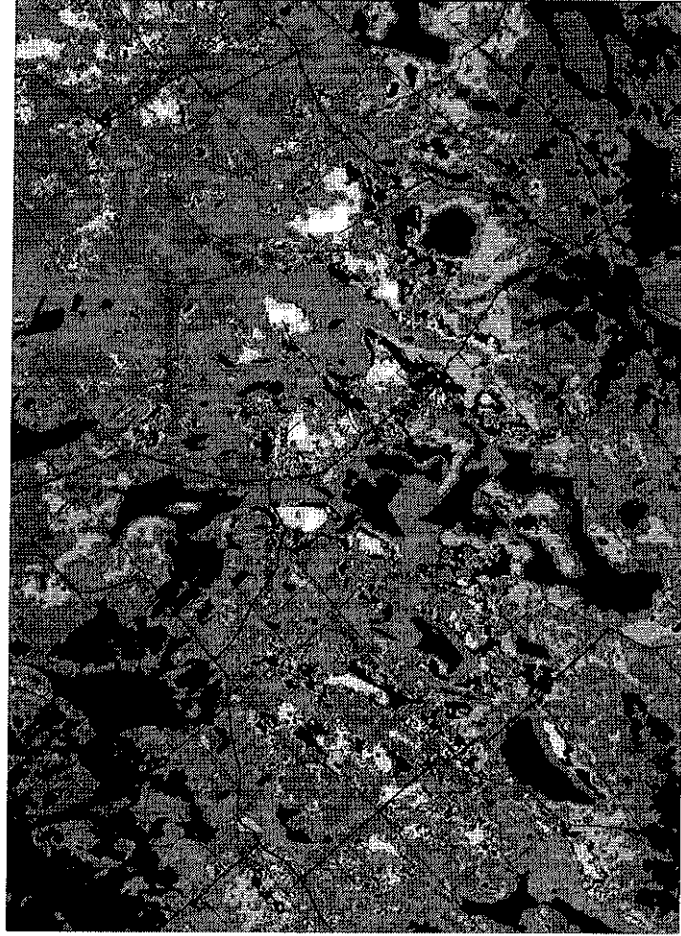


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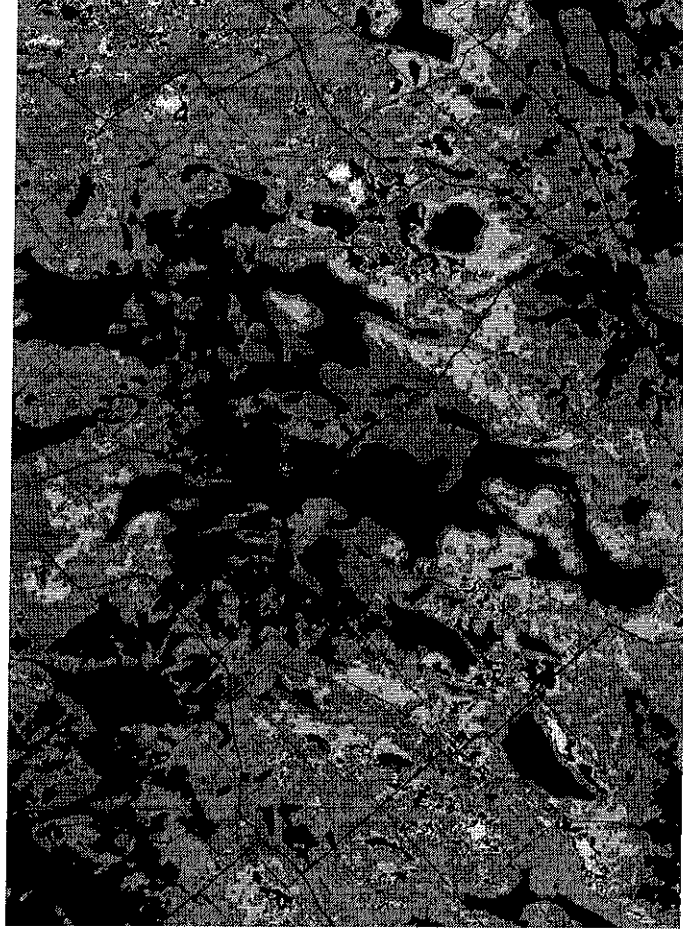


Coverage Plots – Before & After

Before



After



The colour scale of the plot indicates levels of coverage as follows:

