

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

In July 2019, the City Council of Pitt Meadows passed this landmark resolution:

“THAT Council forward a letter to their MP, MLA, Dr. Bonnie Henry, Health Canada, ISED (Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada) and Telus expressing significant concerns regarding the long-term health consequences related to cell towers, microcells and wireless technology.”

Local governments can influence telecommunications policy in Canada. In truth, you are obliged to do so as you are responsible for citizen’s well-being. Would you consider following Pitt Meadows lead, and sending a letter to relevant bodies that shares the following concerns?

"_____ City Council has substantial concerns regarding: the health implications of cell tower placements in our community; the lack of awareness around potential health risks associated with cell towers; the lack of communication from the federal government on the scientific evidence pertaining to the biological effects of wireless technology; and the need to strengthen our significantly out-dated Safety Code 6.

We are also opposed to the lack of public consultation required by ISED when antennas are placed on existing structures in our communities and we are concerned about the untested emerging 5G technology this infrastructure facilitates. We support fiber optic networks connected directly to the premises as a faster, safer alternative to wireless 5G."

Background Information:

1. Scientists Urge Precaution

- To date, 250 EMF (electromagnetic field) scientists from 42 nations have signed an Appeal asking the United Nations for greater health protection on EMF exposure. See the Appeal at: EMFscientist.org.

2. Science shows adverse environmental and wildlife effects from wireless radiation.

- Learn more here: [Physicians for Safe Technology | Environment and Wildlife Effects](#)

3. The small cell antenna densification now underway creates many complex issues for local governments including: · Liability · Aesthetics · Safety · Public Health · Increased Energy Consumption · Expensive Infrastructure Upgrades, and A lack of Local Authority over the Public Right of Way

- In its 2019 [Review of the Canadian Communications Legislative Framework](#) the City of Calgary stated:

“The City strongly emphasizes the need for local control and flexibility to manage its own assets.... municipalities are concerned with issues of urban design, community aesthetics, safety, affordability and fair return on municipal investments. However, these concerns are often overridden by federal decisions which favor market interests.”

4. [Here](#) is a copy of a letter your Pitt Meadow cohorts have sent regarding their concerns.

Thanks, so much for considering this matter and for all you do on our behalf,

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