

# **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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**Week Ending September 9, 2016**

## **REPORTS**

1. None

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS**

1. Ontario Municipal Board Reform
2. Let's Talk Housing
3. Federal Government Infrastructure

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Rogers Communications re: Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Antenna Installation
2. GRCA Current, September 2016

## **BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

1. None

## **ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE**

1. Liquor license Application – The Bookshelf of Guelph Ltd, 41 Quebec St

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
OMB Reform	Municipal Affairs	NA	<p>The Ministry of Municipal Affairs is reviewing the scope and effectiveness of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), an important part of the province's land use planning system.</p> <p>The government is developing a consultation paper that will be released in fall 2016 for further comment.</p> <p>In the meantime, the province is seeking views on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jurisdiction and powers: this could include what matters can be appealed and who may appeal them, the use of local appeal bodies and how much deference should be given to municipal decisions.</li> <li>• Meaningful citizen participation and local perspective: this could include who has access to hearings, how to ensure the ability of the public to participate, how to ensure that the process is affordable, unrepresented parties and the role of the citizen liaison office.</li> <li>• Clear/predictable decision making: this could include how to ensure fairness, adjudicator education and training and standardized decision format(s)</li> <li>• Hearing procedures and practices: this could include the formality of hearings, how expert evidence is heard and what evidence should be allowed at hearings.</li> </ul>	Staff level	At this time, the ministry is seeking feedback on the development of the consultation paper. Full consultation opportunities will be provided once the consultation paper is drafted and released to the public.	Planning	<a href="http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page14965.aspx">http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page14965.aspx</a>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alternative dispute resolution: this could include the use of mediation or other alternatives to traditional hearings or adversarial procedures as part of the appeal system.</li><li>• Timely processes and decision making: this could include the timelines for scheduling hearings and the issuing of decisions.</li></ul>				

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Let's Talk Housing	Ministry of Families, Children and Social Development (Federal Consultation)	October 21	The Federal Government is developing a National Housing Strategy. Input is requested.	Staff to complete the survey	<p>The City's Affordable Housing Strategy will be returning to Council later in the fall. The City is reliant on the actions of senior levels of government to make impactful actions to address our community's affordable housing needs identified through the City's Affordable Housing Strategy work.</p> <p>City staff will be monitoring the progress of the National Housing Strategy as it progresses and will provide updates as applicable and appropriate.</p>	Planning	<a href="https://www.letstalkhousing.ca/">https://www.letstalkhousing.ca/</a>

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Federal Government Infrastructure	Infrastructure Canada	September 16	The Government of Canada is seeking community input on its identified priorities of Communities, Green Infrastructure, Public Transit and Social Infrastructure.	Communications will promote community participation through its social network channels	Municipalities will have opportunities to respond formally as the Federal Government proceeds with their policy work. Citizen engagement is requested at this stage	Communications and IG	<a href="http://www.infraconsults.ca/">http://www.infraconsults.ca/</a>



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**Landowner Information Package**  
**Proposed Rogers Communications Wireless Telecommunication Antenna Installation**  
**1216 Victoria Road South, Puslinch**  
**Rogers File Number: C7600**

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In response to rising demand for wireless voice and data services in this area, Rogers Communications Inc. is proposing to construct a new wireless telecommunication antenna installation at 1216 Victoria Road South, Puslinch. Rogers Communications feels that the proposed site is well situated to provide and improve wireless data services to the community. The proposed site has been situated and designed to have minimal impact on surrounding land uses. We look forward to working with township and the community to improve wireless services in the area.

**What is being proposed?**

A 45-metre monopole antenna tower, and an equipment cabinet at the base within a fenced compound. The tower is proposed to be painted white or light grey, unless otherwise required to satisfy NAV Canada or Transport Canada requirements. It is proposed to be located approximately 50 metres north of Arkell Road and 86 metres east of Victoria Road South. A photosimulation of the proposed installation is shown at right.

