

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mayor and Members of Council

FROM:

James Baird, Commissioner of Development Services

PREPARED BY:

Rick Cefaratti, Planner, West District (ext. 3675)

DATE:

November 5, 2013

SUBJECT:

Proposed 20.0 metre monopole telecommunication tower

Woodbine Ave at 16th Avenue 9253 & 9255 Woodbine Avenue

File No. SC 13 110509

As stated in the staff report on this proposal, a Community Meeting was held on July 31st, 2013 at the Angus Glen Community Centre. A handful of area residents, together with staff and the Ward Councillor, attended Meeting. No comments from the public were received within the two week commenting deadline period which passed on August 12, 2013.

The original notification of the proposed telecommunication tower was coordinated by the proponent in cooperation with staff. Notification was provided to property owners within 120 m from the base of the proposed tower location in accordance with Markham's Council adopted Telecommunication Policy. It should be noted that the closest residential property is located approximately 242 m (793 ft.) to the east of the proposed tower location.

The subject proposal (see attached) is on the Development Committee Services Agenda for Tuesday November 5th, 2013. It has been brought to our attention that several letters of objection and petitions (see attached) have been received after the staff recommendation report was prepared on the proposed telecommunication tower at Cachet Plaza. The Ward Councillor recently notified area residents within 350 m (1,148 ft.) from the subject property advising that the item would be dealt with by Development Services Committee on the above noted date.

Attachments:

1 Petition

23 Letters of objection

Subject: Attachments: Proposed Cell Tower (Markham) img-Y04104146-0001.pdf

From: Tony Chiu

Sent: November-04-13 11:08 AM

To: Ho, Alan

Cc: ministre.industrie@ic.gc.ca; Minister_Ministre@hc-sc.qc.ca

Subject: Proposed Cell Tower (Markham)

Dear Mr. Ho,

On behalf of the owner of 79 households (which represents over 160 Canadian citizens/voters) within 500 m of the proposed telecommunication tower which will be located on the northeast quadrant of 16th Ave/Woodbine Ave, beside TD bank, in the City of Markham, we are writing this letter to alert you of our concerns about the placement of a 20 m high telecommunication tower in our community. A petition is attached in this email with respect to this matter.

Scientists and the global medical community are becoming increasingly concerned about the health risks related to the electromagnetic radiation emitted by cellular towers. Exposure to non-ionizing radiation from cell towers can trigger or significantly accelerate progression of numerous diseases and conditions (including cancers, neurological diseases and electrosensitivity). Children, pregnant women, elderly, and those with compromised immune systems are at even greater risk. We are particularly concern about the young children health and safety in this neighbourhood. Infants/toddlers spend a significant amount of time in the daycares located on both the southwest corner and southeast corner of 16thAve/Woodbine Ave, on a daily basis. Many new findings related to hazardous radio frequencies impact on health and child development are available and many nations are now proposing to ban young children cell phone usage since there is known health concerns on children have less protection against deep penetration of radio frequency signals into their brains. Radio frequencies emit from telecommunication tower are much stronger than those emit by cell phone. We have many young children in the immediate area.

After reviewing research into the biological effects of low intensity microwave radiation, in May 2011 the World Health Organization's (WHO) International Agency for Research on Cancer published a report that classified radiofrequency electromagnetic fields (EMR) as "possibly carcinogenic". The European Parliament and many countries around the world are accelerating actions to protect their citizens from this public health hazard.

Health Canada states that more research on the health effects of EMR is needed. However, the available research warrants taking action now. "Safety Code 6", the standard used by Health Canada and Industry Canada to determine acceptable levels of cellular tower emissions, is both inadequate and antiquated. Health Canada's Safety Code 6 is the exposure guidelines for the cumulative limit of wireless/RF radiation exposure to the human body. It governs the emissions from cell phones, cell towers and antenna, WiFi, smart meters, as well as consumer goods such as cordless phones and baby monitors. It was put in place in the 1980's, based on tests done to a 220lb mannequin on 6 minutes of exposure, does not take into account children, or biological effects at all and is embroiled in a national conflicted controversy unfolding in Ottawa at the moment. It is one of the worst in world today leaving Canadians at the mercy of industry.

