

2CITY OF AIRDRIE

Freestanding Telecommunication Antenna Structures Policy

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PURPOSE:

To establish a policy governing the placement of freestanding telecommunication antenna structures within the City of Airdrie.

POLICY:

A. Public Consultation

Free-standing telecommunication antennas of 15 metres in height or greater on sites located within the Specified Setback Distance (Section C below) of a residential development in an approved planning document shall be the subject of a consultation process conducted by the proponent with the surrounding property owners.

A minimum of 2 weeks before the consultation meeting, notice of the consultation meeting shall be delivered to each residential property within the specified setback distance by the proponent of the tower, and shall be advertised at least once in the local newspaper.

The notice shall clearly describe the height, appearance and exact location of the proposed tower, and the name and telephone number of a contact person for the proponent. The notice shall include a map or plan of the area showing the location of the proposed tower structure, and the radius of the Specified Setback Distance.

Following the meeting, the proponent shall provide the City administration with a meeting report containing the names and addresses of all attendees and a copy of the agenda and minutes of the meeting, indicating the topics discussed additional concerns raised, resolutions, and any issues still outstanding.

City administration will provide the proponent with a letter within 21 days of receipt of the meeting report outlining its position on the proposed structure and confirming that the public consultation process was carried out. A copy is also to be sent to the local Member of Parliament.

B. Public Meeting Exceptions

Notification and Public Consultation are not required where:

- An antenna is mounted on a building of 6 storeys or more, or comprises less than 25% of the aggregate height of the building;
- An antenna mounted on a building projects less than 2 metres in height above the top of the building;
- A proposed antenna is to be located within a commercial or industrial land use district and to lie outside of the specified setback distance.

C. Specified Setback Distances

Notification and Consultation are required to be conducted by the proponent in accordance with Section A of this document for all proposed antennas in any Residential Land Use District, or in an Industrial or Commercial District, as follows:

- For Antennas 15 metres (50ft) or less in height* and located 100 metres from the nearest existing residential District;
- For antennas over 15 metres but less than 30 metres (100 ft) in height and located 200 metres from the nearest existing residential District;
- For antennas over 30 metres but less than 45 metres (150 ft) in height and located 400 metres from the nearest residential District;
- For antennas over 45 metres in height and located 600 metres from the nearest residential District.

* Height is measured from the base of the tower at grade to its highest projection.

Notification and consultation are required to include all residences lying within 500 metres of a proposed antenna proposed to be erected in a Residential Land Use District.

D. Co-utilization

All applicants for free-standing antenna structures will be requested to identify any other such structure within a radius of 500 metres of the proposed location and to provide documentary evidence that co-utilization of the existing or new structure is not a viable alternative to a second structure.

E. Appearance and Environmental Concerns

All applicants for antenna structures which are visible from residential areas may be requested to employ innovative design measures to mitigate the visual impact of these structures.

The City of Airdrie will recommend to Industry Canada that an Environmental Assessment be carried out prior to the issuance of a license where the public process has raised unresolved concerns about public health and related effects of wireless communication technology.