

COMMITTEE AGENDA

Consolidated as of September 6, 2013



TO **Planning & Building, Engineering and Environment Committee**

DATE September 10, 2013

LOCATION Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall, 1 Carden Street

TIME 12:30 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – July 15, 2013 Open and Closed Meeting Minutes

PRESENTATIONS (Items with no accompanying report)

- a) Request to Change Cell Tower Policy
- Sue Lebrecht
 - Frank Clegg, CEO, Canadians for Safe Technology

Available to Answer Questions:

- Rob Metzinger, Electronics Engineering Technologist, BBEC President
- Tracey Manton, Guelph Resident

Correspondence:

- Michele Cooksley
- Brian and Csilla Adkins
- Annie Corbin
- Rino Bourgoin
- Judy Morrison
- Katie Buckley
- Marcy Young
- Alison Rothwell
- Christina Vander Pryt
- On-Line Petitions

CONSENT AGENDA

The following resolutions have been prepared to facilitate the Committee's consideration of the various matters and are suggested for consideration. If the Committee wishes to address a specific report in isolation of the Consent Agenda,

please identify the item. The item will be extracted and dealt with separately. The balance of the Planning & Building, Engineering and Environment Committee Consent Agenda will be approved in one resolution.

ITEM	CITY PRESENTATION	DELEGATIONS	TO BE EXTRACTED
PBEE-2013.30 Sign By-law Variance for 728 Victoria Road South (Pidel Homes)			
PBEE-2013.31 York Trunk Sewer And Paisley-Clythe Feedermain: Recycled Water Distribution System and Edinburgh Road Trail Underpass			

Resolution to adopt the balance of the Planning & Building, Engineering and Environment Committee Consent Agenda.

ITEMS EXTRACTED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Once extracted items are identified, they will be dealt with in the following order:

- 1) delegations (may include presentations)
- 2) staff presentations only
- 3) all others.

STAFF UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSED MEETING

THAT the Planning & Building, Engineering and Environment Committee now hold a meeting that is closed to the public with respect to:

S. 239 (2) (c) proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: October 9, 2013

From: Sue
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 02:27 PM
To: Tina Agnello
Subject: Fwd: Cell Tower Presentation

Hello Tina,

In my upcoming presentation I'm also including mention of these links:

* One link is to an article about insurance companies getting ready for a wave of claims; they see cell towers as an insurance risk.

<http://www.claimsjournal.com/news/national/2013/08/21/235352.htm>

* What happens to your blood cells when exposed to the electromagnetic radiation of a Smart Metre for 2 minutes (similar results happen after talking on a cordless phone for 10 minutes)

<http://www.electricsense.com/6665/smart-meter-radiation-live-blood-analysis/>

Thank you,

Sue Lebrecht

I am writing to you in an effort to get the proposed eastend of Guelph (Starwood and Grange Rd). It is proposed to be built 3 blocks from my home and just down the street from my childrens elementary school!!! There are so many other empty spaces in Guelph where it could be built where it wouldn't pose any health risks to anyone. Would you want it in your backyard?? What happens in 10 years when everyone has some sort of health effect from this tower. Do I not as a Canadian have the right to continue to live in the home that I have been in for the last 11 years and be free from any health risks. Also there is a possibilty that it will affect our resale of our home if we have to move because of side effects from the tower. I don't know how the Canadian government can let the industry come before the health and well being of its citizens. The placement of this tower in a highly populated area. Where a majority of the homes are linked homes, condos, townhomes and semis. The only non residential thing in this whole area of town is the 1 small plaza that has the big bear store in it. We don't even have a gas station or grocery store in this area of town it is all residential homes!!!! Also the city is building a HUGE townhouse complex just down the street. This cellphone tower is going to affect so many Guelph residents. There are also many people in this area who work from home which means that they will constantly be exposed to the effects of the tower!!! PLEASE don't put my family and my neighborhood at risk!!!!