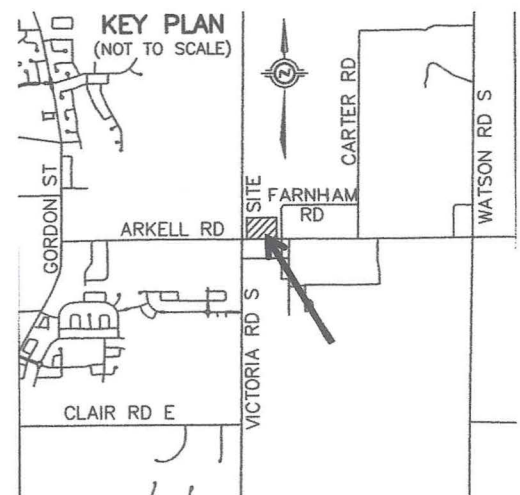


**Why is this installation needed?**

Network engineers have reviewed the available level of service in the area and have determined that an additional antenna installation is required to improve network conditions. No existing towers or buildings of sufficient height are available in the area that would be an alternative to a new tower.

The public is welcome to request additional information or provide written comments to:

Sean Galbraith, Municipal Affairs Manager  
LandSquared (Agent for Rogers Communications)  
275 Macpherson Ave, Unit 103  
Toronto, ON M4V 1A4  
sgalbraith@landsquared.com



Please reference **C7600** in your correspondence. The public commenting period closes October 2, 2016.

The Township of Puslinch can be reached at:  
Township of Puslinch  
7404 Wellington Road 34  
Puslinch, ON N1H 6H9  
Phone: (519) 763-1226

copy: Legal  
Engineering  
Bldg.  
Planning.



Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (formerly known as Industry Canada) is the regulatory authority for installations of this type and can be contacted at:

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, Western and Central Ontario District  
4475 North Service Road, Suite 100  
Burlington, ON L7L 4X7  
[ic.spectrumcwod-spectredcoo.ic@canada.ca](mailto:ic.spectrumcwod-spectredcoo.ic@canada.ca)

#### **Health Canada's Safety Code 6 Compliance**

Rogers Communications attests that the radio antenna system described in this notification package will comply with Health Canada's Safety Code 6 limits, as may be amended from time to time, for the protection of the general public including any combined effects of additional carrier co-locations and nearby installations within the local radio environment. For more information on Safety Code 6, please visit the following Health Canada site: [www.healthcanada.gc.ca/radiation](http://www.healthcanada.gc.ca/radiation).

#### **Control of Public Access**

The site facility would include a locked, alarmed and electronically monitored mechanical equipment cabinet, which would be situated within a fenced compound.

#### **Canadian Environmental Assessment Act**

Rogers attests that the radio antenna system described in this notification package is excluded from environmental assessment under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 (CEAA 2012), as the antenna system is not incidental to a designated project or located on federal land.

#### **Transport Canada's Aeronautical Obstruction Marking Requirements**

Rogers Communications attests that the radio antenna system described in this notification package will comply with Transport Canada / NAV Canada aeronautical safety requirements.

The structure lighting system to be used for this installation will include upward facing directional baffles as part of the lighting module that will direct light upward to air traffic and away from the view of those residents, pedestrians and motorists on the ground.

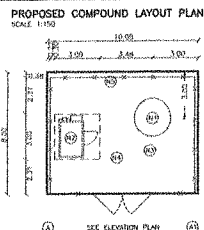
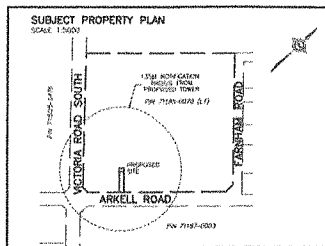
For additional detailed information, please consult Transport Canada at:  
[www.tc.gc.ca/CivilAviation/Regserv/Affairs/cars/PART6/Standards/Standard621.htm](http://www.tc.gc.ca/CivilAviation/Regserv/Affairs/cars/PART6/Standards/Standard621.htm)

#### **Engineering Practices**

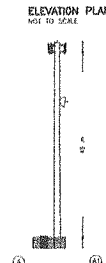
Rogers Communications attests that the radio antenna system described in this notification package will be constructed in compliance with the National Building Code of Canada and comply with good engineering practices including structural adequacy.

#### **Public Disclosure of Comments**

Submissions received shall form part of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's Public Consultation Process under the Spectrum Management and Telecommunications Client Procedures Circular CPC-2-0-03, Issue 5, and will be made public as part of a report issued to the Municipality and Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada.



