

## **Timeline** for Telus proposal to build radiocommunication tower in Metchosin

- Spring, 2010            Telus contacts District of Metchosin (DM), asks about putting a tower on municipal land. Council turns Telus down. DM CAO proposes some alternate sites to Telus. Telus ask who owns the field northwest of the municipal buildings.
- Summer, 2010            DM, with Telus knowledge, begins work on a Metchosin antenna siting policy for the by-laws
- Summer, 2010            Telus, without DM knowledge, contacts the Juan de Fuca Columbus Club, nonresident owners of the 17 acres of ALR northwest of the municipal buildings. A contract is drawn up between Telus and the Columbus Club leasing a small corner of the Columbus Club land, the part nearest to other residences, for a 100 ft.radiocommunication antenna.
- Sept 5, 2010            DM and about 7 residents in Metchosin receive a Telus proposal, dated Sept 1, 2010, to build a 100 ft. antenna on the corner of Columbus Club land. Telus says that it will follow Industry Canada's Default Public Consultation Process outlined in CPC-2-0-03 because DM does not have a siting protocol.
- Sept 9,2010            The Metchosin Planner, Sherry Hurst, presents a memo to the DM CAO analyzing the Telus proposal. She notes several concerns: visual impact along the road, many residents excluded from notification, small lot size (.074 acres) along road precluding normal by-law setbacks, density of residences near tower, lack of details in proposal (no description about power output or frequency range, no consideration of alternate sites).
- Sept 13,2010            At the DM Council Meeting a draft of a Communications Antenna Location and Consultation Policy is presented. Adopted by the DM Council as a by-law. Three residents make brief presentations opposing the siting of the tower at the proposed location.
- Sept 14-present,2010    Residents organize. They make copies of proposals for residents in 500-metre radius, distribute proposals, start a petition, contact Telus and Industry Canada for further information, try (and fail) to have a meeting with Columbus Club.
- Sept 17-20, 2010        Story breaks in the media. Articles in *Times-Colonist*, *Goldstream Gazette*, report on A-channel.
- Sept 22, 2010            DM CAO sends letter to Telus outlining DM's position on tower siting proposal. The letter says that the DM has not received official notice that the consultation process has begun, asks Telus to conform to the process and policies in the new by-law.

Sept 20-present	Residents begin to send letters to Telus. Copies of the letters are distributed to the mailing list and placed on the web site.
Sept 27, 2010	Presentation to Metchosin Council of the interim results of the a petition signed by Metchosin residents.
Sept 29 , 2010	Dr. Keith Martin, MP, sends letter to Hon. Tony Clement, Minister of Industry, asking him to instruct Telus to re-start the consultation process using the antenna siting policy passed by the Metchosin Council.
Sept 30, 2010	Final Results of petition drive sent to Telus. Every one of the 21 adults in the area officially notified by Telus (those living within 100 meters of the base of the proposed tower) added their names to a petition that asks Telus to find another site for the tower. In addition, 90% of the contacted residences within 500 meters of the proposed tower have also signed the petition.
Oct 4, 2010	CFOX radio and CHEK-TV carry reports of the Telus tower disagreement
Oct 5, 2010	Katharina Gustavs of Rainbow Consulting sends a letter to Metchosin Council documenting her survey of RF radiation in the vicinity of the proposed tower.
Oct 4-6, 2010	Telus sends a letter to the District of Metchosin outlining its reasons for proceeding with the tower siting and construction without prior or subsequent consultation with the District. Metchosin replies that it does not agree with Telus's interpretation of historical events and says that it expects Telus to comply with its current policy.
Oct 5, 2010	Letter sent to Hon. Tony Clements by a group of resident "stakeholders" detailing failures to observe CPC-2-0-03 standards in the initial phase of the public consultation process.
Oct 10, 2010	Vandalism reported at Knights of Columbus property. Water hose supports knocked over, lines broken.
Oct 13, 2010	District of Metchosin invites Telus and Industry Canada representatives to Metchosin to meet with Council. Discussion of current process and possible future directions with alternate sites. Kem Luther reflections and official minutes are on the web site
Oct 13, 2010	<i>Goldstream Gazette</i> carries an article on the issue. Reporting by Erin McCracken.
Oct 15, 2010	<i>Times-Colonist</i> carries story by Sandra McCulloch on the Telus tower issue in October 15 paper.