Thankyou

Katie Buckley

From: Marcy Young
Sent: September 5, 2013 10:29 PM
To: Blair Labelle
Subject: Stop this

Blair Labelle

There are 2 elementary schools within s block radius, and one to be built close by. Invest in our future and tell big business no, potential harm to lives means more than money. These are children who could potentially be at risk and a strong community that should hsve a say, that must mean more then better reception for a cell phone. And let's not overlook the class action lawsuit that will happen if anyone gets ill, feels nuisanced or has an invasion of privacy or loss of property cost as a result.

From: Alison Rothwell
Sent: September 2, 2013 9:59 PM
To: Blair Labelle
Subject: Grange and Starwood Cell Tower Proposal

Blair Labelle

As a Guelph resident, I am significantly opposed to the proposed installation of the new cell tower at Grange and Starwood. Until such time as the existing legislation (Safety Code 6) regarding the permissible exposure limits of EMR has been reviewed and improved to protect the health and safety of Guelph residents - Canada's standard is the worst in the world, 100 times more lenient than most of Europe - I am opposed to the installation of ANY new cell towers and transmitters in Guelph!. We deserve legislation that puts our safety first. Thank you.

From: Christina Vander Pryt
Sent: September 2, 2013 12:15 PM
To: Blair Labelle
Subject: PAY ATTENTION IT'S OUR HEALTH AT RISK

Blair Labelle

I just found out there is going to be a Bell Cell phone tower at the corner of Starwood Dr. and Grange Rd. I would like to know why there was no notification of this happening to the neighbourhoods affected by this. I am fully aware of the harmful affects of these type of Cell towers and do not want my children and myself affected by this. I would like an explanation. I am going to let everyone know what kind of government we have here in Guelph who does not notify the tax payers and give us the option to say no to this danger. Originally written by Kimberly. I FEEL THE SAME WAY!!!!

PETITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

We, the undersigned, citizens of Canada draw the attention of the Government of Canada to the following;

THAT the WHO (World Health Organization)/International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has classified radiofrequency electromagnetic fields from cell towers, cell phones and Wifi as a Class 2B carcinogen – the same category that includes lead and DDT.

THAT the NRC Research Press have issued a report stating that cell towers should **NOT** be placed within 500 metres of residential properties, schools, hospitals, and daycares, but should be at least 1000 metres.

THEREFORE, we the undersigned citizens of Canada, call on the Government of Canada to:

- immediately revise Health Canada Safety Code 6 to take into account accumulative biological and health effects not just thermal effects of microwave radiation, with a strict stated limit for exposure. Revisions must implement and enforce stricter limits to all new and existing cell towers, wireless, base stations, antennas, transmitters;
- immediately enforce a moratorium on all new installations of cellular and wireless antennas, transmitters, base stations across the country until further unbiased non-industry funded scientific research has examined the short-term and long-term biological effects and health effects on humans from immediate and accumulative exposure to microwave radiation emitted from said devices;
- ban all new antennas, base stations, and transmitters to be installed within 500 meters of any residence, school, community centre, hospital or any place where people spend a good part of their day, and the frequency of pre-existing antennas must be immediately reduced to adhere to the precautionary principle as suggested in the bioinitiative report of 2012; ban installations of antennas on rooftops of apartment building or residential dwellings;
- consult all residents within a 1000 meter radius well in advance to any installation of cell towers, base stations, antennas and transmitters so they can be informed of the biological health effects and have a say on the long-term implications of these devices in their immediate neighborhood and quality of life. Local councils must be allowed to make their own decisions about the tower sites without being overruled; and
- call for immediate implementation of unbiased non-industry funded scientific research on the short-term and long-term biological and health effects of human exposure to microwave radiation, emf's and rf's, taking into account immediate and daily accumulative exposure, with full public disclosure of all findings
- adopt all recommendations from the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health's Report entitled "*An Examination of the Potential Health Impacts of Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Radiation*".

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PETITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

We, the undersigned, citizens of Canada draw the attention of the Government of Canada to the following:

THAT studies have found that the microwaves that are emitted from cell towers are being linked to leukemia, infertility, cancer, Alzheimer’s, autism and short term exposure are known to cause headaches, nausea, tinnitus, sleep disturbances, skin rashes, disorientation, vertigo, changes in vision, and can affect the cardiovascular and nervous system.

