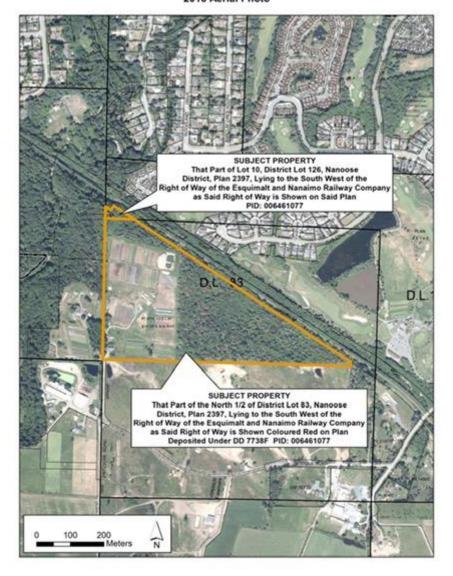
Report to Agricultural Advisory Committee – July 30, 2020 Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. PL2020-068

#### Attachment 2 2018 Aerial Photo



June 27 2023 RDN Board Meeting My name is Shari MacDonald daughter of Isabelle Malyk owner ONLY property sharing the largest property line with 1477 Hodges Road proposed tower site. FOR THE RECORD TELUS IS **OUR CELL PROVIDER 3G** 3/4 BARS OF SERVICE **CONSISTENTLY** Good afternoon Chair and Directors on June 8 2023 1 pm Electoral Area Services **Committee Meeting** agenda item 8.4.2 Telecommunications Antenna System Application No PL2022-156 1477 Hodges Road Electoral Area G I presented as a delegate giving voice for my mother Isabelle Malyk, myself and my two young children adjoining property owners and local residents opposed to the Hodges **Road Telecommunications** Antenna System proposed site of 1477 Hodges Road. While I'm not opposed to technology (and we DO

NOT want this tower) there are ways to use it in a safe manner reducing harmful effects and there are more suitable locations which have been suggested previously (We DO NOT want this tower) such as French Creek Marina, Cheeseworks along the SE tree line, or on the .4 hectare/.988422 acres the NW corner of 1477 Hodges Road enter via residents driveway to the left and proceed to the back of the property this area would be closer to those requesting better service. If the residents of 1477 Hodges

<u>Road</u> have no concerns they want the tow er site it by their yard site. <u>https://rdn-pub.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=13726</u> We've heard and/or will hear the environmental medical science regarding health and safety. I'm here to give a personal perspective and address a few pertinent issues:

- ~Isabelle Malyk use a second is/will be directly and substantially impacted by this tower ~Property values
- ~Education information and informed consent
- ~Liability issues
- ~Public Consultation via WebEx meeting wasn't the best approach for a telecommunications project of this nature
- ~911 service (actual events) and information related to accessing 911 service and use of cell phones to contact 911 Connectivity and Service issues

>Isabelle Malyk's property will take the primary impact given the substantially shared property line - approximately 1/2 mile

>Proximity of a tower height of 21 stories tall will in fact impact the local area that's common sense - it will not be hidden amongst the trees and foliage given the subject property has many dead trees is very low wet land AND Telus has previously told residents that is unsuitable

>These towers are prone to sustain damage through storms and vandalism and catch fire. <a href="https://rdnewsnow.com/2021/01/28/damage-to-cell-towers-being-investigated-by-rcmp/">https://rdnewsnow.com/2021/01/28/damage-to-cell-towers-being-investigated-by-rcmp/</a> <a href="https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/opp-seek-to-identify-suspect-in-connection-to-cell-tower-damage-1.6122322">https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/opp-seek-to-identify-suspect-in-connection-to-cell-tower-damage-1.6122322</a>

-2014 daytime loud bang approx 80 ft tree at the end of the driveway in 2014 was struck by lightning ball of fire at the top of the tree lightning circled tree hit the ground then bark and branches flew all over the road, driveway, sheep pen—huge pieces of bark were stripped off the tree (this tree was topped in 2022 as it continued to lose large branches only a matter of time before people and vehicles became casualties) THIS was an 80ft tree NOT a 210 ft tower

>Towers on little mountain are approx 10 km away from us according to google maps and I can easily look out the windows and see the flashing lights during the daytime at night the red flashing lights are clearly visible in my windows and I can easily take a photo not using zoom and it's clearly tower lights Little Mountain Rogers Telus approx 10 km from Hodges Rd