Safety Code 6 does not properly address concerns over the risk of cancer, chromosomal damage, and other disease or adverse physical reactions related to EMR exposures. Nor does it take into account the effects of EMR exposures on children, whose developing brains and bodies are far more vulnerable. Current standards must be updated and based on the weight of biological studies available today.

We are asking you to take the following action in support of concerned citizens and voters:

- 1. Based on the precautionary principle, urge Industry Canada to *reject this tower/antenna site* and demand that our Member of Parliament be accountable for siting approval of these federally regulated installations.
- 2. Ensure proper municipal protocols are in place to protect the health and safety of your community.
- 3. Voice our community's concerns to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) as they develop a new protocol.
- 4. Join us in calling for Industry Canada to issue new regulations regarding the proliferation of cell towers and antennas. In addition, the current exclusions and notification processes need significant improvement. For example, citizens should be notified in all cases before there will be a change in the types of emissions from a cell tower location.
- 5. Join us in calling for Health Canada to perform a thorough review and update for Safety Code 6. This review should include a monographed peer review process and we ask for an equal weighting of informed citizen and industry representation.

For more information, visit *Citizens for Safe Technology's* website at <u>www.c4st.org</u>. C4ST is a not-for-profit, volunteer-based coalition of parents, citizens and experts whose mission is to educate and inform Canadians and their policy makers about the dangers of exposure to unsafe levels of radiation from technology, and to work with all levels of government to create healthier communities for children and families from coast to coast.

Sincerely,

79 Household Owners within 500m of the Proposed Telecommunication Tower

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Subject:

Oppose the construction of Bell communication tower at 9253 woodbine Ave

From: Vivian Law

Sent: October-18-13 8:41 PM

To: Ho, Alan

Subject: Oppose the construction of Bell communication tower at 9253 woodbine Ave

Hi Mr. Ho,

I'm writing this letter to OPPOSE the construction of a communication tower and associated equipment cabinet which will be located at the northeast corner of the intersection of woodbine ave/ 16th Ave, in the city of Markham.

I'm very concerned about the negative impact this will have on our health being so close to the potential radio frequencies that the tower will emit. Please stop this construction on the proposed land before it is too late.

Thank you, Vivian Law, Mee Wan Ng and Sun Kuen Law 70 Melissa way, Markham, Ontario, L3R 5R3 city of Markham

Sent from Samsung Mobile

Subject:

Opposing the construction of the Bell Telecommunications Tower at 9253 Woodbine Ave.

From: Jack Wong

Sent: October-19-13 1:37 PM

To: Ho, Alan

Subject: Opposing the construction of the Bell Telecommunications Tower at 9253 Woodbine Ave.

To Mr. Ho,

After receiving the news regarding the construction of a new Telecommunications Tower concerns have started to arise in the neighborhood at the Southwest corner of 16th Ave and Woodbine Ave.

I am writing this letter to oppose the construction of a telecommunications tower and associated equipment cabinet which will be located at the Northeast corner of the intersection of 16th Ave and Woodbine Ave., in city of Markham.

I, along with others in the neighborhood, are very concerned about the negative impact that this will bring to our health being so close to the potential radio frequencies emitted from the tower.

Sincerely,

Jackie Wong 61 Drew Kelly Way, Markham

Subject:

Oppose the construction of Bell Telecommunications Tower at 9253 Woodbine Avenue.

From: Anson Chu

Sent: October-19-13 11:17 PM

To: Ho, Alan Cc: Anson Chu

Subject: Oppose the construction of Bell Telecommunications Tower at 9253 Woodbine Avenue.

Hi Mr. Ho:

I am writing this letter to OPPOSE the construction of a telecommunications tower and associated equipment cabinet which will be located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Woodbine Ave/ 16th Ave, in the Town Of Markham. I am very concerned about the negative impact this will have on our health being so close to the potential radio frequencies that the tower will emit. Please stop this construction on the proposed land before it is too late.

