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To: ottawa-antennas@lists.pinetree.org

Hello all,

I am forwarding the e-mail containing the document that will be tabled at the 2 Ottawa Committee meetings to remove all references to antenna systems from Ottawa by-laws and to create the Municipal Concurrence and Public Consultation Process for proposed antenna systems. On a quick reading it seems to incorporate all the points mentioned in our last communication from the City on December 29 2011. I am forwarding it to all members of the committee following the suggestion in the Dec 29 e-mail that I do so with information on the Process.

Please take a look at the document. I think you'll find few surprises. The main result will be the removal of the restrictive by-law and an acknowledgement that the city can not regulate antenna systems. It has based its approach on the Industry Canada circular and incorporates all exemptions to consultation listed. It does use the IC document comment "...the exclusion criteria above should be applied in consideration of local circumstances. Consequently, it may be prudent for proponents to consult with the LUA and the public even though the proposal meets an exclusion noted above." to justify a slightly more restrictive set of exclusions for residential use antenna systems. In particular exemptions would not be given even if all exclusion conditions were met for construction in flood planes and structures that would impair the line of site from Beechwood cemetery to the Parliament buildings. This was mentioned earlier and may be debatable but likely would not have a great effect.

There is no reference to cost for proponents who proceed with public consultation for antenna systems that are not exempted from consultation. However the document predicts that 8 commercial antenna systems and 2 residential use antenna systems applications will be processed by the city each year bringing in a revenue of \$21,952 (a surprising degree of precision!).

As we were heavily involved in the consultation I think it would be appropriate to comment. I spent 2 1/2 hours sitting through the Planning meeting last Wednesday morning so I have a good idea how the meeting will run and where Councillors are coming from (only 1 is from a the downtown core).

Please let me know what you think. If we proceed with a presentation it would be nice to have several people there even if our comments are delivered by 1 person. We have time to prepare and sent around comments.

Thanks and 73
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