- NOTES**
- PROPOSED CIRCULAR STEEL MONOPOLE WITH LIGHTNING PROTECTION SYSTEM
  - PART 1 ONLY SUBJECT TO ANY COUNCIL REQUIREMENTS
  - ANTENNA HEIGHT AND LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED
  - FOUNDATION DESIGN FURNISHING FOR REPORT
  - PROPOSED PREFABRICATED GALVANNEED STEEL WALK-IN RAMP
  - EQUIPMENT CABINET (1.8M X 0.6M)
  - FOUNDATION DESIGN FURNISHING FOR REPORT
  - HYDRO CONNECTION AND ROUTING TO BE DETERMINED BY
  - QUALIFIED PERSONNEL IN CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL AUTHORITY
  - DESIGNER EXISTING TOWER, UNDER SOIL SURVEILLANCE AND
  - PLACE FOR OWNERS/CLIENTS A PROPOSED COMPOUND AREA
  - PROPOSED COMPOUND TO BE 1.8M X 0.6M WITH 1.8M X 0.6M
  - PROPOSED GROUND AND SLOPED AREA FROM SLOPE AT
  - WITH 1.8M X 0.6M TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE DRAINAGE
  - PROPOSED 1.8 M HIGH CHAIN LINK SECURITY FENCE
  - EQUIPPED WITH BARBED WIRE SURROUNDING COMPOUND



**SCHEDULE**

LOT	LOT	DEVELOPER PLAN	FIN	AREA
1	PART OF LOT 3 WEST OF BLIND LINE	131	PART OF 71185-0025 (L1)	550.0 sq. m.
2	REST OF BLIND LINE			455.0 sq. m.

TOPOGRAPHIC PLAN  
AND SITE LAYOUT DESIGN  
OF PROPOSED TELECOM TOWER INSTALLATION  
**PART OF LOT 3 WEST OF BLIND LINE**  
**REGISTERED PLAN 131**  
TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH  
COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

ADDRESS:  
1216 VICTORIA ROAD SOUTH  
GUELPH, ON, N1L1C6

SCALE 1 : 500

**SEXTON McKay LIMITED**  
ONARIO LAND SURVEYORS  
CANADA LAND SURVEYOR

METRIC DISTANCES AND/OR COORDINATES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN ARE TO BE USED AND CAN BE CONVERTED TO FEET BY DIVIDING BY 0.3048

**NOTES**

BEARINGS ARE GIVEN EITHER FROM OBSERVED BEARING POINTS (OBSP) OR FROM A TRUE BEARING LINE BETWEEN OBSERVATIONS (TBM) FROM 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 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## August rainstorms

Big storms began to bring heavy rains to the watershed about 10 days into August, but this did not compensate for the dry weather over previous months.

Two months of rain fell during the latter part of August. This started with a system of thunderstorms Aug. 11 that brought more than one month of rain to most of the watershed over six days, including another major downpour on Aug. 20. Stormy weather on Aug. 25 brought more rain, including 92 mm within two hours near the GRCA's head office in Cambridge.

Temperatures have been higher than usual with many 25C to 30C days during August. The August mean monthly temperature was about 3C above average for this time of year.

While as much as 90 per cent of the flow in the Grand River at Doon had come from the reservoirs at one point in August, this decreased to 42 per cent after the heavy rains.

Reservoir levels remain low. However, this year is similar to 2012, which was also dry, and the reservoirs will help augment river flows through the fall.

## Level 2 low water response despite heavy rains

The push for stronger water conservation measures was expanded to take in the entire Grand River watershed on Aug. 11 and remains in place.

The watershed remains in a Level 2 condition under the Ontario Low Water Response program. This means that water users on both municipal and private water supplies are asked to voluntarily reduce consumption by 20 per cent. Until Aug. 11, a Level 2 condition applied only in the Whitemans and McKenzie Creek subwatersheds.

Dry conditions over the past few months mean that the large reservoirs are generally at the bottom of the operating range for this time of year. Dry weather has made the ground hard, and rain can't seep in as it normally would. Short bursts of

very intense rainfall have led to runoff into streams and rivers. This kind of rainfall doesn't alleviate dry conditions the way that a slow steady rain does. During hot weather, moisture evaporates more quickly, also leading to the current dry conditions.

