



Notice of Public Meeting

Proposed Telecommunication Tower

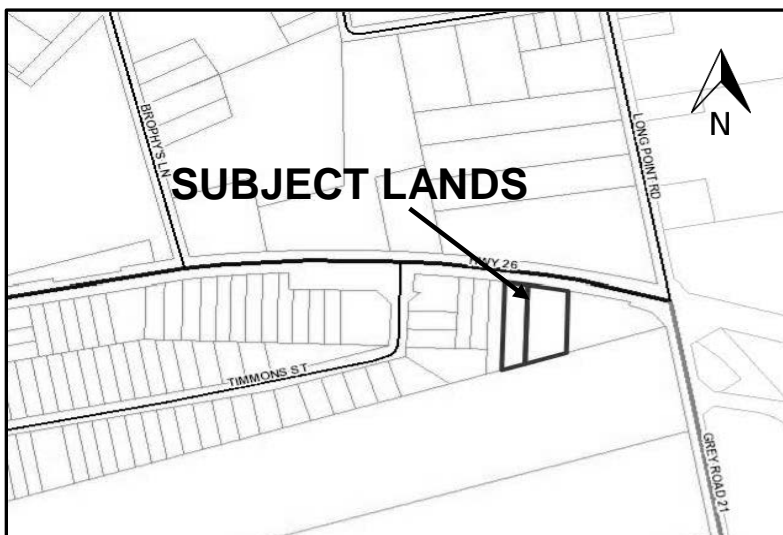
Property Location: 209896/209898 Highway 26 W

Public Meeting: December 4, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON

What is being proposed?

Rogers Telecommunications is proposing to construct a new telecommunication tower on the subject lands. The proposed tower is planned to be 25m in height and will be a mono-pole design, wherein all antennae and operational hardware is stored internal to the structure. Further details can be found in the attached information package.

Please note that the establishment of new telecommunication facilities is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Government. Industry Canada is the approval authority for telecommunication towers and requires all proponents of new facilities to consult local planning authorities to ensure local protocols and surroundings are considered during the mandated site selection process. The Town of The Blue Mountains Municipal Telecommunication Protocol requires public consultation for any proposal for new telecommunication facilities.



Questions? Want more information? Ask a Planner!

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Under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and in accordance with Ontario's Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), all information provided for, or at a Public Meeting, Public Consultation, or other Public Process are considered part of the public record, including resident deputations. This information may be posted on the Town's website. and/or made available to the public upon request.

This document can be made available in other accessible formats as soon as practicable and upon request.

When will a decision be made?

After reviewing comments from the public, Staff will prepare a report to Council stating whether the protocol has been satisfied and Council will make the final determination of the comments to be forwarded to Industry Canada. Should site location considerations not be satisfactorily addressed, Council may require the applicant to reassess their site selection and provide additional supporting information, or select a new site.

How can I make my views known about this proposal?

Comments at the Public Meeting aid Council in their decision making process, so be sure to have your say!

Any person or agency may attend the Public Meeting and/or make verbal or written comments regarding the proposed telecommunication tower.

How do I submit my comments?

If you would like to submit comments in writing or would like to be notified of a decision on this proposal, submit your written comments or request during regular office hours (Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) to:

Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Telephone: 519-599-3131 ext. 283

Comments can also be sent to:
townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

Please note that any submitted comments become part of the **public record**, including names and addresses. Written comments are due by **Friday December 1, 2017**.

