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**Ref: Proposed Telecommunications Tower Rocky Point Road,
Metchosin**

As a Metchosin resident, and current Telus subscriber, I am putting pen to paper to protest your proposed Cell Tower on the Knights of Columbus property on Rocky Point Road . I feel compelled to take a stand against this recent proposed Cell Tower Site, due to the conflict of interest this proposal has created.

It is purported that a cell tower on Neild Road does not adequately cover Metchosin, and an additional tower seems warranted by some of the Telus customers. I do query the location, as well as the manner in which Telus have bullied the local neighbors about the rushing through of this construction at this inappropriate site.

Your Rules and Regulations cite visual pollution as a consideration. However this particular site in Metchosin is one of the most visible spots in the Heart of Metchosin. Every single person, both locals and visiting travelers using Rocky Point road will be accosted by this Industrial structure on the border of a "farmed" acreage. Telus's offers with regards to "beautify" this eye sore are insulting. Their offer to plant shrubs at the base would be like putting an Ogre in a Tuxedo. As well , Telus is avoiding the TRUE concerns of the neighbors which is regarding the possible health concerns emitted by these towers.

My understanding is that Industry Canada requires tower proponents to engage in a 120 day public consultation process, and that the public should be informed, or given a chance to make representations about many criteria. Yet two weeks after the notice was given , Telus was flexing their disregard to the public concerns by drilling pilot holes at the inappropriate site. Seemingly a "Strong arm" tactic to intimidate to local resident that Telus would do whatever Telus wants.

Metchosin is a group of residents who hold strong the values of Community. Due to this "Commitment to Unity" the word spread quickly and neighbors reached out to neighbors to band together and speak up. To reiterate, our concerns are around the Health effects this tower could cause when placed so closed to residents. Would Telus like our barns and their emissions placed beside their houses??

Our Farm is in a direct line of sight from this proposed site, so I feel I have the right to express my personal concerns regarding about this tower. Though the research has arguments for both sides regarding these Health issues, I for one am not by nature a gambler when it comes to things that "could" affect my health.

In closing , I feel it is necessary for Telus to look at the alternative sites that have been brought to their attention .An alternate location where the impact of the tower will not have detrimental affects to local residents in their homes. Should Telus continue with their lack of interested to public concerns it will leave me to have to re evaluate my continued support of Telus with our home phone lines.

Though you may not see us farmers traveling the halls of the Corporate world we do have an old saying that rings true in most situations which Telus should give serious consideration t;

Don't Bite that Hand that Feeds YOU !

Sincerely,

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