

# THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** December 7, 2021  
**TO:** Committee of the Whole  
**FROM:** Tyler Duval, Planning Consultant  
**SUBJECT:** **Request for Concurrence Telecommunications Tower  
C8669 - Telecommunications Review Protocol  
725 Blakeney Road**  
**OWNER/APPLICANT:** Rogers Communication Inc.

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### RECOMMENDATION:

**THAT**, Committee of the Whole accept this report as information.

### 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 91.5 m guyed communication tower with ancillary equipment.

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.

On November 16<sup>th</sup> 2021, a Staff Report to Council regarding a proposed Rogers Communication Tower was referred back to staff due to improper circulation of the notice (through the Innovation, Science and Economic Development ("ISED") process). The ISED Notice was circulated incorrectly in a different newspaper than what is required.

### UPDATE

Shortly after the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, staff informed the applicant of the error and the requirement to recirculate the required notice as per the ISED and Mississippi Mills protocols. The applicant was also requested to specify to review the Municipality's Outdoor Illumination and Light Pollution Control By-law (03-62) and provide more information as to how the proposed tower would to comply to the provisions of the by-law. Special consultation with the Fred P. Lossing Observatory was also requested by the Municipality, as the proposed tower location was within the protected 4KM radius of the observatory.

Staff were advised by the applicant, on November 18, 2021, that the proposed telecommunication tower is postponed until further notice. As such, no municipal concurrence is being requested at this time from the Municipality.

## **CONSULTATION AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Should the applicant re-activate this project, they will be required to adhere to the ISED consultation guidelines protocols with specific consideration for input from the Fred Lossing Observatory.

## **CONCLUSION**

For the time being, no action is required by staff or Council. The proposed communication tower at 725 Blakeney Road is postponed.

Respectfully submitted,



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