THAT residents within a 1000 meter radius should be consulted in advance to any installation of cell towers, base stations, antennas and transmitters so they can be informed of the biological health effects and have a say on the long-term implications of these devices in their immediate neighborhood and quality of life.

THEREFORE, we the undersigned citizens of Canada, call on Industry Canada to NOT approve the proposals for the Bell Cell Tower at the intersection of Grange and Starwood, and the Rogers wireless pole extension on Auden Road in Guelph and local councils must be allowed to make their own decisions about the tower sites without being overruled.

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COMMENTS ON ON-LINE PETITION OPPOSED TO THE GRANGE & STARWOOD BELL CELL TOWER

Appendix: All signatures comments

243 Jaritza Gonzalez

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I live right across from big bear and I don't want to be at risk

236 Motoyasu Shinkai

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The plan needs to be thoroughly researched and communicated for the residences nearby.
We have the right to make our area to stay as good community. We would like to understand the impact to the community.

234 Armelle Mizutani

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It's just a horrible idea. If so many people don't want it to happen, why not just stop it?

232 Erika Mizutani

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I did some research and the radiation of the cell tower can easily cause diseases, also we do not need MORE people using cell phones. It is dangerous because wifi is very addictive, and using a cell phone for too long is very bad for your brain, your eyes, your body, etc. (that's what I believe)

231 Howard Kalnitsky

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Stop the madness and protect people first.

229 Tori Martini

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I'm electrosensitive. If the cell tower goes up at Grange & Starwood, it would be intolerable. I would be forced to move! And where could I move to? In this city and world of ever-increasing RF radiation, where can I find an "EMR quiet zone"?

228 sam ciccia

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alrady have cancer what next.

227 Audrey Lynch

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Makes one wonder about the intelligence and corporate/community responsibility of the decision makers of Bell Canada and our politicians. Collectively we must stop this madness and irresponsibility!!!!

224 Carla Holmes

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There are MANY are where this tower can be built. PLEASE - do NOT build it where it will be an eyesore!!! Choose an "green space" location where it can be camouflaged by trees away from residential areas. The East End of Guelph already get the bottom of the barrel of everything else!!!

223 Teresa Bastead

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With many families and housing, not to mention schools close by, the risks involved are not acceptable. To subdivision areas that are still expanding to young families and growing rapidly, this will cause an issue in re-sales, new housing and schooling :(

218 Brian Ward

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Please Do Not put cell towers so close to so many people. They need to be situated away from people to minimize the real threat they present.

217 Greg Scholz

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Worked as a fabricator for a telecommunications company.

215 Thomas Mlodzinski

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Its too close to residential area. No!!!!!!!

212 Kimberly Muzzi

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I just found out there is going to be a Bell Cell phone tower at the corner of Starwood Dr. and Grange Rd. I would like to know why there was no notification of this happening to the neighbourhoods affected by this.

I am fully aware of the harmful affects of these type of Cell towers and do not want my children and myself affected by this. I would like an explanation. I am going to let everyone know what kind of government we have here in Guelph who does not notify the tax payers and give us the option to say no to this danger.

208 Beverly Taylor

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The reception in my home area is quite fine, There is no need for additional towers. And the health risks to my family is considerable more important than cell reception.

199 Sue Lebrecht

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Talking to people in the neighbourhood, haven't come across one who doesn't already have fine cell phone reception. No one I've talked to has poor or sketchy reception. So besides being a serious health risk - particularly to children - this cell tower and extended wireless pole simply aren't needed.

196 Alfred Lebrecht

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Please listen to the people

192 Christine Wheeler

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The people of the world are being subjected to so many varieties of toxins whether it be pesticides, GM artificial poison food, electromagnetic fields, etc., for corporate gain. We are being contaminated and indirectly killed because of corporate greed. Time to listen to the people and realize we all live here together. Residential areas are just that, places where people live.... not places to install harmful towers.

189 Clover Woods

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We MUST start to live more simply. This involves cutting back on the use of the type of technology that uses cell towers. Much of the technology using cell towers is for useless entertainment/distraction, and should be drastically reduced.