<u>Qualicum Beach Firehall</u> 45 meter cell tower approx <u>10 km from Hodges Rd</u> Eaglecrest 45 meter tower approx <u>7 km from Hodges Rd</u>

>The typical cell tower can provide service up to 45 miles away

There are numerous towers and antennae locations

Canadian Cell Tower Maps

https://www.ertyu.org/steven\_nikkel/cancellsites.html?lat=49.352861&lng=-124.467201&zoom=11&type=Roadmap&layers=a&pid=0&ds=0

>A project of this nature will directly impact properties adjacent to and sharing property lines with <u>1477</u> Hodges Road >according to Mr Greg the site will be approx 20x20 meters (approx 4300 sq ft)

>Construction of a road for access along the majority of the property (approximately a 1/2 mile) to facilitate the tower site buildings and generator will affect adjoining property at 1355 Hodges Road—ground sloughing, water drainage, interruption of farming operations. Large equipment will be required to prepare the property for usage by Telus/Rogers there is extremely limited space HOW will this not affect adjoining property's WHO will be held accountable and responsible? Telus/Rogers? RDN? Property Owners/Residents of 1477 Hodges Road? (I've been around construction/heavy equipment, construction sites, utility work and so forth I understand how this works)

\*\*\*RDN garbage truck has to back down to those three properties to pick up garbage (from the corner of fritzs rd/Hodges rd) We've seen cranes/equipment topple over on work sites. Access is extremely

tight to this particular property for any of the necessary work that needs to be done for site prep road building and construction and assembly of this tower and supporting infrastructure Logistically it's a nightmare!

Property values

>Property Value decrease 2.9%-9%, environmental health trust up to 20% decrease in property values (90 % of homebuyers and renters are less interested in properties near cell towers and would pay less for a property in close vicinity to cellular antennae.

https://ehtrust.org/cell-phone-towers-lower-property-values-documentation-research/https://www.emfanalysis.com/property-values-declining-cell-

towers/ https://www.nationalbusinesspost.com/cell-towers-impact-home-values/

**Education Information Informed Consent** 

>Its all about education, information and informed consent if we don't have the information, we don't have the knowledge and I've discovered there's a wealth of information there's much to learn and understand,

>We have a responsibility to be educated and informed - technology dictates that we have no excuse Liability issues - who will be held liable for

>Telecommunication companies are not liable if/when there are any health related issues to be litigated <a href="https://www.claimsjournal.com/news/national/2013/08/21/235352.htmhttps://c4st.org/hidden-insurance-risk-lurks-in-property-">https://c4st.org/hidden-insurance-risk-lurks-in-property-</a>

<u>leases/ https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0013935119306425</u> <u>https://ehtrust.org/liability-and-risk-from-5g-and-cell-towers/ https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/10401798221659/6</u>
Public Consultation via WebEx Meeting

WebEx meeting

>WebEx meeting - or any online meetings for that matter are insufficient at best to allow for public consultation comments concerns and questions it removes the personal interaction

>Public consultation via WebEx meeting (this IS NOT a substitute for a public consultation in person meeting) as many local residents described being unable to participate and given that the "Host" monitored the meeting claiming time constraints and the participants were not visible and attendees were private Isabelle Malyk and myself were unable to comment or ask questions as these options were disabled "greyed out". I've participated in numerous online meetings.

>Conveniently we heard initially from a number of people whom are pro tower

>There were others who do not use technology or require assistance and were unable to participate >Mail outs and newspaper notification during two holiday time frames of Christmas New Years. Approx 50-60 % did not/had not received the mail out information when i spoke with them local resident stats 7/12 said NO.

Do you live on Hodges Road or Lowrys Road? Do you live at <u>1355 Hodges Rd</u> (next to <u>1477 Hodges Rd</u>) 1189, 1181 Hodges ???? Lowrys 492 Lowrys 440 Lowrys??? Or at any of the 7 residents that DO NOT want this tower.