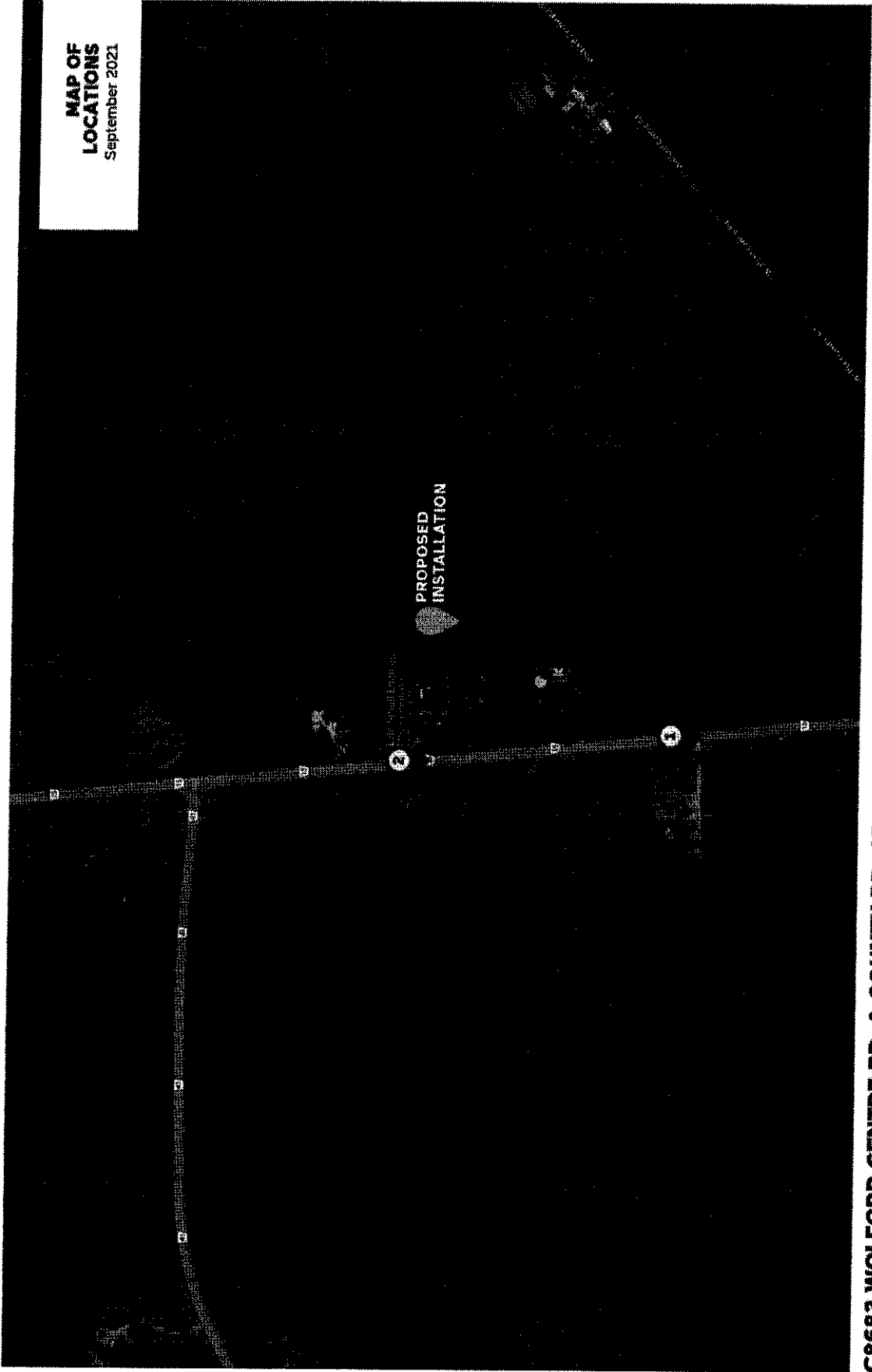
Purple and blue - excellent coverage

Light blue - good street and in-building level coverage

Green - overall poor and unreliable in-building coverage

Yellow, Red & White - unreliable to minimal coverage

Positions for renderings of installation

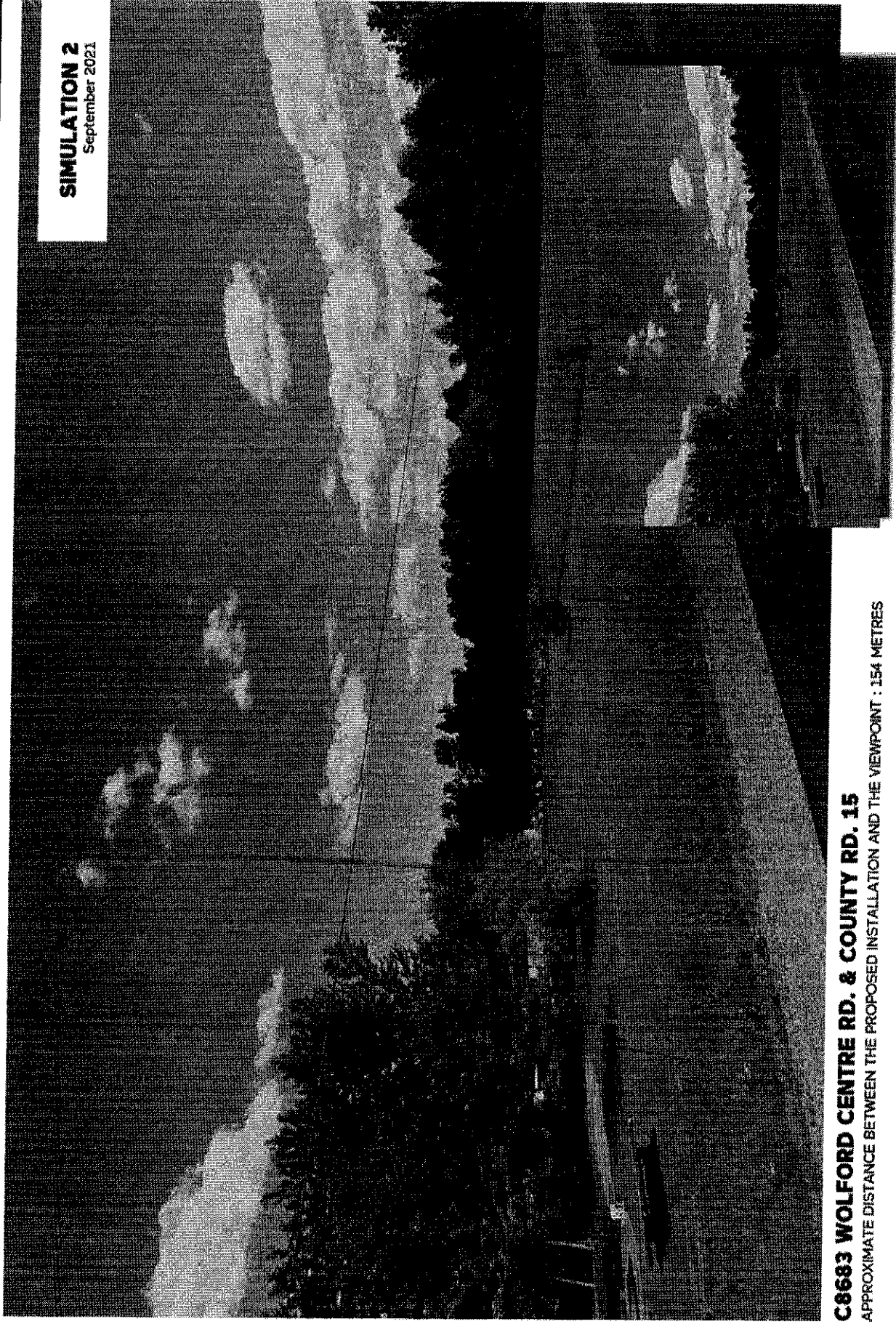


C8683 WOLFORD CENTRE RD. & COUNTY RD. 15

Rendering of installation



Rendering of installation



SIMULATION 2
September 2021

C8683 WOLFORD CENTRE RD. & COUNTY RD. 15

APPROXIMATE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION AND THE VIEWPOINT : 154 METRES

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January 7, 2022

Re: Rogers Site: C8683 Wolford Centre Road and County Rd. 15

We are writing in response to your correspondence/information package of December 13, 2021 regarding the above mentioned proposed telecommunications tower installation. Our interest is from the perspective of community members as well as being adjacent property owners, Lot 17, Concession 5, WOLFORD. Our property is directly to the east of the proposed tower site.

In reviewing the information you provided in the December 13 package we have identified a number of questions and concerns which we request Rogers address.

These questions and concerns pertain to the following:

1. The site criteria and the choosing of this particular property;
2. Existing site conditions: potential source of contaminants due to the presence of a salvage yard and the consequences of the proposed tower installation and site activities on surface water and groundwater resources;
3. Possible impacts on wildlife and the loss of tree cover;
4. Location of the tower and guy wire anchors from our property line; and
5. Public consultation.

1. Site Criteria:

We note that Rogers is required by Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) Canada, to evaluate each potential location to determine whether existing infrastructure would be suitable for a tower or the sharing of a tower. According to the information provided by your December 13 correspondence, which is light on details of the selection process, no such infrastructure exists. In addition to evaluating whether the proposed project meets Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) requirements, the ISED requires that the "proponents are responsible to ensure that antenna systems are installed and operated in a manner that respects the local environment and that complies with other statutory requirements, such as those under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994, and the Species at Risk Act, as applicable."

Our questions are:

- a) In what way did Rogers evaluate the site with respect to these requirements and those of provincial and municipal laws and policies and, if evaluations were conducted, how did they inform the site selection process and proposed plans for the selected site?
- b) Did Rogers do a ground site investigation to determine if there were any endangered or threatened species or habitat on the selected site?
- d) Were other nearby sites evaluated and, if so, what were their shortcomings relative to the chosen site? For instance, why was this site chosen over any nearby site that has less or no tree cover and is not a potential contaminated site? Did any evaluation consider the relative loss of tree cover as an impact on Canada's efforts to mitigate climate change?
- e) Where and what exactly is the "target area". The December 13 correspondence mentions "south of Merrickville".
- f) We find it disconcerting that the site selection process results in a having a tower located "on top of" our neighbours' homes.

2. Existing Site Conditions:

A recent perusal of numerous tower application forms found that existing use(s) of the subject lands was a common piece of information requested and provided. Existing land use is not mentioned in your December 13 correspondence.

The property identified for the proposed tower has had a long history of a storage/salvage area for small engines and other related equipment. Google maps show the extent of the salvage yard over the years. Although the site is not officially a "salvage yard" in the Merrickville-Wolford Official Plan (2021), it is clearly a salvage yard by use. The site was identified as a "junk yard" in the Village of Merrickville - Wolford Municipal Groundwater Management Study (Golder Associates, 2000) with its location shown on the study's Figure 24: Potential Sources of Contaminants. We note that the groundwater study and the site's identification as a potential source of contaminants was done by a nationally and internationally recognised geotechnical firm.

The Village of Merrickville-Wolford Official Plan (2021) is clear that "the thin soils and fractured bedrock dominate the majority of the landscape within the Village. These conditions result in high groundwater vulnerability."

Our concerns and questions are:

- a) The lack of acknowledgement of the existing land use and the potential consequences for, and resulting from, the proposed tower installation is of concern. The proposed Site Plan (December 13 package) lists a number of activities, including construction of an access road, digging of the trench (or trenches?) through the salvage yard area for the fibre cable and power line, removal of topsoil (to where?), placement of coarser material in the trenches, the access way and in the compound area, and assumed guy wire anchors drilled into the subsurface. Will these activities and installations result in the movement of potentially contaminated material, and potentially the creation of preferential pathways for contaminant migration.

The December 13 package provides no information on the site's conditions in this regard or how Rogers would conduct the proposed work so that the surface and groundwater resources on-and off-site are not negatively affected by the proposed work and installations. Has Rogers consulted with Ontario's Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks on how to deal with any potential contaminants on site?

b) Given the "the thin soils and fractured bedrock dominate the majority of the landscape within the Village. These conditions result in high groundwater vulnerability." (M-W Official Plan , 2021) has Rogers ascertained the particular conditions present at the proposed site to inform its due diligence for the work it intends to conduct on the site. Or to determine the site's suitability for the proposed use? Due diligence would include the identification of existing site conditions and any potential contamination, mitigation measures to be taken during site alterations and infrastructure installation, and measures to deal with any potential contamination in the future in the case of the existing use continuing in the vicinity of the tower installations including the access road and trench.

c) Has Rogers consulted with the Municipality of Merrickville-Wolford on the conditions of this site and its past history? The Golder and Associates (2000) report referred to its contaminant survey as being rudimentary and recommended a detailed contaminant survey and inventory be done. This would include ranking of sites according to the chemicals on-site and the possibility of contaminants entering the groundwater supply. To our knowledge the detailed survey was not done, however this should be confirmed with the municipality.

Given the selection of this site for the telecommunications tower, has accountability and liability been discussed as to who is accountable for the potential impacts of the proposed installation given the existing site conditions? Would it be the leasor for leasing a site on property identified as a potential source of contaminants, and/or would it be Rogers as the leasee and tower installation proponent, and/or would it be the municipality for permitting the installation?

d) The proposed site alterations also include potential changes in surface water drainage including the compound area. As adjacent landowners, we require assurance that any changes in surface drainage will not result in off-site drainage towards our property. The boundary between the subject property and our property should be identified in the field and, if the installation proceeds, the boundary be made clear to those working on the installation. Survey monuments exist along the boundary but are not shown on the December 13 Site Plan. They are shown on Registered Plan 15R-5279, May 19, 1977 (Grenville). The existing drainage conditions on the proposed tower site and adjacent areas should be identified before any work proceeds.

3. Impacts on Wildlife and the Loss of Tree Cover

As noted above, there is no indication that Rogers has done a site evaluation to determine what wildlife species exist or could be affected by from the site construction. The intrusion of the access road and the footprint of the tower and guy wires opens an otherwise intact bush lot and wildlife habitat. Adjacent land owners, including ourselves, have invested in tree planting to add to and enhance the habitat provided by these wooded areas. We note that the area along the eastern boundary of the proposed site is low lying and is often wet for a good part of the year.

Our concerns are:

- a) The Merrickville-Wolford Official Plan (2021) promotes the protection and enhancement of tree canopies for amongst other reasons to help sequester carbon dioxide. The removal of the existing tree cover does the opposite.
- b) Wetland areas are important wildlife habitats and adverse impacts on these habitats should be avoided.
- c) Grade lighting, which may have impacts on wildlife, should be avoided.

4. Location of the Tower and Guy Wires from Property Line

The December 13 information package states that the base of the tower is 90 metres from the lot line separating Lot 17 from Lot 18. We note that on page 8 of the information package that only two survey monuments (standard iron bars or SIBs) were found or identified and both were along County Road 15. How are we assured that the tower is in fact 90 metres from our property line? Neither the text nor the diagrams indicate the distance the guy wire anchors are from the eastern property line.

We also note that the Site Plan is difficult to read and to understand due to the small size of the printed copy and the scale of each illustration. It would appear from the diagrams that the tower, guy wires and access road take a larger area than the Google map pin location would indicate.

5. Public Consultation.

The December 13 correspondence states that Rogers Communication Inc. is committed to effective public consultation. We respectfully suggest that this commitment would be better served by having a consultation period outside of the December holiday time and being cognisant of what is happening in the community. The public notice of the tower proposal appeared in the local paper the week before Christmas week. The initial 30 day comment period included the Christmas and New Year holiday weeks. The comment period commenced after the local community just dealt with a significant wind storm and associated power outages. In addition, we are all dealing with unprecedented challenges due to the pandemic.

Adequate time and information is of importance to these consultations. Is Rogers planning on making the public comments accessible in some manner, i.e. on-line, in order to facilitate public consultation?

Yours sincerely,

Fred McFarland

Heather Wilson

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cc Village of Merrickville-Wolford, Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk/Economic Development Director
cao@merrickville-wolford.ca

January 10, 2022

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Official electronic mail sent by email. No hard copy to follow.

RE: Response – Rogers Site C8683 Wolford Centre Rd. & County Rd. 15

Dear Mr. McFarland and Ms. Wilson,

Rogers acknowledges receipt of your comments, dated January 7th, 2022 and thanks you for contacting Rogers regarding the proposed wireless communications site on County Rd. 15.