183 JR Busby

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I object to the growth or extension of cell towers in Guelph.

167 Elizabeth Larsen

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The towers need to be located in industrial areas.

165 Dorota Lukomska

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Applauding your efforts. Hope you don't let up.

162 Margaret Andrenucci

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Enough Cell towers! Enough is enough !

No saftey studies of long term effects.

My message as one of those who already suffers from the effects of EMFs;"shame on those who wish us to suffer even more in the name of corporate greed" !

161 Carol McNamara

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Put by the mayors house!

156 Rob Metzinger

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An ever growing amount of our citizens are becoming sensitive to wireless radiation but just do not realize it.

Studies suggest prolonged exposure to wireless radiation can cause health effects.

Long term, low level exposure to artificial electromagnetic radiation form cell towers and all wireless communication signals have been shown to disturb the human body's natural energetic field, leading to stress and fatigue as well as DNA changes and degenerative diseases like cancer.

154 Deirdre Lloyd-Craig

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Definitely NOT in a residential area. There is enough land that is outside Guelph, I am sure some farmer would be happy to sell a corner of a property in order to allow for a tower and an antennal. Why choose a neighbourhood that did not ask for this to happen in their backyard? It will bring down property taxes, impact people's lives and health. NIMBY!

152 Stephanie McCreight

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There are enough "unknown" problems in this country, do not add another one.

150 rino bourgoin

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move the tower into the country side hiding from all and far enough to remove all health risks.

149 Bradley Fraser

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I live in Guelph and this is a disgrace, there is no need for this.

148 Roberta Garber

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Please don't build this right next to my house.

147 Claudio Di Lello

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STOP this tower!!!

144 Debora Kirby

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How is it that it is now acceptable to place cellphone towers in RESIDENTIAL areas (in a strip mall parking lot!!!!) extremely close to two elementary schools? What is wrong with this picture???

140 Lyndsay Lever

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I live at the corner of Starwood and Grange. I don't want that so close to my home.

137 L. Cipolla

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It's time these big corporations are prevented from forcing their will and endangering our health and safety so they can fatten their bank accounts !

134 Marta Redmond

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This should not be allowed to happen!

131 Carol MacDonald

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Other places to accomodate this tower, not in residential neighbourhood, with several schools close by

128 Shanyn Stead

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Save more room for beauty and simplicity. We have enough technology, and wires taking up our city.

126 Robert Simpson

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Stop microwaving us!

125 Gayle Erskine

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With two schools so close it is not an appropriate place to put cell towers and especially not in residential areas, we can't get any type of shopping approved but you'll approve placing towers beside to elementary schools....you should be ashamed of yourselves...disgusting.

119 Rebecca Vallis

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Please keep cell towers out of residential areas.

118 Devin Zietsma

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No cell phone towers in Residential Areas!

113 janet johnson

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Very sad day when we willingly allowed mass rising of microwave towers to yours and mine deteriorating health.

110 Laureen Maurizio

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The Human Rights Code provides for quality of life and the right to live in a healthy environment. Cell towers and their

antennas compromise the health of millions of people daily! Even Health Canada's own scientist has stated in Quebec Supreme Court that Safety Code 6 does not take into consideration the non-thermal effects of low dose radio-frequency electromagnetic radiation and its effect on plants, animals and humans. The WHO has identified RF EMR as a class 2B possible carcinogen. Industry Canada must respect the expertise of the world's majority and stand against Canada's Safety Code 6. Employ the precautionary principle!

108 Janice Ashby

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Any official that doesn't recognize the truth of public safety and the fact that all the studies and documents proving cell towers are highly dangerous to everybody near them doesn't deserve to be working for any gov't, and definitely should not be working! If you don't think it affects people, go live 10 feet away from one for half a week and sleep there too!