911 Events

Events in the area of French creek Morningstar

>Numerous times RCMP we're called out to Hodges Road from 2012-2022

>2013-2014 possible major gas leak 911 for fire dept (telus flip phone)

>911 June 26/2016 house fire

>March 3 2017 family member ambulance

>Numerous Other calls

>tree fire

>2017-2019 my dad diagnosed terminal cancer numerous FaceTime calls to friends and family across Canada Mexico Grand Cayman Islands; Ambulance/medical service called numerous times

>2019 infant choking ambulance called

>Stranded hikers in 2020/2021 search and rescue called out attended via access through neighbors property Hodges Road >July 2022 plane crash fire/ambulance attended via neighbors property Hodges Road

>November 2022 fire 1330 Hodges Road approx 2 hours fire services in attendance

Finally and most importantly 911 health and safety; connectivity and service

>anything can interfere with cell tower signal - primarily transmitters and electrical equipment (baby monitors potable phones etc), software, carrier settings, cell battery (charged), type/age of cell phone, building materials (yes this means wood drywall metal and so forth)

>Cell phone boosters will improve your signal strength for calls and faster data

>Cell coverage is not available in all of Canada (some rural areas) therefore know your local direct numbers for emergency services

>911 is always available unless it is a service not offered whereby call centres route it to Ambulance Fire or RCMP (it's recommended that you know these numbers regardless)

>where there are cell towers telecommunications companies are required to "share" service no matter whom your provider is and allow a user to connect to available towers

>Cell Phones

-no SIM card you are still able to call out for 911

-locked cell phone you are still able to call 911

-as long as your cell phone battery is fully charged you can dial 911

>RCMP recommend not having 911 programmed into portable phones because when the battery is low it will automatically call 911 (unnecessary)

>RCMP - even if your cell phone is deactivated if the battery is fully charged it will call 911

https://www.google.ca/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwicqNrrxbL\_AhWvGTQIHUTqDKsQFnoECDkQAQ&url=https%3A% 2F%2Fwww.nsnews.com%2Flocal-news%2Fpublic-urged-

to-disable-automatic-911-feature-on-their-phones-after-surge-in-false-emergency-calls-

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https://www.ecomm911.ca/ https://www.telus.com/en/support/article/enhanced-911-e911https://crtc.gc.ca/eng/phone/911/

Why did Mr Greg and PQB news site health and safety as primary reasons for the need for this tower? <a href="https://www.pqbnews.com/news/63-metre-cellular-tower-planned-to-improve-service-infrench-creek/">https://www.pqbnews.com/news/63-metre-cellular-tower-planned-to-improve-service-infrench-creek/</a>

RDN policy 2015 regarding health and safety as follows: <a href="https://www.rdn.bc.ca/dms/documents/rdn-board-policies/planning/b1-23">https://www.rdn.bc.ca/dms/documents/rdn-board-policies/planning/b1-23</a> electoral area telecommunication antenna system consultation.pdf

1 The Regional District of Nanaimo does not assess any submission for an Antenna System with respect to health and radiofrequency exposure issues or any other non-placement or non-design related issues. Any questions or comments the

FAQ About Calling 911 | 911.gov

www.911.gov/calling-911/frequently-asked-questions/

public may wish to make regarding health issues related to cell phones, cell towers and radiofrequency exposure guidelines (Safety Code 6) should be directed to Health Canada on-line at healthcanada.gc.ca and to the Proponent's representative

Land lines are still the best option as 911 can pinpoint your location your civic address and during power outages (non portable phones which connect directly into a phone jack are the best (I have an older phone which does this no battery charging required)

Thank you for your time today as we give voice to our concerns on the impact of this telecommunications antenna system and in hearing the information we have presented from experts and individual persons which is a combination of environmental health and safety science and personal experiences providing education and information on telecommunications towers and service On behalf of those whom have substantial concerns with these towers and the negative impact please vote NO.

Petitions electronic and handwritten <a href="https://www.change.org/p/petition-oppose-stop-cell-tower-hodges-rd-french-creek-parksville-bc">https://www.change.org/p/petition-oppose-stop-cell-tower-hodges-rd-french-creek-parksville-bc</a> Handwritten Petition signatures below