We would like to take this opportunity to provide a response to your comments. Please note that a copy of your comments and this response letter will be included in a report issued to the Village of Merrickville-Wolford and Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (formerly Industry Canada) after the close of the public comment period.

Here are your comments and questions and Rogers' responses to them:

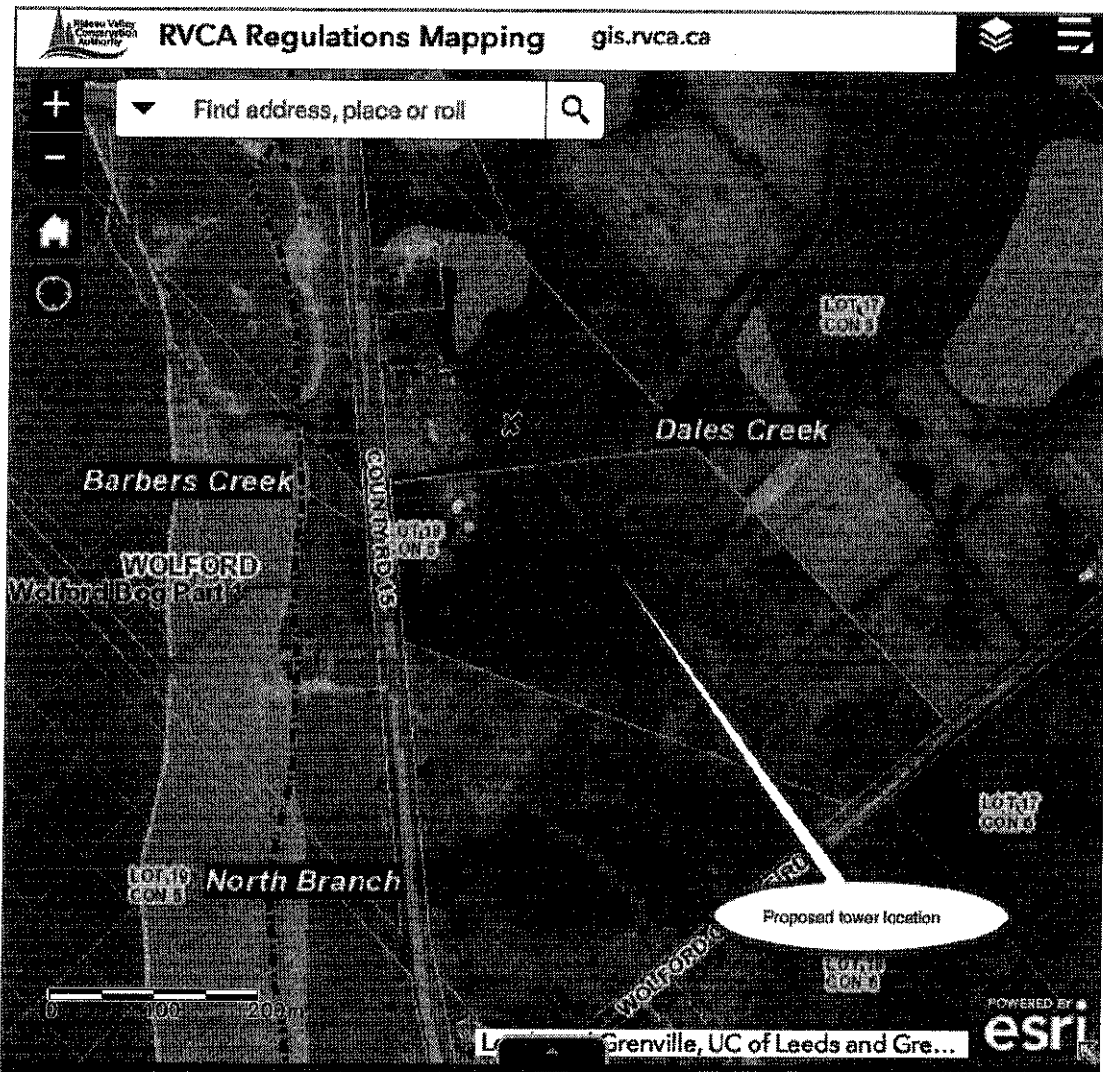
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Our questions are:

- a) In what way did Rogers evaluate the site with respect to these requirements and those of provincial and municipal laws and policies and, if evaluations were conducted, how did they inform the site selection process and proposed plans for the selected site?

Rogers, in consultation with the Municipality, will abide by the relevant Acts, municipal laws and policies. The area is not regulated by the RVCA as shown on the map on the following page.

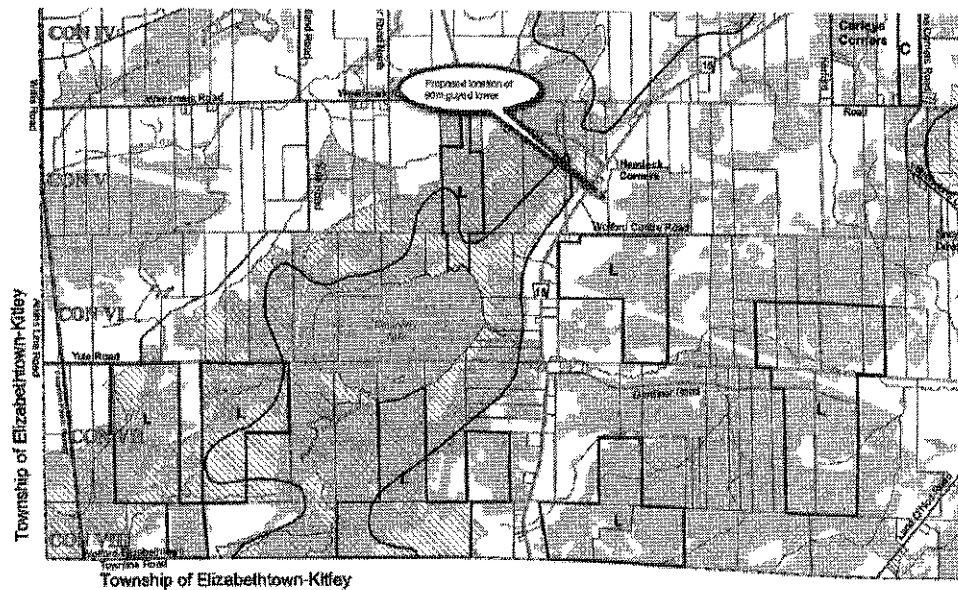


Rogers attests that the Proposed Installation is not located within federal lands. Nor is it incidental to, or form part of, projects that are designated under the *Regulations Designating Physical Activities* or by the Minister of the Environment as requiring an environmental assessment. Therefore, in accordance with the Impact Assessment Act, the Proposed Installation is excluded from assessment.

Impact Assessment Act (S.C. 2019, c. 28, s. 1), found here: <https://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/I-2.75/index.html>.

b) Did Rogers do a ground site investigation to determine if there were any endangered or threatened species or habitat on the selected site?

There did not seem to be any threatened species or habitat during the site visit and the map on the following page shows that the proposed location of the cell tower is not in an area deemed to have significant wildlife habitat.



LAND USES

	ANSI		County Road
	Significant Woodlands		Township Road
	Limerick Forest		Private Road
	Crown Land		Active Railway
	Significant Wildlife Habitat		

- c) Were other nearby sites evaluated and, if so, what were their shortcomings relative to the chosen site? For instance, why was this site chosen over any nearby site that has less or no tree cover and is not a potential contaminated site? Did any evaluation consider the relative loss of tree cover as an impact on Canada's efforts to mitigate climate change?

A wireless telecommunications facility is a puzzle piece in a very complex radio network, whether that site is situated in an urban, suburban or rural setting. Customer demand and engineering principles direct where sites are required to be located. As people rely more on wireless devices such as smartphones, tablets and laptops for business and personal use, network improvements are required to ensure the seamless availability of high-quality voice and data services.

The performance of a wireless network is dependent on the geographical location of its equipment, height of its antennas, coverage signal, the demand customers place on the network, as well as proximity to the users. Rogers takes into account numerous factors when selecting a suitable site for a wireless antenna system, including:

1. expected usage patterns of service and proximity to users
2. local topography and building types
3. interaction with existing and future sites
4. line of sight requirements for high quality communications
5. opportunities to use existing structures
6. availability of a willing landlord
7. the industry's commitment to high service standards and customer satisfaction.

Rogers' Radiofrequency Engineering and Planning Departments assessed the existing network and determined that the proposed location will meet the needs of the network while minimizing impact to the area.

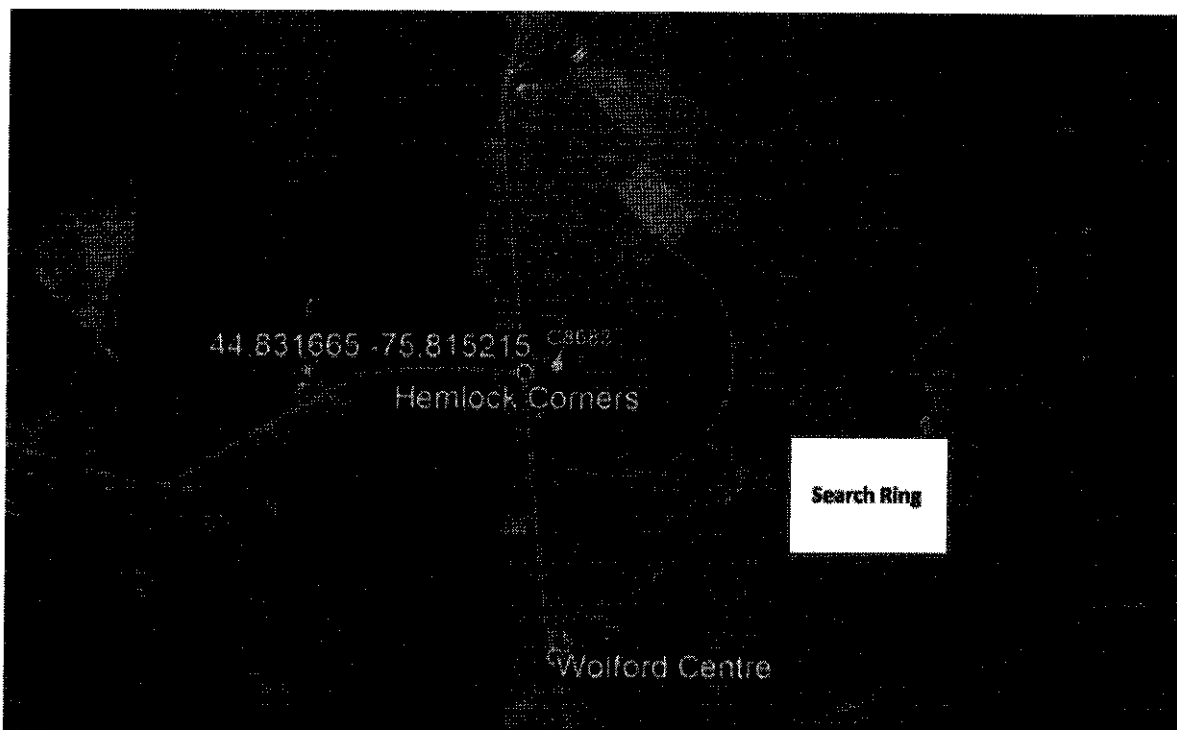
Search areas are typically hundreds of metres in diameter and Rogers finds a suitable site based on the criteria described above. The proposed tower location will drastically improve service in the area while avoiding having any coverage overlap by placing it too close to an existing antenna system.