Sincerely,

Anson Ka Wing, Chu.

20 Asalin Way, Markham, Ontario, L3R5E9.

City Of Markham.

2013-10-19.

Subject:

Oppose the construction of Bell Telecommuncations Tower at 9253 Woodbine Avenue.

From: Susanna Chiu

Sent: October-19-13 11:24 PM

To: Ho, Alan Cc: Susanna Chiu

Subject: Oppose the construction of Bell Telecommuncations Tower at 9253 Woodbine Avenue.

Hi Mr. Ho:

I am writing this letter to OPPOSE the construction of a telecommunications tower and associated equipment cabinet which will be located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Woodbine Ave/ 16th Ave, in the Town Of Markham. I am very concerned about the negative impact this will have on our health being so close to the potential radio frequencies that the tower will emit. Please stop this construction on the proposed land before it is too late. Sincerely,

Susanna Mei Lan, Chiu

20 Asalin Way, Markham, Ontario, L3R5E9.

2013-10-19.

Subject:

OPPOSE the construction of Bell Telecommunications Tower at 9253 Woodbine Ave.

From: Danny Chi Ming Wong Sent: October-20-13 11:48 PM

To: Ho, Alan

Subject: OPPOSE the construction of Bell Telecommunications Tower at 9253 Woodbine Ave.

Hi Mr. Ho

I am writing this letter to OPPOSE the construction of a telecommunications tower and associated equiment cabinet which will be located at the northeast coner of the intersection of Woodbine Ave/16th Ave, in the Town of Markham.

I am very concerned about the negative impact this will have on our health being **so close** to the potential radio frequencies that the tower will emit. Please kindly STOP this construction on the proposed land **BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE**.

Sincerely,

Chi Ming Wong 33 Drew Kelly Way, Markham, On. L3R 5R3 City of Markham.

Subject:

Oppose the construction of Bell Telecommunication Towers at 9253 Woodbine Ave.

From: matthew cheng

Sent: October-20-13 5:51 PM

To: Ho, Alan

Subject: Oppose the construction of Bell Telecommunication Towers at 9253 Woodbine Ave.

Dear Mr. Ho,

1 refer to your recent notice of a public meeting to be held on Nov 5th, 2013 regarding the construction of Bell Telecommunication Towers at 9253 Woodbine Avenue.

1 am writing to advise you that I strongly oppose the construction of such telecommuication tower and associated equipment cabinet to be located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Woodbine and 16th Ave.

1 am very concerned about the negative impact this will have on the health of my family especially the young children with the tower being so close to the radio frequencies that the tower will emit. As my Councillor in Ward 6, 1 am confident that you will endeavour to represent our views and ensure our best interests in the public meeting to stop such construction on the proposed location.

Sincerely,

Matthew Cheng 11 Golf Way Markham L3R 5R2

Subject:

Oppose the construction of tele com tower at 9253 Woodbine AVe

From: Allen Wong

Sent: October-22-13 6:06 PM

To: Ho, Alan; Scarpitti, Frank; Li, Joe; Heath, Jack; mchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org **Subject:** Oppose the construction of tele com tower at 9253 Woodbine AVe

Hi everyone:

Just to express my opposition to the construction of such radioactive device near my home, shopping centres, schools, funeral homes.......where people meet. There are more appropriate places to build this instead of such busy area with human lives.

Also your set date and time of this public meeting is absurd, 900 am in the morning on Tuesday, 5th Nov., most people have to work for a living, and cannot attend. Is there a particular reason such time of the day is picked? Just cannot understand how politicians think!

