

Association for the Protection of Rural Metchosin*¹
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Mayor Ranns and Council, <mayorandcouncil@metchosin.ca>

Mr. Darren Hird, Telus <darren.hird@telus.com>

Dear Mr. Hird and Mayor Ranns and Council,

Telus Tower

Our members were delighted to read in the Oct 20 Goldstream Gazette that Telus is prepared to consider alternatives to the 4537 Rocky Point site. Our members strongly oppose that site for a variety of health, safety and community reasons. Members do favour improvements in cell phone coverage. We strongly believe that satisfactory alternatives do exist in this large and sparsely populated municipality.

Our members' meeting on October 20 instructed me to urge Telus and the District to engage in a consultation which would include:

- --on the side of Telus, a clear statement of desired characteristics, provision of maps identifying areas with satisfactory potential in terms of sight lines, access etc. and (or even better) assigning technical staff to provide such information during on-ground investigations,
- --on the side of the Municipality, staff and/or volunteers to identify potential areas which meet District criteria, to review them with the Telus team, and encourage relevant landowners to participate (should municipal property not be satisfactory), and
- --on the side of both, to hold public consultations on the options which appear feasible.

¹ *The APRM is a registered non-profit society established in 1993 dedicated to preserving the quality of rural life and peaceful co-existence of homes, farmlands, diverse livelihoods, forests, natural habitats and trails in our community. Our membership is open to both resident and non-resident friends of rural Metchosin and currently comprises over 180 families.

We believe such a process would identify sites which are far superior to 4537 Rocky Point Road. We appreciate this process may not produce overnight results, but we take heart from Mr. Hall's statement (in the Gazette) that "We are not in any rush."

I hope you will excuse my sending this letter by email in the interest of saving time.

Yours sincerely,

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