

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 24, 2021
TO: Council
FROM: Tyler Duval, Planning Consultant
SUBJECT: Request for Concurrence Telecommunications Tower
Telecommunications Review Protocol
OWNER/APPLICANT: Rogers Communication Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize staff to provide a letter of concurrence for the proposed location of a 75m tall communications tower for Rogers Communication Inc. at the property legally described as RAMSAY CON 1 PT E LOT 21, RP;27R7068 PT PART 4.

BACKGROUND:

Rogers Communication Inc. (“Rogers”) has publicly circulated an application via Innovation, Science and Economic Development (“ISED”) (formerly Industry Canada) for the installation of a 75m communications tower.

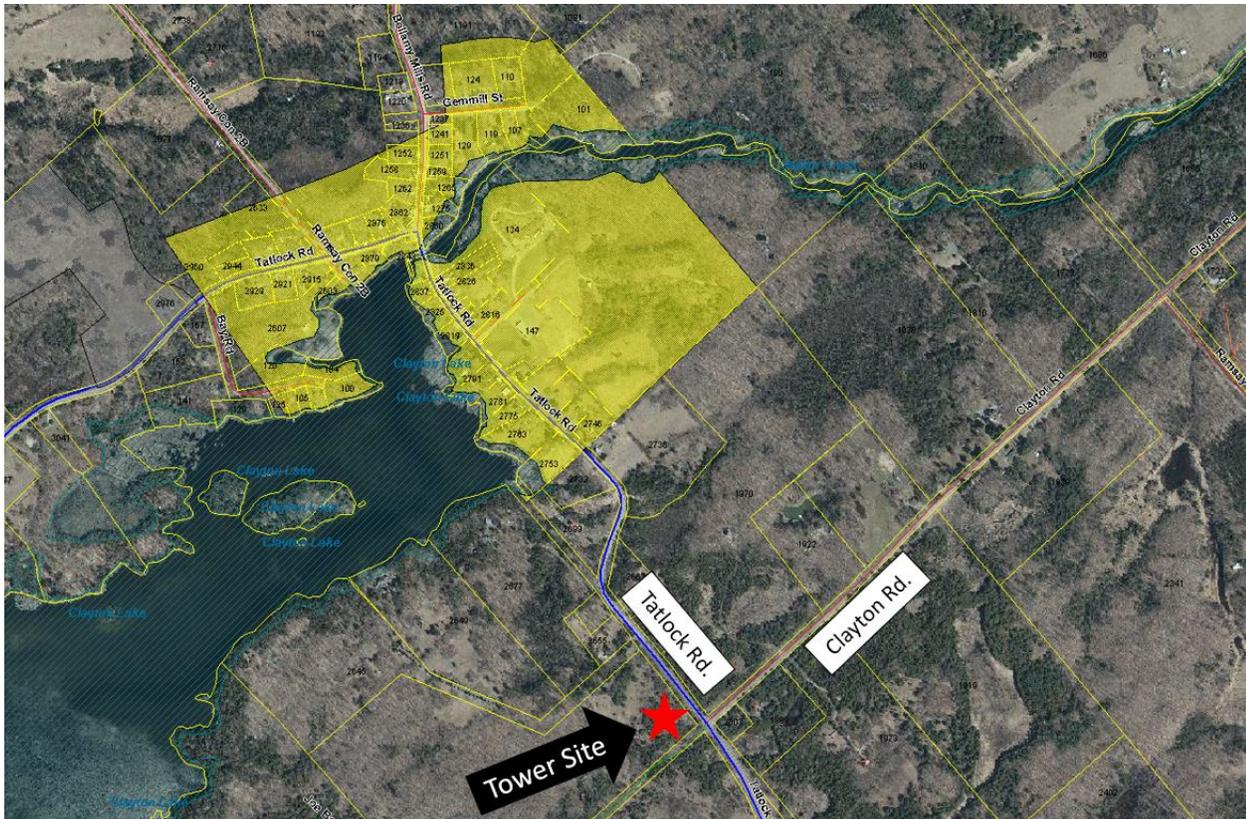
In order to finalize the application for permitting approval with ISED, Rogers requires a *Letter of Concurrence* from the local municipality. If Rogers does not receive a letter of concurrence, ISED has indicated that it will intervene to mediate an appropriate location or siting designs for a tower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

The tower is proposed on the subject property located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Tatlock Rd and Clayton Road/Joe Baye Trail, approximately 1 km south of the Village of Clayton (see Context Map). Access to the site will be via the existing entrance from Tatlock Rd.

Like many areas of the province, Mississippi Mills is experiencing a growing demand for wireless services. As people rely more on wireless devices, network improvements are required to ensure high quality services are available. In response to this growing demand for wireless services, Rogers has been working to find a suitable location for a new telecommunications structure in efforts to provide improved coverage in the area near Clayton.

The proposed 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 in the surrounding area.

Figure 1 – Context Map



The installation will be 75m self-support tower and an ancillary equipment structure surrounded by chain-link fencing.

Figure 2 – Conceptual Rendering looking west from Clayton Rd at Tatlock Rd



CONSULTATION AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rogers provided Public Notification to the ten property owners within the required 225m radius of the proposed installation. The notice was issued by regular mail on July 7th, 2021. The notice described the proposal and invited comments by mail, electronic mail, or phone before August 8th, 2021. The public notification package also included an invitation to participate in an online public information & comment session via Zoom on July 21st, 2021 between 6:00pm-6:40pm.

A newspaper ad was published in the July 8th, 2021 edition of the Carleton Place/Almonte EMC notifying the public of the proposal and inviting residents to provide comments within 30 days of the notice.

Rogers has received nine emails supporting the installation and fielded two phone calls with questions from residents about the nature of the service improvements that the cell tower will provide. Four members of the public attended the online public information & comment session. Rogers has not received any expressions of opposition from members of the public.

Rogers has now fulfilled all circulation requirements under ISED's Default Protocol

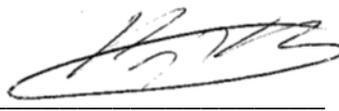
CONCLUSION

Staff are satisfied that a letter of concurrence be issued.

Respectfully submitted,



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Ken Kelly,
Chief Administrative Officer