

MINUTES

Mayor Foxtan was in the Chair. Also, present at the meeting were Councillor Rolleman, Councillor Ostner, Councillor Wilms, and Councillor Tilley.

Staff Present: Andrew McNeely, Chief Administrative Officer
Kyle Kruger, Acting Clerk
Cynthia Hislop, Deputy Clerk
Shannon Black, Director of Development Services / Chief Building Official
Michael Campos, Manager of Planning
Christina Blazinovic, Planner/GIS Technician

Convene: 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

C-111-24 Moved by Councillor Ostner
Seconded by Councillor Tilley

THAT Council adopt the March 26, 2024 Council Agenda - Public Planning Meeting as presented with the following addenda:

- Add correspondence and attachments received from Paul and Pat Cabral, regarding Item 8.1 Report PD-09-2024 – Proposed Telecommunication Tower at 1056 Whistle Bare Road (File No. TC-02/23)
- Add correspondence and attachments received from Jodi & David Olienick, regarding Item 8.1 Report PD-09-2024 – Proposed Telecommunication Tower at 1056 Whistle Bare Road (File No. TC-02/23)

CARRIED

3. INDIGENOUS TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Foxtan led the Indigenous Territory Acknowledgement.

4. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Council and staff paused for a moment of reflection.

5. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C-112-24 Moved by Councillor Rolleman
Seconded by Councillor Wilms

THAT Council approve the following meeting minutes:

6.1 Public Planning Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2024

CARRIED

7. COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

C-113-24 Moved by Councillor Tilley
Seconded by Councillor Ostner

THAT the Council meeting be adjourned at 7:03 p.m. to sit as Committee of Adjustment for the purposes of holding public meetings pursuant to the provisions of the *Planning Act*.

CARRIED

Council Reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

8. PUBLIC MEETINGS

8.1 Report PD-09-24: Proposed Telecommunication Tower at 1056 Whistle Bare Road – File No. TC-02/23

Michael Campos, Manager of Planning, presented the Public Information Report and application details. Mr. Campos noted the purpose of the meeting to present information and to solicit comments from interested members of the public regarding the proposed Telecommunication Tower to be located at 1056 Whistle Bare Road.

Staff outlined the property details and proposed tower details, noting the proposed tower is a lattice tri-pole tower 50 metres in height, which is to permit three or more carriers to install equipment. Staff advised of the public and agency comments to date as outlined in the report, and noted the Community Information Session conducted by the applicant March 14, 2024.

Staff highlighted that the recommendation at this time is to solicit public comment for staff consideration for a future report on the application.

Lucas Cuff, representing the applicant FONTUR International Inc., reviewed presentation materials regarding the application as supplied. Mr. Cuff provided an overview of Signum Wireless Towers Inc, the workings of a wireless network, the general need for new telecommunication towers, details of the proposed tower location and site in relation to existing towers, and details of the tower proposed to be 50 metres in height. Mr. Cuff also outlined proposed mitigation steps in regard to natural features and wildlife, Safety Code 6 from Health Canada, and public safety considerations regarding mobile services.

Tom Woodcock, Planning Ecologist with rare Charitable Research Reserve, owners of an adjacent property, addressed Council. He noted the application on adjacent property at 1024 Roseville Road several years ago, and stated that many of the concerns regarding their reserve with that application still hold. Mr. Woodcock stated their nearby reserve is a noted site of conservation research. He noted the tower location is less than 50 metres from their southern border, which is the site of a long term conservation research project. He expressed concerns with an electromagnetic radiation source being close to the site and significant wildlife habitat which are significant stopover points for migratory waterfowl and other birds.

Mr. Woodcock advised there are four main concerns: that the electromagnetic frequency may impede conservation activities on their property, affecting birds and their research project; that the tower is not needed for the vicinity as there is no local mobile service issues at their property; that though the process is exempt from the EA process, this does mean the use is environmentally benign and there could be impacts on birds, bats, bees, and other wildlife; and that the Industry Canada preference for co-location should consider other facilities such as new water towers in the area. He also stated it should be the obligation of the proponent to demonstrate there are no negative impacts on organisms in the area, no harm to migratory birds, and no impacts on adjacent property activities.

Paul Cabrel, 1243 Roseville Road, spoke to the application, noting the information provided regarding the previous application in 2016. Mr. Cabrel noted the 2016 application cited the need for high speed internet, but fibre has since been installed, and there are no service issues at their location. He expressed concern with EMF radiation and potential impacts on health with the increase in the number of towers, and suggested long term research is needed. He further noted that his written submission also outlined concerns with the potential impact on wetlands and wildlife. He suggested that the 2016 study identified the nominal point for a needed tower location was in Cambridge. He summarized that the site would be less than 100 metres from the 2016 proposed location, which was turned down, and the applicant should look at an industrial area or facilities in Cambridge nearer the area needing the service.

Rev Kalubowila Ananda, from the Waterloo Wellington Buddhist Monastery & Meditation Center, 1145 Roseville Road, spoke expressing concerns with the impacts of the tower on property and concerns with impacts on wildlife, noting a reconstructed wetland in the area. He suggested that other locations should be considered, and that there were no internet issues at their location.

Members of the public also inquired about the public information session mentioned in the application presentation.

It was confirmed that no other member of the public in attendance wished to speak to the application.

Members of Council raised questions regarding other options that may be available for location in the area. Staff reviewed details of the considerations and alternatives investigated regarding the 2016/2017 application, as Council did not file a letter of concurrence for that application. It was suggested that applicant may be requested to provide details of other sites that may be available and examined.

Council members also raised questions regarding options such as the new water tower or other facilities in the vicinity, alternate locations, opportunity for utilizing and sharing another tower in the vicinity, and details of tower ranges and considerations.

C-114-24 Moved by Councillor Wilms
Seconded by Councillor Rolleman

1. **THAT** PD Report No. 09-2024 be received;
2. **AND THAT** all comments and correspondence received through the consultation process be returned to Staff for consideration in a future report to the Committee on the disposition of this matter.

CARRIED

9. CLOSED SESSION

None.

10. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

By-law No. 3469-24 – Being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council on March 26, 2024.

C-115-24 Moved by Councillor Tilley
Seconded by Councillor Ostner

THAT By-law No. 3469-24 - Being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council on March 26, 2024 be read a First, Second, and Third time and be finally passed, signed and sealed by the Mayor and Acting Clerk.

CARRIED

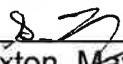
11. ADJOURNMENT

C-116-24 Moved by Councillor Rolleman
Seconded by Councillor Wilms

THAT WHEREAS business before this Council Meeting - Public Planning has been completed at 8:01 p.m.

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Meeting adjourn.

CARRIED



Susan Foxtton, Mayor



Kyle Kruger, Acting Clerk