A willing landlord with a viable property to host a tower was found in the search ring. As a result, other potential sites were not investigated.

The amount of tree clearing required for the access road, base of the tower and the guy wires will be kept to a minimum, thereby retaining the vast majority of existing tree cover. There was no evidence of contamination at the base of the tower, the guy wire anchor points or the area for the proposed access road.

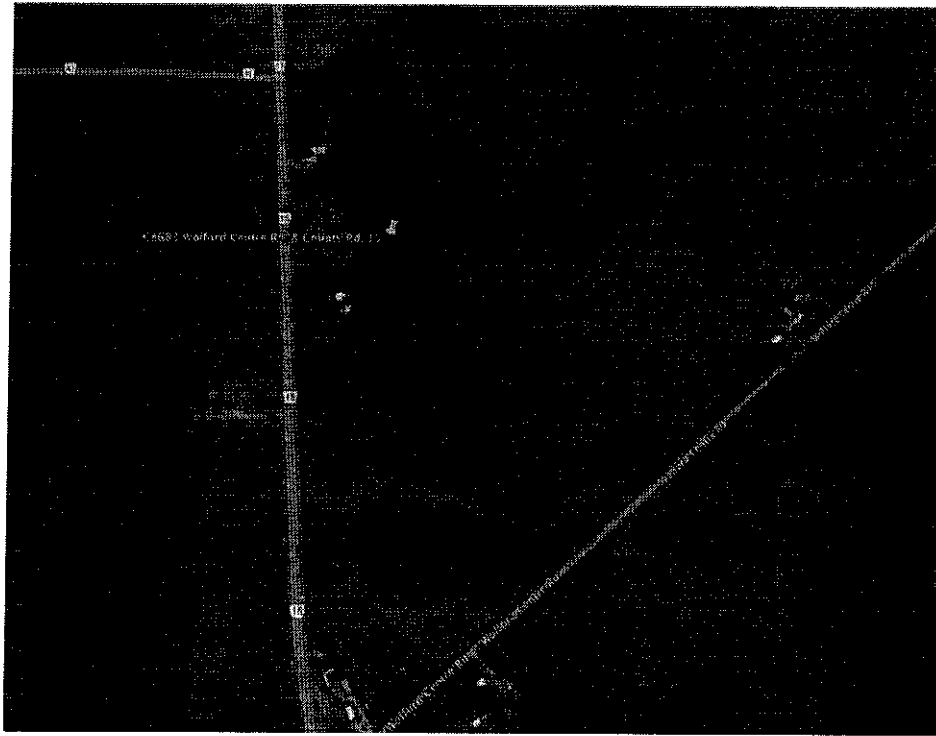
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Here is the search map that Rogers identified to best meet the service needs of the area as part of the EORN Cell Gap Project:



e) We find it disconcerting that the site selection process results in a having a tower located "on top of" our neighbours' homes.

Rogers does not consider the proposed location to be "on top of" your neighbours' homes as shown on the image on the following page.



Rogers is constrained by search areas and potential tower locations by an agreement with the Eastern Ontario Regional Network and this site is part of the EORN Cell Gap Project. Placing the tower at the proposed location will provide a drastic improvement in service for residents, businesses and people travelling through the area and forms part of the intricate cell network required to provide seamless communication for users.

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There is no trenching proposed at this location. The attached survey shows hydro being provided to the site using an overhead line.

The proposed access route is along the southern portion of the property and then follows one of the guy wires to the base of the tower. No evidence of contamination was present along the proposed access route or the guy wire anchor locations.

In the event any contaminants are found during construction, the proper authorities will be notified and consulted with to deal with them properly.

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Existing site conditions are acceptable for the proposed tower as it is proposed in the forest adjacent to the storage/salvage area used for lawn tractors.

Again, in the event any contaminants are found during construction, the proper authorities will be notified and consulted with to deal with them properly.

- c) Has Rogers consulted with the Municipality of Merrickville-Wolford on the conditions of this site and its past history? The Golder and Associates (2000) report referred to its contaminant survey as being rudimentary and recommended a detailed contaminant survey and inventory be done. This would include ranking of sites according to the chemicals on-site and the possibility of contaminants entering the groundwater supply. To our knowledge the detailed survey was not done, however this should be confirmed with the municipality.**

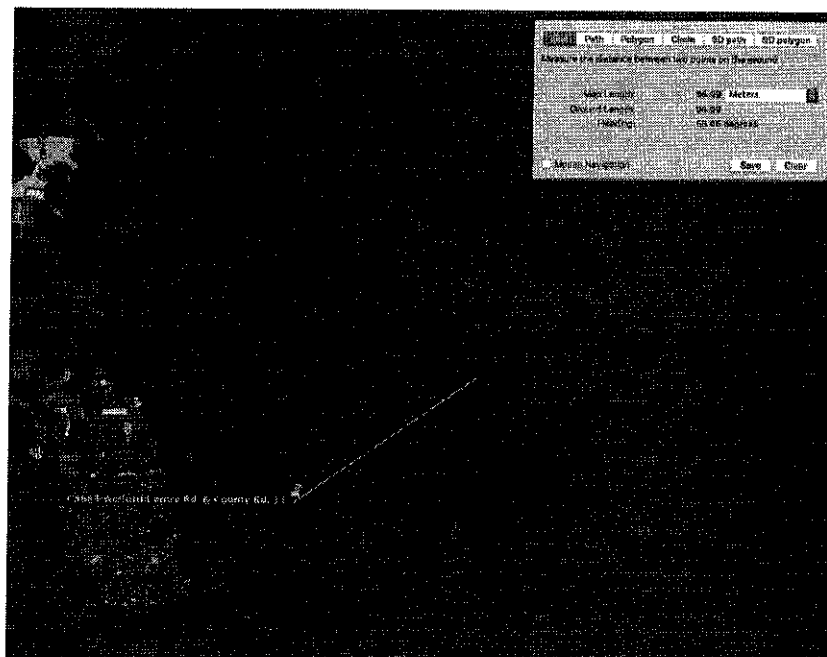
Given the selection of this site for the telecommunications tower, has accountability and liability been discussed as to who is accountable for the potential impacts of the proposed installation given the existing site conditions? Would it be the lessor for leasing a site on property identified as a potential source of contaminants, and/or would it be Rogers as the leasee and tower installation proponent, and/or would it be the municipality for permitting the installation?

The Municipality has not raised concerns regarding the proposed location of the tower in the treed area adjacent to the storage/salvage area used for lawn tractors.

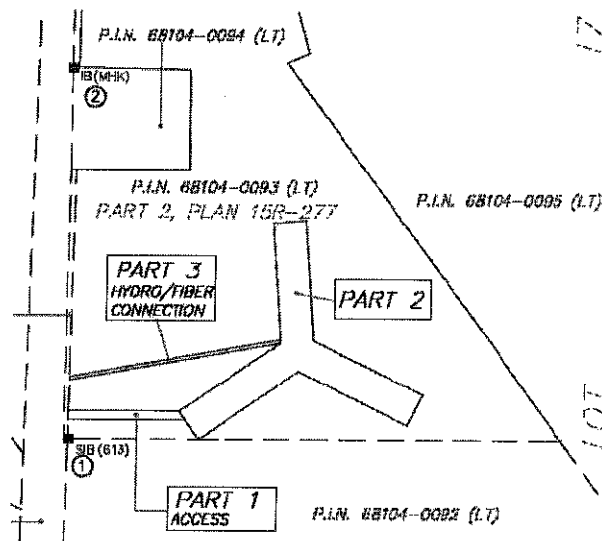
Rogers carries liability insurance. Your hypothetical situation regarding potential impacts of the installation has not been discussed. The potential for contamination is considered extremely low given the proposed tower's location.

- d) The proposed site alterations also include potential changes in surface water drainage including the compound area. As adjacent landowners, we require assurance that any changes in surface drainage will not result in off-site drainage towards our property. The boundary between the subject property and our property should be identified in the field and, if the installation proceeds, the boundary be made clear to those working on the installation. Survey monuments exist along the boundary but are not shown on the December 13 Site Plan. They are shown on Registered Plan 15R-5279, May 19, 1977 (Grenville). The existing drainage conditions on the proposed tower site and adjacent areas should be identified before any work proceeds.

There will be no changes to surface water drainage as a result of the construction of the proposed tower. The proposed tower is more than 90m from your property line, as shown below:



Rogers is not proposing removing all of the trees on the property and constructing 40 homes or a high-rise condominium building. There is a tower and three guy anchors:



3. Impacts on Wildlife and the Loss of Tree Cover:

As noted above, there is no indication that Rogers has done a site evaluation to determine what wildlife Species exist or could be affected by from the site construction. The intrusion of the access road and the footprint of the tower and guy wires opens an otherwise intact bush lot and wildlife habitat. Adjacent land owners, including ourselves, have invested in tree planting to add to and enhance the habitat provided by these wooded areas. We note that the area along the eastern boundary of the proposed site is low lying and is often wet for a good part of the year.

Our concerns are:

- a) The Merrickville-Wolford Official Plan (2021) promotes the protection and enhancement of tree canopies for amongst other reasons to help sequester carbon dioxide. The removal of the existing tree cover does the opposite.

The minimum number of trees required for the tower compound, guy wires, guy anchors and access road will be cut, preserving the vast majority of other trees on the property.