Yours truly, Allen Wong 38 Melissaway, Markham L3R 5P5

Subject:

Bell Tower proposal

----Original Message----

From: Reg Miller

Sent: October-23-13 11:38 AM

To: Ho, Alan

Subject: Bell Tower proposal

Thank you for your letter informing me of the proposed tower for the corner of Woodbine and 16th. This would be quite a standout in a low rise residential neighbourhood. I personally don't want to have such a tall structure in our neighbourhood. Is there any valid reason why Bell could not locate their tower in an industrial area? I wanted to ask if there are no height restrictions in residential areas. For instance, I heard that the developer wants to put up a 60-tower condo on the Buttonville airport lands. I'm wondering what impact this would have on property values and traffic congestion at one of the busiest intersections inYork Region (Woodbine and 16th). Can you let me know where I could get more information about this. I may have to consider selling because if the traffic becomes any worse it may affect our property values. It will certainly make going about our daily lives more difficult and stressful.

Subject:

oppose the construction of Bell Telecommunication tower at 9253 Woodbine Ave

From: Janet Chu

Sent: October-25-13 7:30 AM

To: Ho, Alan

Subject: oppose the construction of Bell Telecommunication tower at 9253 Woodbine Ave

Hi Mr Ho,

I am writing this letter to OPPOSE the construction of a telecommunication tower and associated equipment cabinet which will he located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Woodbine Ave/16th Ave. in the town of Markham.

I am very concerned about the negative impact this will have on our health being so close to the potential radio frequencies that the tower will emit. Please stop this construction on the proposed land before it is too late.

Sincerely, Janet Chu Drew Kelly Way City of Markham

Subject:

Oppose Bell Mobility to construct telecommunication tower in Markham

From: LiangZhi Lei

Sent: October-31-13 9:56 AM

To: Scarpitti, Frank; Heath, Jack; john@johnMcCallum.ca; Chamchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; Li, Joe; Landon, Gord; Ho,

Alan

Subject: Oppose Bell Mobility to construct telecommunication tower in Markham

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing this letter to oppose against the construction of the telecommunications tower and its associated equipment which will be located at the northeast corner (of the intersection east of Woodbine Ave and north of 16th Ave) of the City of Markham.

I am very concerned about the negative impact this telecommunications tower will have on our health as this tower will emit harmful radio frequencies that our bodies may not withstand. Please stop the construction on the proposed land before it is too late! On the other hand, why not build the tower in a more secluded area so that no one will be harmed by these radio frequencies.

Belinda

Subject:

Oppose Letter - Bell Mobility's telecommunications tower

Attachments:

Oppose Letter - Bell Mobility is proposing to construct a 20 meter high monopole

telecommunications tower in Markham City.docx

From: Michelle-Daniel Artclass **Sent:** October-30-13 6:48 PM

To: Scarpittl, Frank; Heath, Jack; john@johnMcCallum.ca; Chamchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; Li, Joe; Jones, Jim; Landon

Gord; Ho, Alan

Cc: Michelle-Daniel Artclass; tonychiu@hotmail.com; carchoi@trebnet.com

Subject: Oppose Letter - Bell Mobility's telecommunications tower

Dear Sir / Madam,

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我寫這封信是強烈表達本人反對貝爾移動電話公司即將興建一座高 20 米的電訊發射塔, 選址位於萬錦市內人口密集, 大型購物商場附近的 Woodbine Avenue 的東面及 16th Avenue 的東北面。

這會為我們的社區帶來極負面影響,這座高 20 米的電訊發射塔,如此接近民居. 它會發出極高的無線電頻率,是會嚴重影響我們及孩子的健康,這是將會預見的,到期時才補救將會為其已晚;為防止它的發生,本人要求立即停止為其提供現址的興建計劃,及改選遠離民居的地方.

Sincerely,

Michelle Leung 15 Townson Rd., Markham, ON. Bell Mobility is proposing to construct a 20 meter high monopole telecommunications tower which will be located on the northeast corner of Woodbine Ave & 16th Ave in the City of Markham.

