

TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY SITING PROTOCOL TASK FORCE

- 1) REVISION TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE**
- 2) REQUEST RE: RADIO FREQUENCY ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS TESTING**

Recommendation

The City Clerk, on behalf of the Telecommunication Facility Siting Protocol Task Force, recommends:

- 1) That the Terms of Reference be amended to increase the number of months that the Task Force was given to complete the Findings Report from five months to eight months; and
- 2) That representatives from York Region Health Services and Public Health Ontario be requested to conduct radio frequency electromagnetic fields testing at the Al Palladini Community Centre in the Spring.

Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

N/A

Communication Plan

Any changes in policy or requirements resulting from consideration of this report will be communicated to the appropriate parties, as required.

Purpose

To respond to the request by the Telecommunication Facility Siting Protocol Task Force to revise the Terms of Reference and request York Region Health Services and Public Health Ontario to conduct radio frequency electromagnetic fields testing at the Al Palladini Community Centre in the Spring.

Background – Analysis and Options

Council, at its meeting of September 27, 2011, approved the establishment of the Telecommunication Facility Siting Protocol Task Force. The mandate of the Task Force is to bring together various stakeholders to develop recommendations for siting telecommunication towers and antenna facilities in the City of Vaughan.

At the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) of November 15, 2011, the Committee approved the Task Force's request that Council increase the members of the general public from five members to seven members. The Task Force also requested that its term be extended from five to eight months to finalize its findings.

The Task Force, at its meeting of January 12, 2012, recommended that representatives from York Region Health Services and Public Health Ontario be requested to conduct radio frequency electromagnetic fields testing at the Al Palladini Community Centre in the Spring.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report is in keeping with the provisions of Vaughan Vision 2020, particularly:

Demonstrate Leadership and Promote Effective Governance

Regional Implications

Any field testing which is carried out in response to this request will be the responsibility of York Region staff.

Conclusion

This report is submitted on behalf of the Telecommunications Facility Siting Protocol Task Force and seeks to 1) increase the number of months that the Task Force was given to complete the Findings Report from five months to eight months; and 2) request York Region Health Services and Public Health Ontario to conduct radio frequency electromagnetic fields testing at the Al Palladini Community Centre in the Spring.

Attachments

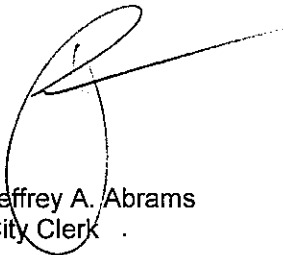
None

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