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Dear Mr. Sugita:

Re: Response to your email of October 29, 2021

I am writing you on behalf of the Galiano Local Trust Committee (“Galiano LTC”) in my role as Chair in response to your email of October 29th, 2021 regarding the CREST tower at 1228 Montague Road.

At the Galiano LTC meeting of December 6th your email was considered as well as correspondence and concerns from a number of residents of Galiano regarding the proposed “scope of work”. The Trustees reviewed the correspondence and the Galiano LTC protocol and passed the following motion:

GL-2021-109

It was Moved and Seconded

that Chair Rogers, in consultation with the other Trustees, will draft a letter to Mr. Samuel Sugita based on the protocol that requests more information and public consultation.

As you will recall, a previous Galiano LTC did not concur in the construction of this particular tower when it was originally proposed and concerns continued regarding its height after its construction. In regards to your email and the motion passed, I make the following points:

Not clear what the proposal is or how it is “exempt” as you indicate

The Galiano LTC asks for further information regarding the proposed scope of work including information regarding:

- a) What is the nature of the antennae system that is proposed to be added to the tower? What is the technology proposed and what purpose does it serve?
- b) Who is the clientele that the proposed system is intended to serve. You may not be aware but the LTC issued a letter of support for improved cell service for Galiano presuming it services the residents of Galiano. (Please see attached letter of April 2, 2019.) As a result, information regarding the service improvements any proposed scope of work would provide to Galiano Island residents might assist the Galiano LTC in terms of its consideration.

- c) On what basis do you assert that the proposed scope of work is exempt from public consultation?

Public Consultation would be Prudent in any case

As you may know, the Antennae Siting and Consultation Protocol – Galiano Island LTC contains the following:

Voluntary Public Consultation

The CPC states that:

Individual circumstances vary with each antenna system installation and modification, and the exclusion criteria above should be applied in consideration of local circumstances. Consequently, it may be prudent for the proponents to consult the LTC and the public even though the proposal meets an exclusion noted above.

Therefore, when applying the criteria for exclusion, proponents are encouraged to consult the LTC when it is prudent to do so in consideration of any of the following:

- *The antenna system's physical dimensions, including the antenna, mast, and tower, is significant compared to the local surroundings,*
- *The relative location of the proposed antenna system on the property and its proximity to neighbouring residents;*
- *The likelihood of an area being in a community-sensitive location; and.*
- *The nature of Transport Canada's marking and lighting requirements for the proposed structure.*

In the view of the Galiano LTC, many of these factors come into play. For example, the current tower is in a community sensitive location and thus so would the antennae system. Its location to neighbouring residents is also a factor as there are neighbours within 350 metres of this location.

Thus, the Galiano LTC requests public consultation even if the antennae system is exempt from the Siting and Consultation protocol. This would especially be so given the history of this particular tower in terms of LTC non-concurrence and subsequent complaints that it was over height. Clearly, there is substantial community interest in this tower and information regarding benefits to the Galiano Island community would be important.

I look forward to your reply,

Best Regards,



Daniel J. Rogers
Chair, Galiano Local Trust Committee

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