- We should not suffer from the governments inadequate abilities to control cell phone companies and their inappropriate tower placements.
- Cell phone towers release electronic magnetic radiation (EMR). Many studies are showing that non-ionizing radiation is actually biologically harmful and that chronic long exposure can actually lead to cumulative damage in our bodies. In addition, studies in Israel and Brazil have linked long term exposure of cell towers to the increase of cancer. (For your ref. www.c4st.org)
- On May 31st 2011, the World Health Organization (WHO) reclassified EMR as 2B (same category as lead, DDT, etc...) as possibly carcinogenic to Humans. Countries such as Switzerland, Italy, China, and Russia have all set limits that are 100 times safer than Canada's.

Please come join us at this important meeting:

Public Meeting: Tuesday, November 5th 2013

Time: 9:00am

Place: Council Chamber, Markham Civic Centre, 101 Town Centre Blvd, Markham On

Due to time constraints, and the fact that a lot of people must be at work, some of us are unable to participate in the meeting. Nonetheless, take some time out of your busy days and write your comments or emails to our:

Mayor - Mr. Frank Scarpitti <u>fscarpitti@markham.ca</u>

Deputy Mayor - Mr. Jack Heath jheath@markham.ca

MP – Liberal – Unionville/Markham - Mr. John McCallum john@johnMcCallum.ca

MPP - Liberal - Unionville/Markham - Mr. Michael Chamchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org

Regional Councillor - Mr. Joe Li joeli@markham.ca

Regional Councillor - Mr. Jim Jones ijones@markham.ca

Regional Councillor – Mr. Gordon Landon glandon@markham.ca

Ward 6 Councillor - Mr. Alan Ho alan.ho@markham.ca

Let our voices be heard! Let them know our requests!

貝爾移動電話公司提出興建一個高 20 米的電訊發射塔, 位址於萬錦市內的 Woodbine Avenue 的東面以及 16th Avenue 的北面。

- 基於貝爾移動電話公司及市政府未有提供祥細的資料,亦沒有足夠的時間通知萬錦市的居民,會議的內容是主要關於 Bell Mobility 手機公司提出興建一個高 20 米的電訊發射塔的建議,更甚者是萬錦市政府是否可允許 Bell Mobility 手機公司以沒有大規範諮詢民意及城市規劃下,以不恰當地將它們放置於不恰當的位置。
- 手機塔釋放的電磁輻射 (EMR), 越來越多的研究數據指出, 非電離輻射是會實際對生物做成嚴重影響,由於慢性長期接觸, 亦可會導致累積損傷。此外, 在以色列, 巴西等各國研究已發現, 長期暴露在手機信號發射塔附近的環境內, 直接或間接亦會增加癌症的机會率。可參閱 www.c4st.org
- 2011 年 5 月 31 日,世界衛生組織(WHO)重新分類 EMR 為 2B(同一類別的鉛,滴滴涕等發放性的電離輻射),可能對人類致癌。瑞士,意大利,中國,俄羅斯等國家都設置的安存標準都比加拿大的安全標準及限制高出 100 倍。

請務必參加我們這個重要會議提出反對:

公開會議: 2013年11月5日(下星期二)

時間:上午9:00

地點:Markham Civic Centre, Conference Hall, Markham Town Centre Boulevard 101 因時間的緊迫,又未能配合大部份上班,如未能參與到場的人仕,亦希望您們能抽空參照付上的信件,改上你們的名字及地址,電郵到我們的市議員,區域委員,省議員及我們的萬錦市的正副市市長等等...

Mayor - Mr. Frank Scarpitti fscarpitti@markham.ca

Deputy Mayor - Mr. Jack Heath jheath@markham.ca

MP – Liberal – Unionville/Markham - Mr. John McCallum john@johnMcCallum.ca

MPP - Liberal - Unionville/Markham - Mr. Michael Chamchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org

Regional Councillor – Mr. Joe Li joeli@markham.ca

Regional Councillor - Mr. Jim Jones jjones@markham.ca

Regional Councillor - Mr. Gordon Landon glandon@markham.ca

Ward 6 Councillor - Mr. Alan Ho alan.ho@markham.ca

將我們的聲音,帶進他們的耳朵裡,給他們知道我們的意願!