- b) Wetland areas are important wildlife habitats and adverse impacts on these habitats should be avoided.

The tower, guy anchors and access road are not proposed in any wetland areas.

- c) Grade lighting, which may have impacts on wildlife, should be avoided.

There will be a motion-activated light just outside of the equipment shelter at the base of the tower.

4. Location of the Tower and Guy Wires from Property Line

The December 13 information package states that the base of the tower is 90 metres from the lot line separating Lot 17 from Lot 18. We note that on page 8 of the information package that only two survey monuments (standard iron bars or SIBs) were found or

identified and both were along County Road 15. How are we assured that the tower is in fact 90 metres from our property line? Neither the text nor the diagrams indicate the distance the guy wire anchors are from the eastern property line.

We also note that the Site Plan is difficult to read and to understand due to the small size of the printed copy and the scale of each illustration. It would appear from the diagrams that the tower, guy wires and access road take a larger area than the Google map pin location would indicate.

A digital copy of the survey is attached that allows you to zoom in and read and interpret the information accurately.

The Google Earth pin in the public consultation package is purely there to identify the tower's location, not the installation in its entirety.

5. Public Consultation.

The December 13 correspondence states that Rogers Communication Inc. is committed to effective public consultation. We respectfully suggest that this commitment would be better served by having a consultation period outside of the December holiday time and being cognisant of what is happening in the community. The public notice of the tower proposal appeared in the local paper the week before Christmas week. The initial 30 day comment period included the Christmas and New Year holiday weeks. The comment period commenced after the local community just dealt with a significant wind storm and associated power outages. In addition, we are all dealing with unprecedented challenges due to the pandemic.

Adequate time and information is of importance to these consultations. Is Rogers planning on making the public comments accessible in some manner, i.e. on-line, in order to facilitate public consultation?

Rogers is following ISD's Default Protocol for public consultation, allowing fulsome and complete consultation. Rogers will provide a consultation summary and concurrence request after the close of the public comment period. There is no requirement to, as you suggest, make "the public comments accessible in some manner, i.e. on-line, in order to facilitate public consultation."

Rogers takes concerns or suggestions expressed by the public and the land-use authority as important elements to our proposal.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please forward them to my attention no later than January 31st, 2022.

Sincerely,

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On Contract to
Rogers Communications Inc.

Subject: RE: tower at 12979 CR 15 - C8683

Date: Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 1:32:26 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Carol Williams

To: 'Eric Belchamber'

Thank you Eric.
All the best,
Carol

From: Eric Belchamber [mailto:eric.belchamber@rogers.com]

Sent: December 21, 2021 12:35 PM

To: Carol Williams

Subject: Re: tower at 12979 CR 15 - C8683

Hello Mrs. Williams,

The tower is proposed to improve service in the area as there is currently a lack of coverage.

There will likely eventually be 5G technology on the tower – but it isn't immediately planned for this tower.

Let me know if you have any further questions/comments/concerns.

Regards,

Eric Belchamber

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On Contract to
Rogers Communications Inc.

From: Carol Williams

Date: Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 12:18 PM

To: <eric.belchamber@rogers.com>

Subject: tower at 12979 CR 15

Hello Mr. Belchamber,

Can you tell me why tower construction is proposed for 12979 County Rd. 15, Merrickville – Welford? Will it be for 5G? Or can it be equipped for it?

Sincerely,
Carol Williams

Carol Williams

Doug Savage

13237 County Rd 15

Merrickville, ON

K0G 1N0

Jan. 13, 2021

Rogers Communications Inc.

Eric Belchamber,

Eric Belchamber and Associates

337 Autumnfield St., Kanata, ON, K2M 0J6

Cc: Merrickville-Wolford Village Council

Re: Rogers Site C8683

We are writing in response to the public notice of the proposed tower on neighbouring land. We ask that your office and the Village of Merrickville-Wolford address the following concerns:

1. **Contaminants** We understand that the area currently used as a large salvage yard for small engines would not be disturbed in the current proposal. However, given the number of small engines on this property; each one containing at least traces of oil, gas and heavy metals, and their declining state, there has most certainly been leakage of contaminants into the surrounding soil and the groundwater, which as you know moves at considerable distance throughout the soil. Any disturbance, will certainly impact the spread of these contaminants, potentially to neighbouring properties. How will Rogers determine if the

soil has been contaminated and will they deploy an independent contractor to collect and test the soil before construction begins? Is the village willing to assume responsibility for any ground water problems that may result from this?

2. **Gaps in Research** – Concerning your statement of Dec. 21, 2021 “There will likely eventually be 5G technology on the tower – but it isn’t immediately planned for this tower.” We understand that Rogers must work within the guidelines laid out by *Health Canada’s Localized human exposure limits for radiofrequency fields in the range of 6 GHz to 300 GHz*. This document was last updated Aug. 13, 2019. Since then a review, *5G Wireless Communication and Health Effects - A Pragmatic Review Based on Available Studies Regarding 6 to 100 GHz.*, appeared in the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. This review analyzed 94 relevant publications studying the impact of high-frequency-powered base stations and devices and laid out the following concerns:

4.4. Knowledge Gaps and Research Recommendations

Due to the contradictory information from various lines of evidence that cannot be scientifically explained, and given the large gaps in knowledge regarding the health impact of MMW in the 6-100 GHz frequency range at relevant power densities for 5G, research is needed at many levels. It is important to define exact frequency ranges and power densities for possible research projects.

There is an urgent need for research in the areas of dosimetry, in vivo dose-response studies and the question of non-thermal effects. It is therefore recommended that the following knowledge gaps should be closed by appropriate research (the list of research recommendations is not prioritized):

- _ Exact dosimetry with consideration of the skin for relevant frequency ranges, including the consideration of short intense pulses (bursts)*
- _ Studies on inflammatory reactions starting from the skin and the associated tissues*
- _ In vivo studies on the influence of a possible tissue temperature increase (e.g., nude mouse or hairless mouse model)*
- _ In vivo dose-response studies of heat development*
- _ Use of in vitro models (3D models) of the skin for molecular and cellular endpoints*

Clarification of the question about non-thermal effects (in vitro)

There are also questions about the environmental impact, with potential consequences for human health. Since many MMW devices will be installed in the environment, the impact of MMW on insects, plants, bacteria, and fungi is relevant to investigate. Particularly relevant is the question of temperature increase in very small organisms, as the depth of penetration of the MMW could warm the whole organism.

Although the last point might seem inconsequential, the health of soil, on which crops, livestock and humans are completely dependent, is in turn completely dependent upon the health of the soil's bacterial and fungal populations.

Since 5G technology has expanded significantly in the time since Health Canada last upgraded their guidelines, would your company please investigate when Health Canada will be upgrading this document and guide the village to only accept this proposal if it assures the safety in all the highlighted categories? Health Canada may not be directly concerned about the welfare of those households and the land within the immediate surroundings of the proposed tower, but surely our elected officials will be.

Sincerely,

Carol Williams

Doug Savage

January 17, 2022

Carol Williams and Doug Savage
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Merrickville, ON, K0G 1N0

Official electronic mail sent by email. No hard copy to follow.

RE: Response – Rogers Site C8683 Wolford Centre Rd. & County Rd. 15

Dear Ms. Williams and Mr. Savage,

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We would like to take this opportunity to provide a response to your comments. Please note that a copy of your comments and this response letter will be included in a report issued to the Village of Merrickville-Wolford and Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (formerly Industry Canada) after the close of the public comment period.

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Existing site conditions are acceptable for the proposed tower as it is proposed in the forest adjacent to the storage/salvage area used for lawn tractors.

The proposed access route is along the southern portion of the property and then follows one of the guy wires to the base of the tower. No evidence of contamination was present along the proposed access route or the guy wire anchor locations.

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Please review the information available at the following Government of Canada website:
<https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/sf11467.html#s1>

Some important take-aways from the information available include:

“What is non-ionizing energy?”

Non-ionizing energy is electromagnetic energy that does not break down the bonds between atoms and molecules, which means it does not break down chemical bonds within cells and

tissues. Examples of non-ionizing energy include visible light and RF energy used in wireless communication."

"Health Canada's guidelines on safe human exposure to RF energy, also referred to as Safety Code 6, present recommended exposure limits. These limits are set well below the levels of all known potential adverse health effects and provide protection for all age groups, including children, on a continuous basis (24 hours a day, seven days a week). This means that if anyone, including a small child, was exposed to RF energy from multiple sources within the Safety Code 6 limits for 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, there would be no adverse health effects.

Health Canada continuously monitors the research on this issue and revises its recommendations as needed to continue to provide protection for all Canadians. Health Canada also ensures that RF exposure limits are consistent with science-based limits used in other parts of the world (e.g. the United States, the European Union, Japan, Australia and New Zealand)."

"What is 5G?

5G is the 5th generation of wireless technology, a significant evolution of today's 4G LTE wireless networks. 5G will provide the infrastructure to allow for more data and connectivity, the Internet of things with billions of connected devices, and tomorrow's innovations in various fields such as healthcare, public safety, transportation, agriculture, and smart cities. 5G will operate in both the lower frequency spectrum (below 6 GHz) as well as at higher frequencies called millimetre wave spectrum (above 6 GHz).

5G should not be confused with Wi-Fi operated in the 5 GHz frequency band as they are different wireless technologies."

"RF safety requirements for 5G

The current Canadian limits already cover the frequency ranges that will be used by 5G devices and antenna installations.

Similar to current wireless devices and installations, 5G devices will need to meet RF exposure requirements before they can be sold in Canada. Antenna systems operators using 5G technology will continue to have the same RF exposure compliance obligations. Furthermore, compliance with RF exposure requirements will continue to be an ongoing obligation."

"Misinformation and health concerns

Misinformation and opinions on the health risks from exposure to radiofrequency electromagnetic fields are increasing on social media and on the Internet. There have been claims linking the deployment of 5G networks to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and to increased risks of cancer. Health Canada confirms that there is no scientific basis for these claims."

The proposed site is part of the EORN Cell Gap Project. There is a 5G Resource Guide on the EORN website with important information that can help you better understand 5G technology and how 5G is just another application of radio technology. There is nothing unique to 5G that would make it interact differently with the body than other radiofrequency fields (radio signals). For this reason all the previous research on radiofrequency (RF) fields and health also tells us about the effects and safe levels of 5G.

