

# THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** June 22, 2021  
**TO:** Council  
**FROM:** Tyler Duval, Planning Consultant  
**SUBJECT:** **Request for Concurrence Telecommunications Tower Telecommunications Review Protocol**  
**OWNER/APPLICANT:** Xplornet Communications

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### RECOMMENDATION:

**That Council authorize staff to provide a letter of concurrence for the proposed location of a 45m tall communications tower at the property known municipally as 900 Ramsay Concession 7A, Carleton Place (ON7942 Galbraith) for Xplornet Communications;**

### BACKGROUND:

Xplornet Communications (“Xplornet”) Inc has publically circulated an application via Innovation, Science and Economic Development (“ISED”) (formerly Industry Canada) for the installation of a 45m communications tower.

In order to finalize the application for permitting approval with ISED, Xplornet requires a *Letter of Concurrence* from the local municipality. If Xplornet does not receive a letter of concurrence, ISED has indicated that it will intervene to mediate an appropriate location or siting designs for a tower in the community.

The tower is proposed on the subject property located approximately 1.5km northwest from the Ramsay Concession 7A and Drummond Road intersection (see Context Map). The proposed installation is required to provide Xplornet customers with improved internet network coverage and data services in the Galbraith and Carleton Place surrounding areas.

**Figure 1 – Context Map**



The proposed installation is a lite duty self support style communications structure. The tower installation is a triangular structure and will be 45m in height and occupy a footprint of approximately 3 metres by 3 metres. The tower will have an anti-climb mechanism. Transmitting and receiving antenna equipment is mounted to the upper portion of the structure as well as provisions for future technology services.

**Figure 2 Ramsay Concession 7A BEFORE installation**



**Figure 3 Ramsay Concession 7A AFTER installation**



## **CONSULTATION AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Xplornet held a public meeting on April 20, 2021 and comments were accepted until May 2, 2021. A summary of the meeting provided by the consultant for Xplornet Communications is as follows:

- Public meeting had 5 attendees (including the landowner). Most joined the meeting for information purposes.
- One resident had concerns regarding the visual impact - they are located 500m to the northwest
- There was a general health questions and information was provided to this resident and landowner
- Discussed alternate locations on the property - many locations were looked at after the meeting, however they are not acceptable as some were too far away and others would place it in front of another resident's home.

Following the public meeting and the comments received:

- Landowner has discussed the alternate locations on the property with the concerned resident.
- Tower will stay in the original location

- Shrouding will be provided at the base of the tower via fencing and the planting of trees. Landowner is also working to increase the visual buffer between the two properties.

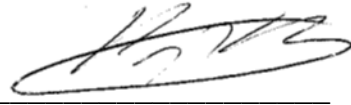
## **CONCLUSION**

Staff are satisfied that a letter of concurrence be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tyler Duval  
Planning consultant

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Ken Kelly,  
Chief Administrative Officer