Oct 16, 2010 A Telus-subcontracted 1-Call Locators truck is at the proposed Telus tower site, marking underground connections in preparation for excavation.

Oct 20, 2010 *Goldstream Gazette* carries a third article on the tower issue. Reporting by Erin McCracken.

Oct 22, 2010 The 180-member Association for the Protection of Rural Metchosisin writes to Telus encouraging the company to find alternate sites,

Oct 22, 2010 The resident stakeholders who sent a letter to Hon. Tony Clements on October 5 learn that the letter has been referred to Michael Krenz, District Director of the Victoria Industry Canada Office for reply.

Oct 26, 2010 More vandalism. Many of the signs put up by residents who are protesting the Telus Tower are torn down and hauled away by a mysterious white truck.

Oct 26, 2010 Letter to the editor in *Metchosin Muse* about public space and the proposed tower.

Oct 27, 2010 Letter sent to Michael Krenz, A/District Director of Industry Canada, calling attention to the suspension of the Telus proposal until dispute is resolved about the validity of the current default public consultation process.

Nov 5, 2010 An article in the *Times-Colonist* mentions new research linking cell towers to health issues. The article mentions the Metchosisin dispute.

Nov 12, 2010 Owner residents who received Telus's proposal to build a tower at 4537 Rocky Point Road received a reply to their Oct. 27 letter (see above). Michael Krenz of Industry Canada tries to make the curious point that those who received Telus's proposal are not stakeholders.

Nov 13, 2010 New wave of protest signs goes up along Rocky Point Road and adjoining roads.

Nov 16, 2010 Reply sent to Michael Krenz asking for immediate implementation of the dispute resolution process.

Nov 18, 2010 District of Metchosisin Letter to Industry Canada requesting that Industry Canada intervene to start a genuine consultation between the District and Telus over the siting of a radiocommunications tower.

Nov 22, 2010 Short letter from Jim Laursen of Industry Canada in reply to the November 16 letter asking for initiation of dispute resolution process: dispute resolution process is not mentioned.

Nov 24, 2010 Persons who sent a letter to Telus in response to their initial proposal receive a letter from Darren Hird at Telus giving a general response to questions. No detailed responses to detailed questions are provided.

Nov 30, 2010 An article in the *Times-Colonist* about the current state of the Telus/District of Metchosin dispute around cell tower placement ("Six Metchosin Sites Assessed for Cell Towers").

Dec 11, 2010 Kem Luther's letter of reply to Telus generic response letter of Nov. 24.

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Dec 13, 2010 Sally Garcelon's letter of reply to Telus generic response letter of Nov. 24.

Dec 16, 2010 Mike Sargent's letter of reply to Telus generic response letter of Nov. 24.

Dec 21, 2010 Heather Hamilton's letter of reply to Telus generic response letter of Nov. 24.

Jan 4, 2011 Goldstream Gazette article about Mayor Ranns letter to Industry Canada. Article names alternate sites Telus is looking at.

Jan 23, 2011 Knights of Columbus group reports a new incident of vandalism at 4537 Rocky Point Road (see Oct 10 above for first incident). This time "a lock box was deliberately entered with a chisel, key taken, gates opened, gate locks taken, all but a couple of the stand pipes and posts broken off, all hose bibs taken, berry support posts bent." (Message from Ken Rehman)

Jan 27, 2011 Goldstream Gazette article about vandalism at 4537 Rocky Point Road.

Jan 29, 2011 "No tower here" sign stolen by someone who came onto the property of Kem and Jeanne Luther.

Feb 2, 2011 Larry Johnson arranges for a bank of signs, mounted on the side of a box trailer, to be parked directly across from the 4537 Rocky Point Road property.

Feb 7, 2011 Telus sends a letter to the Metchosin Council saying that it has completed the public consultation process for the 4537 Rocky Point site and that it wants the Council to make an "official statement of position" on the proposal. Council discusses the letter at their evening meeting and votes unanimously to advise Telus that it does not support the proposed location.

Oct 30, 2011 Last month the District of Metchosin contacted Telus by letter to assess where Telus was in its search for a Metchosin tower site. Telus replied that it was still looking.