Please find the Resource Guide available at: <https://www.eorn.ca/en/resources/5G-Resource-Guide.pdf>.

Rogers takes concerns or suggestions expressed by the public and the land-use authority as important elements to our proposal.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please forward them to my attention no later than February 7th, 2022.

Sincerely,

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Comments on proposed communications tower at 12979 County Road 15, Merrickville-Wolford

1. I live at 369 Wolford Centre Road, which is about 1 km from the proposed tower location. I've lived here since 1976 and over that time I've had at night a completely dark sky. There are no lights visible from our house at night, not even a communications tower, meaning that we get our internet via satellite.

If this tower is built at the proposed location it will end my dark sky.

I therefore request that the tower be moved somewhere further west.

2. The property at 12979 Road 15 is presumably a contaminated site, due to leakage of gas and oil from the multitude of junked and abandoned small engines on the land there. This contamination should be removed before any digging or construction is done. The Ministry of the Environment should be involved and an environmental assessment done.

3. The forest on the property at 12979 Road 15 is designated as "woodland" in the Merrickville-Wolford Official Plan. If the tower were erected here, no trees should be removed. In fact, as there is an abundance of cleared land in this municipality, no trees should be removed wherever this tower is located.

Stew Hamill

December 24, 2021

December 24, 2021

Stew Hamill
369 Wolford Centre Rd.

Official electronic mail sent by email. No hard copy to follow.

RE: Response – Rogers Site C8683 Wolford Centre Rd. & County Rd. 15

Dear Mr. Hamill,

Rogers acknowledges receipt of your comments, dated December 24th, 2021 and thanks you for contacting Rogers regarding the proposed wireless communications site on County Rd. 15.

We would like to take this opportunity to provide a response to your comments. Please note that a copy of your comments and this response letter will be included in a report issued to the Village of Merrickville-Wolford and Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (formerly Industry Canada) after the close of the public comment period.

Your comments include concerns pertaining to nighttime lighting of the tower and environmental/contamination concerns.

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When nighttime lighting is required by Transport Canada, Rogers installs a large shield under the light to prevent the area from being flooded by the flashing red light. The light is instead cast upwards, ensuring aviation safety.

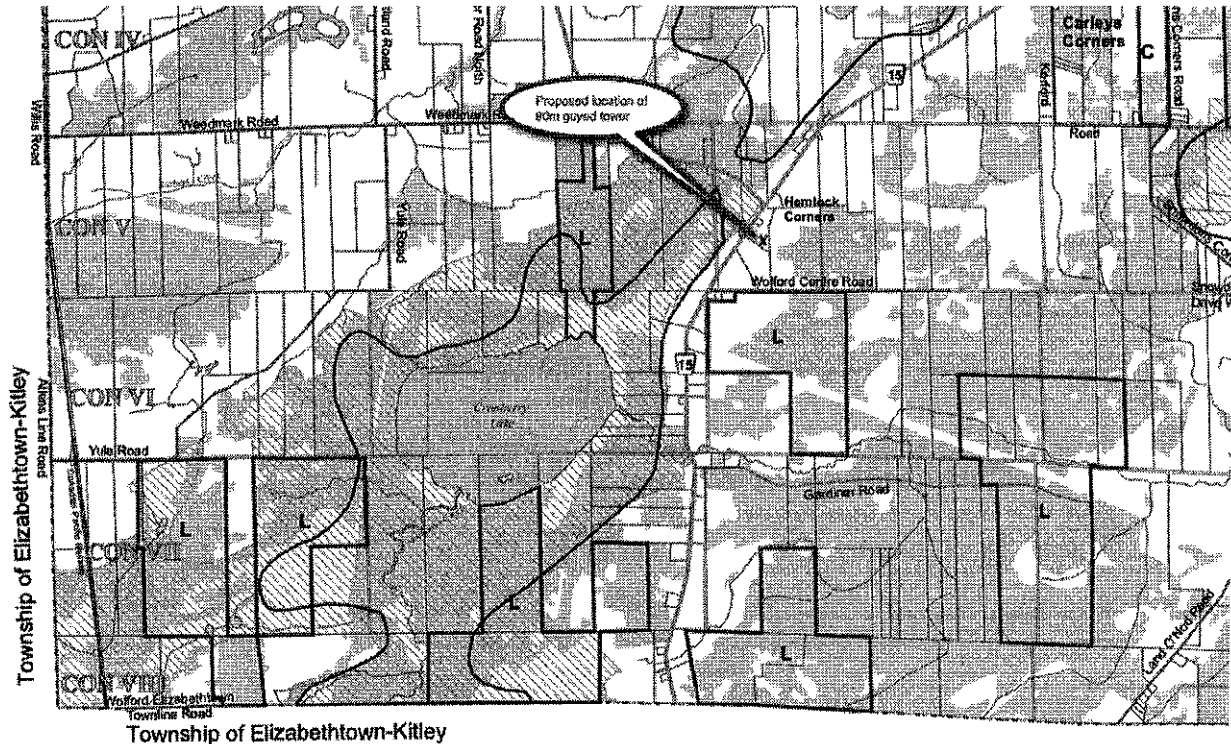
Rogers is constrained by search areas and potential tower locations by an agreement with the Eastern Ontario Regional Network and this site is part of the EORN Cell Gap Project. Rogers cannot move the tower further west as doing so would not accomplish the coverage objectives of the tower. Placing the tower at the proposed location will provide a drastic improvement in service for residents, businesses and people travelling through the area.

2. The property at 12979 Road 15 is presumably a contaminated site, due to leakage of gas and oil from the multitude of junked and abandoned small engines on the land there. This contamination should be removed before any digging or construction is done. The Ministry of the Environment should be involved and an environmental assessment done.

The proposed tower location is not on land occupied by lawn tractors and as a result, based on Rogers' assessment, there is no contamination present at the proposed tower location.

3. The forest on the property at 12979 Road 15 is designated as “woodland” in the Merrickville-Wolford Official Plan. If the tower were erected here, no trees should be removed. In fact, as there is an abundance of cleared land in this municipality, no trees should be removed wherever this tower is located.

The land use of the property for the proposed tower is identified on Schedule A-1 of the Village's Official Plan as Rural. Furthermore, while there are trees on the property, the property is not designated as Significant Woodlands on Schedule A-2 of the Village's Official Plan.



LAND USES

ANSI	Significant Woodlands	County Road
Limerick Forest	Township Road	Private Road
Crown Land	Active Railway	
Significant Wildlife Habitat		

Rogers takes concerns or suggestions expressed by the public and the land-use authority as important elements to our proposal.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please forward them to my attention no later than January 14th, 2022.

Sincerely,

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VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

Resolution Number: R - - 22

Date: February 14, 2022

For Clerk's use only, if required:

Recorded Vote Requested By:

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Ireland	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

Whereas residents have voiced concerns with the currently proposed Rogers cell tower off CR15 across from CR41 intersection;

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford requires communications tower proponents to conduct a public meeting to allow these concerns to be aired and addressed before municipal approval is given.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor



VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

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Date: February 14, 2022

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Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
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Struthers	Y	N

Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Notice of Motion: Repeal all Covid Mandates and Restrictions

WHEREAS worldwide consensus is the Covid-19 pandemic has now transitioned to an endemic disease that is less severe than the original strain, resulting in much reduced rate of hospitalization;

AND WHEREAS many other jurisdictions have already fully opened and eliminated covid mandates and restrictions and are not experiencing overwhelming hospitalizations;

AND WHEREAS consensus of mental health experts worldwide is that vaccine mandates and restrictions do far more harm than good, taking a massive toll on the population by causing division, and in children, causing delayed educational development and loss of healthy socializing opportunities;

AND WHEREAS recent studies show that vaccination does not prevent contraction and transmission of the covid-19 virus, so it is discriminatory to require vaccination before entry to certain venues covered by the legislation;

AND WHEREAS requirement for small business to enforce proof of vaccination for entry to their premises introduces an unreasonable burden on staffing levels in a business sector that has already been brought to its knees by past pandemic restrictions;

AND WHEREAS the requirement for proof of vaccination is currently being legally challenged and is likely to be found in violation of various sections of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms dealing with freedom of assembly, freedom of mobility, the right to life, liberty and security of the person, and basic equality;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford hereby requests the Ontario Government to repeal all covid mandates and restrictions including the requirement for proof of vaccination, pivot the pandemic response to focused protection of the elderly and vulnerable individuals, and return to an open and free society as part of the planned phased re-opening scheduled for March 14, 2022;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P. Premier of Ontario, the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

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Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby
approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of January 24, 2022, as

_____ circulated.

_____ amended.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

The Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford

Monday January 24, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Chaired by: Mayor J. Douglas Struthers
Members of Council: Deputy Mayor Michael Cameron
Councillor Bob Foster
Councillor Steve Ireland
Councillor Timothy Molloy joined meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Staff in Attendance: Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk
Kirsten Rahm, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk
Brad Cole, Manager of Operations/Fire Chief
Stacie Lloyd, Manager of Community Development

Guests: Forbes Symon, Jp2g
Robyn Eagle
Robin Fredrickson
Lisa Card

NOTE: This meeting was held electronically via Zoom and livestreamed on the Village's YouTube Channel

A moment of silence was held for Lynn Burchill.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof: None.

Approval of Agenda

R-014-22 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cameron
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the agenda of the regular Council meeting of January 24, 2022, as circulated.

Carried.

Minutes:
R-015-22 Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Foster
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the Minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 10, 2022 as amended.

Carried as amended.

Amended to include deferred Maloney/Miller Noise Bylaw Exemption request.

Minutes:
R-016-22 Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Ireland
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the Minutes of the Library Board meeting of December 8, 2021.

Carried.

Delegations:
R-017-22 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Ireland
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the delegation from Robin Eagle, Chamber of Commerce re: Victorian Lamp Post Grant.

Carried.

R-018-22 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cameron
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford support the Chamber of Commerce application for the My Main Street Community Activator grant, subject to engineering review.

Carried.

CAO/Clerk
R-019-22 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive an update from Neil Caldwell – Jp2g, regarding Sewage Treatment Plan reserve capacity, for information purposes.

Carried.

R-020-22

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council for the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report CAO-02-2022 regarding the "Sons of Martha" Cairn Restoration & Replication / Monument Project for information;

AND THAT: Council hereby directs the CAO/Clerk/Director, Economic Development to work with the Project Team at this time to:

1. Develop a potential landscape design and seek input from relevant agencies regarding potential approvals to install the Replica Cairn & Monument at the new Merrickville Public Square;
2. Determine order of magnitude costs and apply for suitable available grants as they are identified to offset costs as much as possible; and,
3. Identify potential construction contractors to prepare the site.