## Algae warnings at Conestogo and Belwood

Warning signs advising people to be cautious around the water due to health risks associated with blue-green algae went up on Aug. 29 at Conestogo Lake and were up Aug. 12 to 19 at Belwood Lake.

The blue-green algae are the source of microcystin, a toxin that is released by blue-green algae as they die. This toxin can cause skin rashes after contact or illness after being ingested by people or animals.

Algae blooms are a natural phenomenon. They tend to occur during hot dry weather, and are more common during late summer and early fall. When the algae die, the toxin is released into the water, where it naturally breaks down in about five to seven days.

Algae feed on phosphorous, a chemical found naturally in soil as well as in manure, fertilizers and human waste.

## Two-zone mapping for Elora

Draft two-zone floodplain mapping for Elora will be released for public review.

Elora is within the Township of Centre Wellington, which asked that the two-zone floodplain policy be considered for part of Elora. The mapping for this was recently completed. A similar policy and mapping was completed for part of Fergus in 2008.

A two-zone area identifies low risk areas within the floodplain where development would not normally be permitted. However, it allows redevelopment with restrictions to manage the

risk to people and property from floods. Two-zone areas have been put in place for some communities that developed along waterways before current planning regulations were in place.

Centre Wellington will be initiating an Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw amendment with public consultation before finalizing the changes.

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## Chicopee 20-year licence

The GRCA is entering a 20-year licence agreement with Chicopee Ski Club.

An earlier 20-year lease that was signed in 1997 is about to expire, and this new agreement has been negotiated with the club. The updated licence with the club keeps the original conditions with some minor modifications. The agreement is related to use of 168 acres of land for a multi-season recreational facility.

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## Niska Road property

A Woodbridge company, Delsan AIM, has been awarded a tender valued at \$106,000 to demolish six buildings and related fencing, pens and debris on the GRCA's Niska Road property on the west side of Guelph.

This property had previously been occupied by the Kortright Waterfowl Park for many years. A seventh building on the property is not part of this contract, but it will also be removed. Removal of the buildings is expected to be completed by the end of October.

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## Conservation Authorities Act Review

The GRCA supports Conservation Ontario's submission to the Conservation Authorities Act Review.

In 2015 the provincial government initiated a review of the Conservation Authorities Act, which governs Ontario's 36 conservation authorities. Last August the GRCA provided detailed comments related to governance, funding, roles and responsibilities.

This spring, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry posted a second discussion paper, which identified priorities for moving forward with the review. Multi-stakeholder engagement



The hot, dry summer may have led to Level 2 Dry Water Response across the watershed, but it has also been ideal weather to get out and beat the heat at Grand River Parks. Kids enjoyed the splash pad at Elora Gorge during a visit to the park on Aug. 29.

sessions then took place until June. The public and agencies can submit feedback by Sept. 9 to determine the priorities and improvements that can be made to the CA Act.

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## Rockwood campground sanitary servicing

The GRCA has retained C.C. Underground of Orillia to make changes to the sanitary servicing of the campground at Rockwood Park.

The project will create a new sanitary outlet that will connect directly to the municipality's Alma Street sanitary pumping station. It includes a trenchless crossing of Highway 7. The work is scheduled to be completed by April 2017. The construction project is valued at approximately \$154,000.

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## GRCA photo contest gets a boost

The GRCA's 2016 photo contest received a boost from Kitchener's Centre In The Square.

The overall grand prize winner will not only receive a \$500 gift certificate from a local camera retailer, but also two sets of tickets to hear four explorers, filmmakers and photographers who are speaking as part of a series.

Photos can be submitted until Oct. 28. There are also category prizes for recreation, nature and panoramic photos.

In addition, a Grand River Parks Membership is given away at the end of each month in a random draw. Each photographer who submits one or more photos during the month is entered into this draw. So far, there have been four winners — Gary Curran of Guelph (May), Ron Rhodes of Waterloo (June), Joseph McPhail of Dundas (July) and Gabriela Ferrari of Guelph (August).

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