Subject:

Against Bell Mobility is proposing to construct a 20 meter high monopole telecommunications tower in Markham

From: Ken (Rogers)

Sent: October-31-13 10:58 PM

To: Ken (Rogers)

Subject: Against Bell Mobility is proposing to construct a 20 meter high monopole telecommunications tower in Markham

Dear Sir / Madam,

Bell Mobility is proposing to construct a 20 meter high monopole telecommunications tower which will be located on the northeast corner of Woodbine Ave & 16th Ave in the City of Markham.

I am writing this letter to oppose against the construction of the telecommunications tower and its associated equipment which will be located at the northeast corner (of the intersection east of Woodbine Ave and north of 16th Ave) of the City of Markham.

I am very concerned about the negative impact this telecommunications tower will have on our health as this tower will emit harmful radio frequencies that our bodies may not withstand. Please stop the construction on the proposed land before it is too late! On the other hand, why not build the tower in a more secluded area so that no one will be harmed by these radio frequencies.

Sincerely, Ken

Kenneth Tam (Residence of Woodbine and Major Mac)

Subject:

Oppose Letter - Bell Mobility's telecommunications tower at Woodbine Ave and 16th Ave

From: zaw w kyaw

Sent: November-02-13 8:01 PM

To: Scarpitti, Frank; Heath, Jack; john@johnMcCallum.ca; Chamchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; Li, Joe; Jones, Jim;

Landon, Gord; Ho, Alan

Subject: Oppose Letter - Bell Mobility's telecommunications tower at Woodbine Ave and 16th Ave

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Cell phone towers release harmful electronic magnetic radiation (EMR) and many studies are showing that non-ionizing radiation is actually biologically harmful and that chronic long exposure can actually lead to cumulative damage in our bodies. In addition, recent studies in Israel and Brazil have linked long term exposure of cell towers to the increase of cancer.

Bell Mobility is quietly moving to construct the telecommunications tower at very busy residential and commercial intersection east of Woodbine Ave and north of 16th Ave. I am appalled this process without proper consideration of potential serious health impact on the residents. Furthermore, due process must be transparent.

I would like to mention my strongest opposition to this proposed telecommunications tower construction. Please stop the construction on the proposed land before it is too late!

Bell Mobility or any other telecommunication companies should build the tower in a more suitable secluded area away from residential area so that no one will be harmed by these radio frequencies.

Sincerely,

Zaw Kyaw 74 Militia Trail Markham, ON. L3R 9G7

Subject:

Oppose the Telecommunication Tower in our community

From: Brianna Shen

Sent: November-02-13 5:44 PM

Subject: Oppose the Telecommunication Tower in our community

Dear Markham Mayor, Deputy Mayor, MP, MPP, Regional Councilors,

As residences living close to Woodbine & 16th Ave., we are very concerned about the negative impact this telecommunication tower will have on our community and health as this tower will emit harmful radio frequencies. And there is a public elementary school is right beside it. Our children will be closely exposed.

- Cell phone towers release electronic magnetic radiation (EMR). Many studies are showing that non-ionizing
 radiation is actually biologically harmful and that chronic long exposure can actually lead to cumulative damage
 in our bodies. In addition, studies in Israel and Brazil have linked long term exposure of cell towers to the
 increase of cancer. (For your ref. www.c4st.org)
- On May 31st 2011, the World Health Organization (WHO) reclassified EMR as 2B (same category as lead, DDT, etc...) as possibly carcinogenic to Humans. Countries such as Switzerland, Italy, China, and Russia have all set limits that are 100 times safer than Canada's.

And the most important, there is neither public hearing on this issue nor officially public disclosure beforehand. We are strongly against this proposal. To save our community and to help our children, please stop the construction on the proposed land before it is too late!

Best Regards

Brianna Shen CEM. MBA. M.A.Sc.

Markham Residence

Subject:

I oppose the Telecommunication tower in our wonderful community!