November 10, 2017

Dear Current Resident / Owner,

**Re: INFORMATION PACKAGE FOR A ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY PROPOSAL at 209896 HIGHWAY 26
WEST, BLUE MOUNTAINS, ON**

**Legal: PART OF LOTS 35, 36, 37 AND 38 PART OF STRIP OF HIGHWAY
WIDENING, REGISTERED PLAN 482 AND PART OF LOT 20 CONCESSION 1**

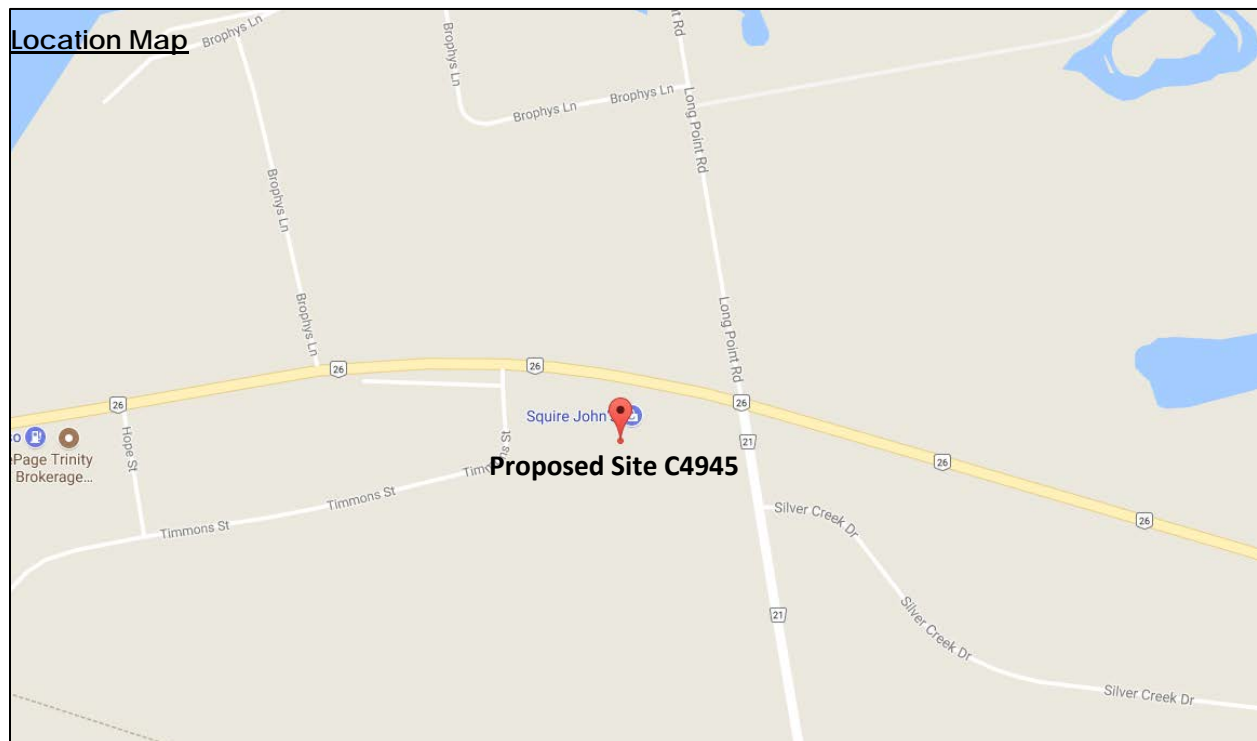
Coordinates: Latitude: (NAD 83) N 44° 31' 19.7" & Longitude: (NAD 83) W 80° 17' 35.8".

Rogers Communications Site: C4945

Forbes Bros Ltd, in our capacity as agent to Rogers Communications ("Rogers") is submitting this information package to formalize the consultation process related to the installation and operation of a telecommunications facility. We have been in preliminary discussions with the Town of the Blue Mountains to determine the local public consultation process. This letter serves as an invitation to submit comments or questions regarding this proposed installation.

Proposed Site and Background Information

Rogers installation is proposed to be built at 209896 HWY 26 West, Blue Mountains, ON. The facility is proposed on property 170m southwest of the Long Point Road (Grey County Road 21) and HWY 26 intersection. The tower is proposed toward the mid-west portion of the subject property 63.3m south from the access point off HWY 26. The proposed installation is required to provide Rogers customers with improved wireless network coverage for the Town of the Blue Mountains, specifically this site will provide enhanced coverage along HWY 26, Osler Bluff Road, Long Point Road and the surrounding area. The site as proposed will provide wireless voice and data services for subscribers to the Rogers network.