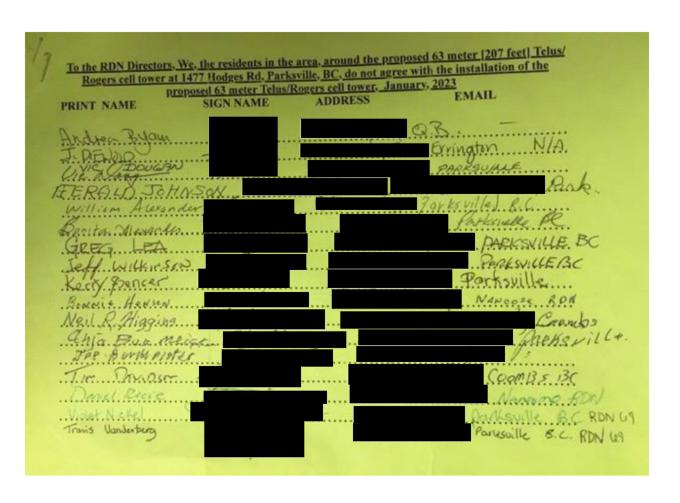
### A Final Note

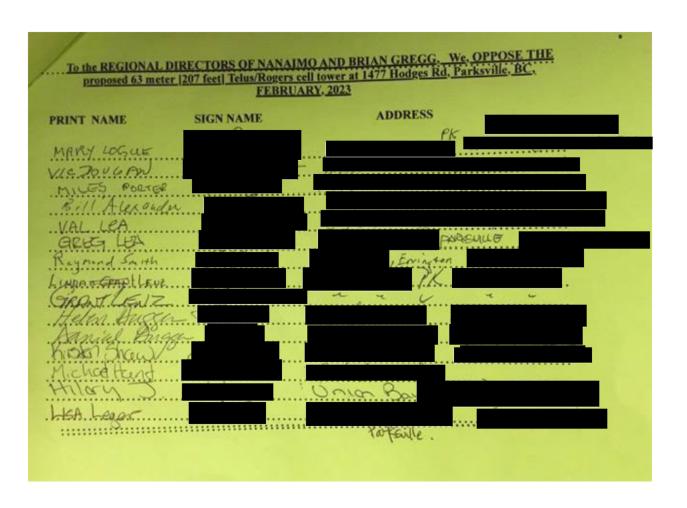
## MY QUESTIONS TO YOU AS PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND DECISION MAKERS

- -Why are you as local Officials those for the tower deciding against those who voted you into your positions? Do you want this tower in your backyard?
- -Why do residents pro tower NOT NOR have they included immediately impacted residents on Hodges Road or Lowrys Road in their "data" collected to show their need for a tower.
- -Why do we need another cell tower Little Mountain, Qualucum Beach Eaglecrest and Qualicum Beach firehall 5 towers within approx 10 km range?
- -Why does a legal address for the purpose of consultation hold any weight at all?

  NOT one person sitting in this meeting lives where this tower will be sited

  These towers impact ALL residents family members friends neighbors regardless of their location as these towers are being built ALL across Canada and antennae installed ALL across Canada.



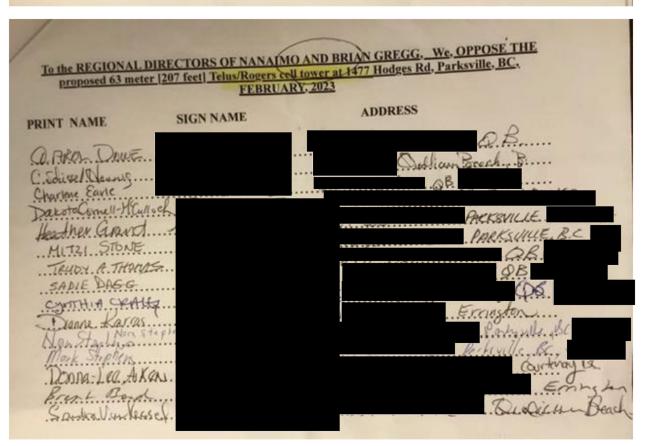


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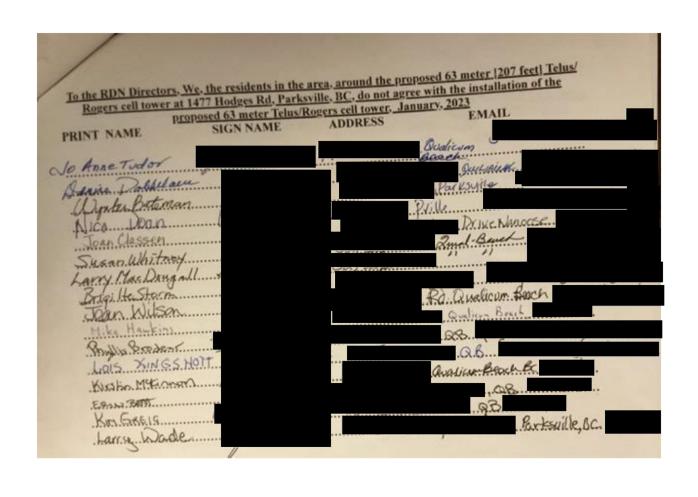
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