Carried.

R-021-22

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint Jan Fitzpatrick as a voting member on the Recreation, Health and Wellness Advisory Committee; and

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint Eric Monkman as a voting member on the Committee of Adjustment; and

That Council direct staff to place a call for request for volunteers to fill a vacancy on the Recreation, Health and Wellness Advisory Committee.

Carried.

R-022-22

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cameron

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive Environmental Advisory Committee report EAC-01-2022, being a report on Municipal fireworks displays, as circulated.

Carried.

R-023-22

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cameron

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the results of the Municipal Fireworks Survey for information purposes.

Carried.

Council also directed staff to move forward with fireworks on Family Day 2022, to contact the Pyrotechnician to arrange it and to report back if he is not available.

Planning:

R-024-22

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Foster

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive Planning Report from Forbes Symon of Jp2g Consultants Inc. dated January 17, 2022 with respect to Consent Application B-136-21 and Municipal Consent Application Questionnaire Form, for information purposes; and

That Council does hereby approve and recommend support of Consent Application B-136-21 to the Consent Granting Authority with the following standard conditions:

1. That the applicant deposit a copy of the registered reference plan for the subject property with the Village Clerk; and
 2. That the applicant pay \$500 per lot for cash in lieu of parkland; and
 3. That the applicant pay all outstanding taxes to the Village.
- Carried.

R-025-22

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive Planning Report from Forbes Symon of Jp2g Consultants Inc. dated January 17, 2022 with respect to Consent Application B-159-21 and Municipal Consent Application Questionnaire Form, for information purposes; and

That Council does hereby approve and recommend support of Consent Application B-159-21 to the Consent Granting Authority with the following standard conditions:

1. That the applicant deposit a copy of the registered reference plan for the subject property with the Village Clerk; and
2. That the applicant pay \$500 per lot for cash in lieu of parkland; and
3. That the applicant pay all outstanding taxes to the Village.

Carried.

R-026-22

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cameron

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive Planning Report from Forbes Symon of Jp2g Consultants Inc. dated January 11, 2022 with respect to Consent Application B-177-21 and Municipal Consent Application Questionnaire Form, for information purposes; and

That Council does hereby approve and recommend support of Consent Application B-177-21 to the Consent Granting Authority with the following standard conditions:

1. That the applicant deposit a copy of the registered reference plan for the subject property with the Village Clerk; and
2. That the applicant pay all outstanding taxes to the Village; and

In addition to the following condition:

3. That the applicant provide a salt management plan for Boyd Landing Lane, consistent with the Source Water Protection Plan.

Carried.

Stacie Lloyd and Forbes Symon left the meeting at 8:05 p.m

Fire Dept:

R-027-22

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the Merrickville Fire Department Training and Attendance Policy; and

That Council hereby approves the Training and Attendance Policy.

Carried.

R-028-22

Moved by Councillor Molloy, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the Merrickville Fire Emergency Response Attendance Policy; and

That Council hereby approves the Emergency Response Attendance Policy.

Carried.

**In Camera
R-029-22**

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby move to an "In-Camera" session at 8:15 p.m. under Section 239 (2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, to address matters pertaining to:

1. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and
2. A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to negotiations carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board; and
3. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and
4. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried.

**Rise and Report
R-030-22**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Foster

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby rise and report from the "In Camera" session of the regular Council meeting, with staff being given direction, at 9:30 p.m.

Carried.

R-031-22

Moved by Councillor Molloy, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby direct the CAO/Clerk to pursue the acquisition of the property as discussed at the In Camera session of January 24, 2022 at the price stipulated.

Carried.

R-032-22

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby direct the CAO/Clerk and Treasurer to execute the offer to purchase the vehicle at the price stipulated as discussed at the In Camera of January 24, 2022.

Recorded Vote:

Deputy Mayor Cameron – No
Councillor Ireland – No
Councillor Molloy – Yes
Councillor Foster – Yes
Mayor Struthers – Yes

Carried.

Deferred Items:

R-033-22

Moved by Councillor Molloy, Seconded by Councillor Foster

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive a request to waive Noise By-Law 23-03 until 2:00 a.m. for an event on June 11, 2022; and

Council does hereby approve the exemption.

Carried.

Correspondence:

R-034-22

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Foster

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the memo dated January 17, 2022 from Mayor Struthers regarding items for Advisory Committees, for discussion and consideration.

Carried.

Council also directed staff to refer the items in Mayor Struthers' memo to the Recreation, Health & Wellness Advisory Committee, Environmental Advisory Committee and Community Development Advisory Committee and to pursue the grant application.

Notices of Motion:

R- -22

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Foster

Be it hereby resolved that:

Whereas residents have voiced concerns with the currently proposed Rogers cell tower off CR15 across from CR41 intersection;

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford requires communications tower proponents to conduct a public meeting to allow these concerns to be aired and addressed before municipal approval is given.

Deferred.

Public Question Period:

A question was received about the Emergency Response and Attendance Policy.

A question was received about an Occupational Health and Safety Committee

Confirming By-Law

R-035-22

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 05-2022, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of January 24, 2022, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 05-2022 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

R-036-22

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that: This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 9:50 p.m. until the next meeting of Council on Monday, February 14, 2022 or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk

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VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

Resolution Number: R - - 22

Date: February 14, 2022

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required:

**Recorded Vote Requested
By:**

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Ireland	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby
receive the Minutes of the Library Board meeting of January 12, 2022, as

_____ circulated.

_____ amended.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

MERRICKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Merrickville Public Library Board's meeting was held on Jan. 12, 2022 Dec 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Present: M-W: Brian Reid, Carole Roberts, Victor Suthren, John Harris, Timothy Molloy,

Montague: Colleen Perkins

and Mary Kate Laphen (Librarian)

Other: Ann Martin (Merrickville-Wolford Community Fund)

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm.

1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None.

2. Adoption of Agenda: Addition of in camera session. Moved by Victor; seconded by Carole. **ADOPTED.**

3. Approval of Minutes:

- Dec 8/21 board meeting – Moved by John; seconded by Colleen. **APPROVED.**

5. Correspondence:

- Received a cheque from Montague Township.

6. Questions/ Presentations from Public: None

7. Friends of the Library Report: No report. The Friends have a meeting scheduled for later this month.

8. Board Planning:

- **Community Fund Report [John]:** *see reports attached*
 - John presented his findings re: community funds as an option for the Library Reserve. Ann Martin (Merrickville-Wolford Community Fund) provided information re: their experience with the Ottawa Community Fund and answered questions.
 - John proposed that the Board move forward with this idea and that he contact the OCF for specifics on how the Reserve would be managed under the auspices of OCF.
 - Mary Kate to contact some local libraries who have gone this route (Perth PL) or who are in the process of deciding (NGPL)
 - Mary Kate will also contact the municipal treasurer to keep them informed.
 - **Motion:** That the Board move forward with the idea of managing the Library Reserve through a Community Fund, and that John and Mary Kate contact the Ottawa Community Fund for more specifics on pursuing this plan. Moved by: Victor, seconded by: Carole. **APPROVED.**

[Ann Martin left the meeting]

8. Report from Council: nothing specific to the Library.

Update re: Board's letter to Council: We have not had any updates on this. Timothy will follow up.

9. Other Business:

- Election of Board Chair for 2022:** Brian has decided to step down as Chair. Victor was acclaimed as the new Chair, to take effect after this meeting. Mary Kate will make arrangements for the transfer of signing authority.
- Library Exterior Repairs:**
 - **Roof:** the work on the east side of the roof has been done.
 - **Building work for 2022:** Further discussion re: request that municipality take this over. Mary Kate will send the Board some sample MOUs (memorandum of understanding) between other small libraries and their municipalities for reference.
- CEO Performance Review:** This has been completed. Mary Kate discussed some ideas for 2022. Staff performance review is scheduled for later this month.
- Financial:**
 - **Resolutions:**
 - **(22-JAN-01):** To transfer directed donations received in 2021 from the Operating account to the Reserve for use in 2022, and to transfer these funds back from the Reserve to the Operating Account in the 2022 fiscal year.
Moved by: John; seconded by Victor – **APPROVED.**
 - **(22-JAN-02):** To transfer funds from the Library Surplus account to the Operating Account to cover expenses for the Exterior Building Work in excess of the municipal Building Grant
Moved by: Colleen; seconded by Carole – **APPROVED.**

- **Budget 2022 and Salary Grid:** Reviewed the updated draft budget and discussed the possible CoL (Cost of Living) increase (this percentage for 2022 has not yet been set by Council). Reviewed draft salary grid for 2022.
Motion: to approve the draft budget proposal with the proposed CoL increase received from the municipal Treasurer, and to tentatively approve the salary grid for 2022, pending confirmation from the CoL from the municipality.
Moved by: John, seconded by: Victor. **APPROVED.**
- **Website:** Mary Kate has communicated with 2 experienced library website developers re: our planned website refresh, and would like to see this project completed during the winter.
Motion: That Mary Kate proceed with selecting a website developer without requiring further Board approval up to the budgeted amount, and proceed with the website refresh project.
Moved by: Victor, seconded by: Carole. **APPROVED.**

10. **Librarian's Report:** see notes (below).

11. **Next meeting:** Regular Board meeting – Wed, February 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

12. **In Camera Session:**

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual
- Direction being given, the Board returned from the closed session.