Existing Infrastructure and Alternate Locations

Prior to proposing a new freestanding mobile base station facility the area is investigated for existing tower infrastructure and/or tall structures suitable for antenna deployment. An application to share the existing OPP tower site (code: GO-GMC-119) at the Craigleith Water Treatment facility was reviewed and ultimately rejected by the Government Mobile Communications Branch. Other existing telecommunication sites are located too far away to provide adequate Rogers coverage to this area of the Blue Mountains and/or already deploys Rogers equipment making site sharing redundant. Therefore existing towers in the area were disqualified as feasible candidates.

The Proposed Installation

The proposed installation is a shrouded monopole style communications structure. The monopole installation is a single steel tube structure of approximately 1.2m in diameter and 25m in height. Transmitting and receiving antenna equipment is mounted internally at the top of the tower to remain as unobtrusive as possible at street level.

Rogers proposes to install as part of this installation, four (4) sectored antennas, and provisions for future technology services. At this location a ground compound area of 7.0 metres by 10.0 metres, will house the tower base and a radio equipment cabinet on a cast in place reinforced concrete slab. A 2.1m cedar board security fence will be installed around the base of the installation and will include a locked gate access point.



Above: simulated monopole as it would appear viewed facing southeast from Highway 26. Please note that although considered to be accurate, this is an artist's rendering only.

Federal Requirements

In addition to the requirements for consultation with municipal authorities and the public, Rogers must also fulfill other important obligations including the following:

Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (“ISED” formerly Industry Canada) 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, 2012 (CEAA 2012), where the antenna system is incidental to a physical activity or project designated under CEAA 2012, or is located on federal lands.

Rogers attests that the radio antenna system as proposed for this site is not located within federal lands or forms part of or incidental to projects that are designated by the Regulations Designating Physical Activities or otherwise designated by the Minister of the Environment as requiring an environmental assessment. In accordance with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012, this installation is excluded from assessment.

For additional detailed information, please consult the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act at: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-15.21/>

Engineering Practices

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

Transport Canada’s Aeronautical Obstruction Marking Requirements

Rogers attests that the radio antenna system described in this notification package will be installed and operated on an ongoing basis so as to comply with Transport Canada and NAV Canada aeronautical safety requirements. Freedom anticipates that the proposed installation will not require markings or lighting and has submitted the necessary applications to the appropriate parties to obtain required approvals.

For additional detailed information, please consult Transport Canada at: <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/civilaviation/regserv/cars/part6-standards-standard621-3808.htm>

Health Canada’s Safety Code 6 Compliance

Rogers attests that the radio antenna system 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 operation of additional carrier co-locations and nearby installations within the local radio environment.

More information in the area of RF exposure and health is available at the following web site: Safety Code 6: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/environmental-workplace-health/radiation/consumer-radiation/radiofrequency-fields.html> and <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>

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) Spectrum Management

Please be advised that the licensing of this site and its design is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Government of Canada through CRTC and ISED. Information relating to ISED’s public consultation guidelines *CPC-2-0-03 – Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems* is available at <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/sf08777.html> or you may contact the local ISED office at:



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Municipal and Public Consultation

In accordance with The Town of the Blue Mountains *Protocol for Establishing Telecommunications Facilities* and ISED consultation guidelines *Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems* (CPC-2-0-03), this information package has been mailed to all property owners within 500m of the proposed tower location.

Forbes Bros Ltd, on behalf of Rogers Communications is committed to effective municipal and public consultation. This notice serves as invitation to attend a public meeting and/or submit comments in writing to the Municipality. Please provide any written comments or feedback to the contacts provided below by **Friday December 1, 2017**.

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