106 Barbara Lake

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I and my 3 children are electro hyper sensitive to cell phone and wifi, microwave radiation after a cell phone tower was placed 1095' from our home in Wolfville, Kings County, N.S., Canada in 2001. I and the children have been diagnosed by an environmental doctor. We have moved over 10 times in the past 13 years to avoid wireless transmissions from neighbors cell phones and wifi. My children have had special accommodation in their classrooms at school. I have had consideration by the schools so I could attend concerts, performances, etc. My municipal council drafted a policy bylaw that outlines a public participation procedure whereby the public is notified when a tower is coming to their neighborhood. Many hospital and gov't service waiting rooms post no cell phone signs. It hasn't been an easy battle to say the least. There is a lot of work left to do. To ignore what cell tower antenna emissions are doing to people is a crime.

105 Mireille Martinez

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We do not need another cell tower in the area. This tower causes more EMF pollution that hurt our health, but specially our children's health.

102 Lincoln Farrell

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As a local Realtor, I can say with absolute conviction that this will drastically disrupt the desire of the immediate neighbourhood and decrease home values as a direct result. This plaza is less than a kilometer from an Industrial Zone. Surely that would be a much more suitable area to erect a cell tower. Shame on you Rogers for the complete disregard for your consumers well being, both physically and financially!

100 Chad McBain

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Ridiculous!!!!!!!

99 Melissa Kucava

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I strongly agree to petition the cell phone tower near my daughters school.

96 heather sturn

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Absolutely not... this is a highly residential area! tower not welcome.

94 Wendy Hoy

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Cellular antennae located close to populated areas have been shown to increase cancer rates and hurt people who are electrohypersensitive. Respect human rights in Canada first and stop the telecom industries from hurting people with ill advised locating of these industrial antennae.

92 caden fraser

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HALT !!!!!

91 shelley fraser

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STOP !!!!!

90 michael meredith

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Many are sensitive to emf's, and others get sick when there is too much of it. The Russians have a more appropriate exposure rating.

84 Geri Bertolo

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We, the undersigned, call on Industry Canada to NOT approve the proposals for the Bell Cell Tower at the intersection of Grange and Starwood, and the Rogers wireless pole extension on Auden Road in Guelph.

80 Joy Chhina

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Do not support the install of a cell tower at this location.

78 Atherton Drenth

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Of all the places you can put a tower that would be safer, you choose to put it in a residential area and put customers at risk?

77 Bill Muise

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Protecting children and citizens should come before communications. When it comes to our children there should be no "acceptable exposure limits".

76 Bonita Poulin

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Cell tower radiation is carcinogenic. We should not be subjected to it unwillingly!

75 Tracey Manton

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This is not acceptable. We will not be put at risk for disease and death by allowing these towers in residential neighbourhoods.

74 Melissa Chalmers

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Please do not install or extend any more cell towers in the Guelph area.

I personally have been physically harmed by cell towers placed behind my home in London, Ontario. In the past 18 months, I have had to give up my 22 year career as an airline pilot, move twice, fight an entire year against another cell tower that was placed again my neighbourhood and try to get some accessibility accommodation for my condition with regards hospitals, etc. I just beginning to regain my health, but now since this new tower has gone up, I cannot stand being in my home anymore.

Please know that people really are becoming permanently ill from this technology. There is cell service already everywhere in Guelph and exposing the residents further will only cause more suffering and health problems.

I encourage you to look at the website for the C4ST.

www.C4ST.org

This organization is run by the former President of Microsoft Canada. They are advocating for government to take on a precautionary approach to wireless, like other countries outside of North America are doing.

Melissa

Wendy Walks for ES on facebook. Wendy walked 800 km last fall to bring awareness for ES.

73 John Farley

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64 Brian Armstrong

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There is plenty of area outside the designated site less than a kilometre away without being a dangerous eyesore in a residential area still allowing bell and rogers the desired coverage area they need to boost cell phone service.

62 Tara Amatruda

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Do the right thing, please.

58 Catherine George

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I believe cell towers should be located in areas other than residential. We don't fully understand the long-term effect of the emission of radio waves from them along with SmartMeters, which the government has forced on us.

54 W. Lindsay

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Cell towers should NOT be located near family homes Nor schools !
People's long term health should be the major consideration here!