From: Mou Xun

Sent: November-02-13 5:50 PM

To: Scarpitti, Frank; Heath, Jack; john@johnMcCallum.ca; Chamchan.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org; Li, Joe; Jones, Jim;

Landon, Gord; Ho, Alan

Subject: I oppose the Telecommunication tower in our wonderful community!

Dear Officers,

As residences living close to Woodbine & 16th Ave., we are very concerned about the negative impact this telecommunication tower will have on our community and health as this tower will emit harmful radio frequencies. And there is a public elementary school is right beside it. Our children will be closely exposed.

I think by allowing Bell to build a such tower, not only will cause heath concerns for the surrounding neighborhood like us, but also it will hurt the overall image of Markham especially Woodbine & 16th Ave community which is considered one of the best communities in GTA .If this finally happens, people like us who concern about the health to our kids and senior will move out from the community and Markham, I think this is not good to everyone who loves Markham.

Your consideration and action are highly appreciated!

Thank you and Best Regards, Vivian Mou

Subject:

Telecommunication Tower

From: May H Aung

Sent: November-03-13 10:04 AM

To: Scarpitti, Frank; Heath, Jack; MP - Liberal - Unionville/Markham - Mr. John McCallum;

Ho, Alan

Subject: Telecommunication Tower

Dear Sirs,

I am writing this letter to oppose against the construction of the telecommunications tower and its associated equipment which will be located at the northeast corner (of the intersection east of Woodbine Ave and north of 16th Ave) of the City of Markham.

I am very concerned about the negative impact this telecommunications tower will have on our health as this tower will emit harmful radio frequencies that our bodies may not withstand.

Cell phone towers release harmful electronic magnetic radiation (EMR) and many studies are showing that non-ionizing radiation is actually biologically harmful and that chronic long exposure can actually lead to cumulative damage in our bodies. In addition, recent studies in Israel and Brazil have linked long term exposure of cell towers to the increase of cancer.

Bell Mobility is quietly moving to construct the telecommunications tower at very busy residential and commercial intersection east of Woodbine Ave and north of 16th Ave. I am appalled this process without proper consideration of potential serious health impact on the residents. Furthermore, due process must be transparent.

I would like to mention my strongest opposition to this proposed telecommunications tower construction. Please stop the construction on the proposed land before it is too late!

Bell Mobility or any other telecommunication companies should build the tower in a more suitable secluded area away from residential area so that no one will be harmed by these radio frequencies.

Sincerely,

May Aung, Ph.D. 74 Militia Trail Markham, ON. L3R 9G7

Associate Professor

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Subject:

Oppose the Telecommunication tower in our community!

From: JC

Sent: November-04-13 11:15 AM

To: Scarpitti, Frank; Heath, Jack; MP - Liberal - UnionvilleMarkham - Mr. John McCallum; MPP - Liberal -

UnionvilleMarkham - Mr. Michael; Li, Joe; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Ho, Alan

Subject: Oppose the Telecommunication tower in our community!

我寫這封信是強烈表達本人反對貝爾移動電話公司即將興建一座高 20 米的電訊發射塔, 選址位於萬錦市內人口密集, 大型購物商場附近的 Woodbine Avenue 的東面及 16th Avenue 的東北面。

這會為我們的社區帶來極負面影響,這座高 20 米的電訊發射塔,如此接近民居. 它會發出極高的無線電頻率,是會嚴重影響我們及孩子的健康,這是將會預見的,到期時才補救將會為其已晚;為防止它的發生,本人要求立即停止為其提供現址的興建計劃,及改選遠離民居的地方.

因時間的緊迫,又未能配合大部份上班,如未能參與到場的人仕,亦希望您們能抽空參照付上的信件,改上你們的名字及地址,電郵到我們的市議員,區域委員,省議員及我們的萬錦市的正副市市長等等...

Sincerely Markham Residence

Attached Letter below:

Bell Mobility is proposing to construct a 20 meter high monopole telecommunications tower which will be located on the northeast corner of Woodbine Ave & 16th Ave in the City of Markham.