13. Meeting Adjourned.

Librarian _____

Chairperson _____

Statistics

	December 2021	November 2021	Dec 2020	Dec 2019	Dec 2018
Patrons	632 + 103 OverDrive users (unique)	783 + 113 OverDrive users (unique)	604 + 93 OverDrive users (unique)	817 w/mtgs 837 - 5.5%	871 - 3% w/mtgs 886
(Kids/Youth)	111 (42 k / 69 y)	153 (45 k / 108 y)	106 (42k / 64y)	230 (61 / 169)	160 (46 / 114)
(Progs)	39 – in liby (9 progs) 20 – T&M crafts (3 crafts) 39 – Vax QR codes 0 - Zoom programs (0 progs)	35 – in liby (8 progs) 0 - Zoom programs (0 progs)	In Library 57- (4 progs + Xmas activity stations) Virtual Programs 33 (2 progs + 1 hybrid) 25 views (YouTube)	64-in (5 prgs,) 234-out of Lib, (5- prgs, 8 CVs)	87-in (6 prgs, 2 CV) 201-out of Lib, (4-prgs, 3 CV)
Mtg Rm users	6 – in liby (2 mtg) 8 – Zoom (1 mtg)	16 – in liby (4 mtg) 7 – Zoom (1 mtg)	0 in liby (0 mtgs) 38 Zoom (4 mtgs)	20 (6 mtgs)	15 (1 mtgs)
Circulation	Total: 1865 Lib: 1268 (A-841, J/T-427) OverDrive: 553 (circ) Kanopy 44 (plays)	Total: 2235 Lib: 1573 (A-954, J/T-628) OverDrive: 556 (circ) Kanopy 106 (plays)	TOTAL: 2378 Lib: 1624 (A-1045, J-565, T-14) OverDrive: 672 (circ) Kanopy 82 (plays)	TOTAL 1723 -19% Lib: 1345 -21% (A-911, J-421, T-13) OverDrive: 378 (circ)	TOTAL 2123 +12% Lib: 1707 +6% (A-1356, J-338, T-13) OverDrive: 416 (circ)
Internet use (+wireless):	131 39 / 92 wifi)	169 52 / 117 wifi)	117 (41 / 76 wifi)	191 +18% (153 / 33w / 5 Tab)	162 -28% (124 / 33w / 5 Tab)

ILL borrowed/lent:	50 in / 45 out	60 in / 47 out	43 in / 40 out	33 / 36	49 / 48
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December is always the slowest month. The Library was on reduced hours between Dec 24 and Jan 2 (open 2 afternoons). Circulation was down from last year (particularly Kanopy), but visits were up slightly. Printouts of vaccination QR codes added to visits; this service is greatly appreciated by those who need it. We were doing in-library programs in December, but attendance decreased as the month (and Omicron wave) progressed. For January, we are operating at 50% capacity (hasn't been a problem at this time of year) and all programs and meetings are virtual or postponed.

Programs & Services:

Children's Programs:

StoryTime: Was slow in December. Am trying on Zoom in January.

Beginner French: This wrapped up at Christmas as our co-op student's time here is almost over, . We didn't have a lot of kids, but got some very positive feedback from parents.

Christmas Crafts: We had some drop-in crafts organized by our co-op student and a few Take & Make crafts. There was limited uptake, but they were a pleasant bonus.

Book Clubs: The Library book club has moved back to Zoom meetings, as have most of the other book clubs we supply books for. There has been an increased demand for Zoom meetings for this.

Off the Shelf: This was in-library for December (upstairs). It was pleasant to be in person, although there were a number of last-minute cancellations. There were take home refreshments.

Sketchy Artists: The group met at the beginning of December for an art exchange. They were thinking of starting up again (had been meeting on Zoom), but that plan is on hold.

ECO Champions: The delay in going back to school is having a negative impact on getting kids involved in this project. We will see what happens when the schools reopen.

Internet/Computers: Use continues to be lower than pre-pandemic. Vaccination QR codes are a valued new service. Still no word on the new high speed internet. Had IT support in to look at our network problem. A work-around was set up, but we will need to install some new hardware (network switches, wifi access points).

InterLibrary Loans: Requests have picked up a bit. This service is continuing in spite of the Omicron wave.

Meeting Room/Zoom Meetings: Meetings have gone virtual. Have had more requests for Zoom meetings. In person group meetings are on hold.

Collection: New books continuing to come in.

Volunteers: Our volunteers continue to shelve, process new books, package ILLs, work on the genealogy collection, help with discards, and more. Our co-op student will be finished at the end of January.

Donations: Received some additional monetary donations at the end of the year. Two are earmarked for 2022 expenses (ILL postage, programming).

Facilities: See above re: roof and high speed internet. Have postponed plans for the SAD light because of the COVID upsurge.

Publicity/Outreach: No Phoenix column until March. Usual online publicity (website, social media) Also continue to post events and new books to the webpage and social media. Have done some research on ideas for our website refresh and communicated with developers.

Partnerships/Outreach: My hope to go back into the schools in January is on hold. Continuing to liaison with the Trails Society, Chamber of Commerce, MPS Parent Council, ECO Champions, etc. Have put a new story up on the Story Trail. Will be meeting with Sustainable MW members to work on the Seed Library for 2022.

Professional Development, Meetings, etc: I currently have temporary access to LinkedIn Learning, so I am doing some training sessions on marketing and other skills.

Grants, etc: Will be compiling year end data for the Annual Survey in January (must be submitted to receive the provincial operating grant).

Plans for month: Will start compiling year end data, work with Sustainable MW to prepare for the Seed Library, move ahead with the website refresh, continue with the online training, follow up re: the building and the budget schedule, and work with John re: the community fund, as needed, and roll with COVID. And, of course, the usual library business.

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VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

Resolution Number: R - - 22

Date: February 14, 2022

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required:

**Recorded Vote Requested
By:**

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Ireland	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the Minutes of the Community Development Advisory Committee meeting of November 29, 2021, as

_____ circulated.

_____ amended.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor



Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC)

MINUTES

November 29, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

via Zoom - meeting recorded

Members Present: Chair Helen Canjar, Donna Daw, Mike Zaversenuke, Scott Parker, Bob Foster (Council Liaison) Absent: Tom Belanger

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m.
2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Nature Thereof: None Declared.
3. Approval of the Agenda.

CARRIED

4. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Moved by: Donna D. Seconded by: Mike Z

Be it hereby resolved that the Community Development Advisory Committee does hereby approve the amended Minutes of November 8, 2021 as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Strategic Plan discussion
 - a. discussion concerning whether this plan, originally reviewed in 2019, was still valid, given the current COVID-19 situation, and that priorities of the committee may have altered since then.
 - b. discussion regarding the role of the committee is to advise council on items of interest to the community. It was determined this committee had not been tasked with anything, hence the lack of direction
 - c. update from Bob on the progress with the Water Treatment facility report: Engineers are currently reviewing, and will make recommendations to Council for next steps. This could include Council constructing a bylaw to grant it permission to do house inspections, once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, to determine which houses in the village are contributing to the grey water issue

- d. it was suggested the CDAC craft a recommendation to Council to implement an awareness campaign, to allocate resources to education of the residents regarding this issue.

e.

Motion: The CDAC advises Council to initiate an awareness campaign to inform residents of water treatment facility issues

Moved by Mike Z. Seconded by Donna D.

- see Resolution # CDAC -002-21 attached

CARRIED

6.2 Discussion regarding the upgrading of high speed internet to residents. Bob updated committee: There is currently a contractor installing wiring on the south side of the river in the village, which is Bell "Fibe" wiring. Estimated completion is 3 weeks. This does not provide high-speed internet to the residents north of the canal, as there is still a challenge regarding the usage of the hydro poles for carrying wires not belonging to Ontario Hydro.

Bell has still committed to providing full high speed internet coverage to the entire 269 exchange within a few years. There has been federal money allocated to this installation, but it is at the determination of Bell what work gets done where and when.

6.3 Discussion around the upcoming construction of the Prison in Kemptville. It was determined that the County, along with our neighbours in North Grenville, are handling this issue with the appropriate response and approach, and our Council's involvement will have no impact on the process or final result. It was determined to be a non issue for our committee

6.4 Discussion regarding a list from Council to be provided to the Committee of "shovel ready" construction projects. The most "shovel ready" project, awaiting funding, is the rink. Bob advised the committee there are numerous projects that, with money allocated to, the village could move forward with, but it comes down to money in the reserves, and the approval of grants or funding support for various infrastructure projects. The village needs to ensure their committed portion of funds are in place prior to any awarding of funding from any level of government.

Bob F. will ask Council for their "wish list", and bring it to the Committee.

6.5 There was a discussion re Tourism initiatives in the village. It was also determined that Councils' role is to provide the "infrastructure" e.g. roads, snowplowing, sidewalks, etc for the business community to provide the commercial and tourism opportunities. It was noted the Chamber of Commerce has recently received funding for a "shop local" media campaign, and that they, along with other community groups, are doing their part in driving tourists, and locals as well, to the area to shop, dine, stay. This includes new commercial initiatives outside the village core, as well.

7. Bob F advised the Committee that Stacy Lloyd has been hired on permanently by Merrickville-Wolford as the Economic Development Officer. There is currently a

contract, and funding in place, to fund a tourism strategy, a cycling strategy, communications strategy and website. Contractors have been secured to work on each of these pieces.

The Committee asked Bob F if he could invite Stacy to an upcoming meeting.

8. Other business: a discussion regarding Council communications to the residents be improved. Bob F noted that this is on the Economic Development Plan to fix the website, and to implement a plan to improve communications to residents and businesses from the municipality.

9. Next meeting dates: the CDAC committee will meet the 3rd Monday of each month in 2022. Next meeting is Monday, January 17th at 7:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Moved by: Donna D. Seconded by Mike Z

Be it hereby resolved that the Community Development Advisory Committee does hereby adjourn at 8:39 p.m.

CARRIED

Approved Minutes to be signed
by Chair



Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC)

Resolution Number: CDAC - 002 - 21

Date: November 29, 2021

Moved by: _____ Mike _____

Seconded by: _____ Donna _____

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Community Development Advisory Committee

Proposition to Council for consideration

The CDAC advises Council to initiate an awareness campaign to inform residents of water treatment facility issues.

Carried / Defeated

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Resolution Number: R - - 22

Date: February 14, 2022

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**Recorded Vote Requested
By:**

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Ireland	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of December 22, 2021, as

_____ circulated.

_____ amended.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC)



Minutes of the Meeting of December 22, 2021

Members Present: Gary Brown, Bob Foster, Anney de Gobeo, Janice Ife, Paul Marriott, Claire Sexton

1. Call to Order at 5:07 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests: none

3. Approval of Agenda: moved by Janice, seconded by Gary. Motion passed.

4. Approval of minutes for November 24, 2021: moved by Janice, seconded by Claire. Motion passed.

6. New Business: The Village Council has asked for input from the EAC regarding the use of fireworks for Village events. After considerable discussion regarding the proximity of the Bird Sanctuary, and articles regarding the effects of fireworks a consensus was reached. The Environmental Advisory Committee concluded that they could not support the use of fireworks for any Village activity. Full report is issued under separate cover.

7. Motion to Adjourn: made by Janice, seconded by Claire. Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Next meeting January 26, 2022 at 5 p.m.