

Purpose:

To create a model strategy to assist local trust committees in responding to radio broadcast and cellular tower applications.

Background Local Planning Committee has been requested by Trust Council to develop a model strategy for local trust committees to consider in responding to applications for radio broadcast and cellular towers. While the responsibility for issuing cell/radio tower approvals falls with the federal government, as a land use planning authority, local trust committees have a role to play determining the consultation process and in concurring the proposal.

Objectives

- To provide guidance to local trust committees on consultation processes for cell/radio tower applications.
- To provide consistency throughout the Trust Area in the approach to community engagement processes for cell/radio tower applications.
- To provide certainty for communities on the process involved and the Islands Trust role in radio/cell tower siting and use.
- To be consistent with the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's (ISED) protocol.

In Scope

- Literature Review/summary of relevant Islands Trust materials/policies/jurisdiction and that of the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED)
- Development of Land Use Criteria for applicants to consider
- Development of model communication process for cell/radio tower proponents.
- Development of a brochure for the public to understand the process and Islands Trust's role.

Out of Scope

- Development of policies that address health and radio frequency exposure issues or any other non-placement or non-design related issues.
- Specific Land Use Bylaw regulations or recommendations for amendments.

Work Plan Overview

Deliverable/Milestone	Date
Review of literature and one to two page summary of local trust committee jurisdiction relative to the federal government's recommendations for input by land use authorities.	October 2017
Model consultation program for consideration by local trust committees	October 2017
Land Use Criteria for siting cell/radio towers	October 2017
Model OCP policies	October 2017
Development of on-line brochure for public	November 2017
Final Report	November 2017

Project Team

Consultant	Research/report writing
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Budget: Technical Services 2017-18

Item	Cost
Consultant Contract (50hrs x \$100)	\$ 5000
Commercial Insurance	\$ 600
Contingency	\$ 400
Total	\$ 6000

DLPS Approval:
August 8, 2017

LPC Endorsement:
August 17, 2017