- We should not suffer from the governments inadequate abilities to control cell phone companies and their inappropriate tower placements.
- Cell phone towers release electronic magnetic radiation (EMR). Many studies are showing that non-ionizing radiation is actually biologically harmful and that chronic long exposure can actually lead to cumulative damage in our bodies. In addition, studies in Israel and Brazil have linked long term exposure of cell towers to the increase of cancer. (For your ref. www.c4st.org)
- On May 31st 2011, the World Health Organization (WHO) reclassified EMR as 2B (same category as lead, DDT, etc...) as possibly carcinogenic to Humans. Countries such as Switzerland, Italy, China, and Russia have all set limits that are 100 times safer than Canada's.

Subject:

Bell Tele Tower - 9523 Woodbine Ave.

From: MING LEE

Sent: November-04-13 12:48 PM

To: Ho, Alan Cc: Lau, Fiony

Subject: Bell Tele Tower - 9523 Woodbine Ave.

Dear Councillor Ho.

My name is Ming Lee and I am the President of the Board of Directors for York Region Condominium Corporation #1003. Several of my neighbours have approached me with their concerns relating to the telecommunications tower proposal for 9523 Woobine Ave.

There is clinical evidence that electromagnetic radiation from telecommunications towers located in close proximity to residential areas results in negative health outcomes to residents.

This includes but is not limited to cancers, headaches, confusion and memory loss. These conditions are irreversible. The research that Health Canada cites is influenced by people with ties to the telecommunications industry or by people who rely on the telecommunications industry for funding (i.e. conflict of interest).

In 1999, the Toronto Board of Health recommended exposure limits of 0.1W/m2 (for 1800MHz) while Canada's exposure limit is 3.0W/m2. (i.e. Canada's limit is thirty times that of Toronto's)

Canada's safety code is much more lenient (i.e. less strict) compared to most of Europe.

My neighbours, in addition to being concerned about the negative impact on their health, are also concerned about the potential decrease in their property values.

I will personally cancel my Bell telephone plan and stop shopping at the plaza if the telecommuncations tower proposal goes through.

I will also start a petition and visit the owners of the businesses in the plaza to inform them of our concerns and to expect a drop in business.

On behalf of York Region Condominium Corporation #1003, I urge you and Council not to approve this proposal.

Please let me know if there is anything else that I or my neighbours can do or if you need any additional information.

Thank you for your attention.

Ming Lee President, Board of Directors, YRCC #1003 36 Drew Kelly Way Markham, ON L3R 5R3

Subject:

Bell Communications Tower

From: David Ryckman

Sent: November-04-13 4:19 PM

To: Ho, Alan

Cc: Lvnda Rvckman

Subject: Bell Communications Tower

To: Alan Ho, Markham Councillor

From: David & Lynda Ryckman

49 Colonel Marr Rd. Markham, Ontario L3R 9E2

Re: Proposed Bell Communications Tower: 9253 Woodbine Av.

This is to inform you that we will not be able to attend this Public Meeting as we both must attend our respective jobs at that time.

We would like to voice our serious concerns about this proposed tower. We believe that there is substantial evidence to prove that there are Electromagnetic Fields (EMF's) that emanate from these towers. Such EMF's are known to cause serious health risks for those who reside or work close to such towers. This location is a very high density area putting many people at risk. It is not an appropriate site.

We live very close to the proposed site and will vigorously oppose any action that will attempt to push this project forward.

It would be expected that the applicant (Bell) will have data that will minimize the effects of these towers. We strongly urge the Development Services Committee to seek the services of an independent company that can provide unbiased EMF measurements and information. This must be done before any committment can be made to Bell.

We recognize that these towers are now part of the reality of our society. However, we believe that everything should be done to locate them where they will do the least amount of damage. Surely a more remote location can be found to avoid exposing so many people in this high density neighborhood.

We would appreciate it if you could please forward information to us as it becomes available. Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

David & Lynda Ryckman