53 Judi Francioso

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Radiation sickness is so prevalent in Germany that 175 doctors signed the Bramberger Appeal, calling the situation a "medical disaster." The slow burn process of RF/microwave exposure is manifested by cancer clusters commonly found in communities irradiated by cell tower transmitters. The head of the cancer registry in Berlin found one urban area with cellular antennas had a breast cancer rate seven times the national average.

In April 2007, The London Times reported a startling number of cancer clusters in mast neighborhoods.

Ninety-nine percent of the Swedish population is under duress of powerful third generation masts. People are plagued with sleep disorders, chronic fatigue, cognitive function difficulties, and serious blood problems. Recurrent headaches and migraines are a "substantial public health problem,"

In Spain parents secured a court order for the removal of 36 mobile phone transmitters installed on a building 50 meters from a primary school. In the 18 months since these masts went up three children aged 5-10 developed leukemia and a fourth had Hodgkins. India ordered the removal of 300 towers from residential areas due to the deleterious health effects.

52 Susan Schumacher

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Please no more cell towers, it is too near schools, residences, a young neighbourhood with young families. We do not want cell towers in the parkinglot at the corner store, this is unthinkable.

49 Leighann Gattoni

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I disapprove of the installation of this cell tower.

47 Shan Russell

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"Duty to Accommodate" - Canadian Human Rights Commission

45 Lynn Vanschahik

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Not in my neighbourhood. Until more research is done to ensure the safety of our community.
HOW much money will the plaza owner receive for allowing this to be built. How many towers are required in a city the size of Guelph.

37 Linda Brentnall

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No cell towers should be erected close to residential neighbourhoods or schools. If the government can't protect us, we need to protect ourselves.

36 Kate Pocock

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Listen to the informative CBC documentary on cell towers and how they can cause damage to wildlife and humans. There is much damaging evidence that has been confirmed. Please do not set them up near people, and especially keep them far away from children whose brains are not yet developed.

35 W. Scott Hammond

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Why do we need another tower when there are several on York and Watson?

These towers are an eye-sore and should not be located in dense residential neighbourhoods.

34 Patricia Townson

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Having a tower in close proximity to an area with such a high population of growing children is dangerous (radiation as well as the physical structure as kids and pre-teens love to climb things.) It would be damaging to the citizens of the area and also possibly damaging to the new Pollination park which the City is spending a great deal on. It is not a welcome addition to our neighbourhood - I would rather have poor or NO cellphone service in my home than have this built.

28 Leanna Watson

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Do not erect the cell tower on Grange / Starwood and on Auden.

24 Lori Payne

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I have two young children who attend the closest school to this proposed tower and I am greatly concerned about the effects this tower will have on them. I'm not willing to gamble their future health over better telephone reception.

21 Miguel Prairie

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Refusal of cell tower being built within city limits

18 Robin McClure

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No to Bell tower at Grange & Starwood!

16 paul miller

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Don't need this type of tower in close proximity to schools or houses. Move to a more open area that will not be a danger to a dense population like schools and houses, go to a more open spot.

12 Wendy Owens

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I do not think that the cell towers should be in residential areas, especially not close to schools. I'm sure there is a more unpopulated area that can be chosen to support the need of a cell tower in this area.

11 Khem Deonarine

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This Petition has my support 100%. I would also like to add that the next item that urgently needs to be addressed is Smart Meters. These devices are also very dangerous and need to be reverted to the old analog versions.

10 Caitlyn Smith

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Place the tower in the country

9 Dawn Humphrey

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Please do not allow the cell towers in our area!

6 nick scott-cone

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We should not be placing these towers close to children's school and high residential areas.

5 Maureen Lunshof

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We do not want this booming electromagnetic tower in our residential neighbourhood. Please keep it AWAY from here.

4 Maryam Zahedi

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I am against installing this tower close to high density East side neighbourhood and two schools.

3 Jason Mullin

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Please do not build this so close to houses and schools, this is so bad!!! I do not agree, bad for everyone!!!

2 Rebekah Mullin

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This is not a good idea at all, so close to schools and communities, it is very bad!!!!!! Please do not put this cell tower in!!!!!!!!!!!!!!