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**Cc:** [QB Town](#)  
**Subject:** 16 September 2020 Council Meeting Public Comments  
**Date:** September 18, 2020 9:15:07 AM

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**Please place in correspondence log and acknowledge receipt, thank you.**

Mayor and Council,

While viewing the September 16th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, I was troubled by some comments by the Mayor, and am seeking clarification of a few comments from Councillor Westbroek.

At this point in the proceedings:

**(1:00:30)**

**Mayor Weise**

***I would argue that we've been doing public engagement on towers since January.***

I would agree that during the previous application for a cellular tower by Telus at the Christian Fellowship Centre property, there was a fair amount of public consultation, including a public meeting at the Civic Centre. However, that process was withdrawn by the Fellowship Centre, and ceased. Any new process would require new public consultations.

***I think all of us in the room have received numerous emails, phone calls, chats on the street pro and against, and I'm not sure, I'd have to check with Heather, that we ever promised a delegation.(1:00:55)***

***We were pretty staunch on that. I think once you go with a delegation opposed, then next thing you know, you have to do a delegation for and then decisions never get made.***

**(1:01:06)**

***I'll be voting for, that we're done with this one.***

I am troubled by these comment from Mayor Weise.

I have reviewed the Delegations page. It doesn't say anything about having to have anyone promise you a delegation, or refusing a delegation without it coming before Council, so long as the application process has been followed.

It does, however, use the word, "shall," a must do term both in common law and in usual dictionary definitions, when indicating:

"Every delegation shall be allowed a maximum time of ten minutes to present its petition or submission unless extended by a two-thirds vote of the Council, after which the Council may dispose of the petition or submissions at the meeting, refer the

subject matter to a committee or take such other action as is deemed expedient.”

Regardless of whether he(or Council or the Town staff )promised anyone a delegation or not, the Town of Qualicum Beach Council process is to have delegations when the public seeks to speak with Council. This is the process the Town has established for public consultation.

So contrary to the statement by Mayor Weise that,

***“ I think once you go with a delegation opposed, then next thing you know, you have to do a delegation for and then decisions never get made,”***

I would suggest this is the exact delegation process that should be occurring, followed by Council making their decision.

Not as has occurred here, ignore the delegation requests and then make an arbitrary decision without proper public consultation.

Mayor Weise refers to, having to check with “Heather” in the above, referring to CAO Svensen.

Many people who have been involved in this process have knowledge of a minimum of two written occasions where Mrs. Carol Dowe made requests to appear as a delegation. This is step one of the Town’s delegation process. But she was refused at this stage before she was even allowed to move on to the actual application form, or any of the related next steps.

The Council and Town staff didn’t follow the delegation process, thus failing to follow their own process.

Instead, the Town has summarily dismissed the application attempts for delegations at step one of the application process.

I do find it interesting that during Council’s discussions of this matter, Councillor Westbrook seemingly agrees that the normal process hasn’t been followed here:

***(Councillor Westbrook)***

***(1:01:46)***

***What Councillor Walker has said is correct, that normally we would have people speak before we make a decision...***

I would appreciate clarification on his comments:

***...That’s what we indicated, and that’s what was in the report...***

I also would appreciate clarification on what appears to be the crux of the problem here:

***Councillor Westbrook(1:02:23) But our CAO did send out, stop sending us these letters, wait until it comes to Council.***

The new application did come to Council in early August by Telus. Requests were made to appear as a delegation, which were obstructed. There was no public consultation by Council on the August 2020 Telus application, but by his own words, Councillor Westbrook agrees

***When it comes to Council, we just looked at all the letters we got, and based on that, and I don't want to put words in anybody's mouth, but based on all the information we got that Telus received, we felt they already got the information and we could make a decision based on that.(1:02:45)***

And again, Councillor Westbroek appears to agree that there should have been a delegation allowed:

***So the, the comment from Councillor Walker of having a delegation before we make a decision would be appropriate.(1:02:49)***

Consideration of my concerns about the chronology of this process, and clarification of the matters I have sought clarification on, would be appreciated.

Mr. Todd Provost



**From:** [Tim](#)  
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**Mayor & Council** - the following are my comments on a several matters raised at the September 16<sup>th</sup> marathon Council meeting which was just 2 minutes short of 4 hours:

- **Process** - once again the question / issue of Council meeting schedules and timing presented itself as a continuing issue. For many, 3 and 4 hour meetings starting at 3:30 pm conflict with the family dinner hour and even some members of Council are seen yawning near the end. Earlier starts are needed and consideration should be given to afternoon meetings through the winter months to take account of weather conditions and then evening meetings during the summer months when the weather is better.
- **Strategic Plan Update** - the CAO introduced this agenda item indicating that the update represented the product of a detailed Council workshop review in late August. He referenced the Staff Memorandum summarizing this Council review to be accepted and appended to the 2019 to 2022 Town Corporate Strategic Plan. It did not appear that the details on this update were intended for detailed review at the Council meeting. However, what appeared to be intended as a straight forward acceptance of the update turned out to take an hour and a half to deal with which I suspect was not intended when the agenda was planned.

There are two things to be considered here. First, this one item on the agenda took almost 40% of the total meeting time which appears to have not been planned. That said, although it was very lengthy, from a public perspective the discussion was quite interesting and informative in places but the process used for such a discussion needs to be reconsidered. As a key element of Council and Staff's planning and action plan, from a public perspective, this might have been much better to have been in a separate meeting, possibly an online (Zoom) Committee of the Whole meeting format to clarify many points for the public benefit. Such Strategic Plan Update reviews should be held once or twice a year.

- **Communications** - the Strategic Plan Update identifies as a top 'near term' priority (within 6 months) to work with a consultant to help create a more proactive communication and educational presence for the community.

Communications or the lack there of keeps raising its head as a problem and this issue predates the current pandemic situation. As part of any reassessment and reset several things need to be recognized. First in the current situation several key public communications vehicles have been lost with monthly Council Open House meetings and Committee of the Whole meetings having been suspended. These are important communication vehicles for more detailed and complex Town business matters. Efforts need to be made to restart these meetings in an online format. Also, in creating a 'more proactive' communications strategy, efforts need to be made to avoid these being overly sanitized such that they sound like advocate infomercials or reading like a bank newsletter. New communication strategies should explore how graphic technology can be utilized effectively. A perfect example is the presentation made earlier today on the

Town's proposed affordable housing project on Railway Street by Walter Hoogland and architect Tony James. This utilized a straight forward computer graphic presentation to effectively convey a message and address the important building 'massing' considerations. Similar approaches are needed to improve public engagement and explain various detailed matters. This would help to have a better public understanding and build support and buy-in for a range of matters.

- **Sewer and water looping along Rupert Road** - this subject came up several times during the Strategic Plan Update discussion. Reference was made to considering partnerships to address the long standing desires of some Qualicum Beach homeowners not currently being able to access Town water. It is understood that 'multi stakeholders' are involved in this matter and that it is the subject of fluid and confidential discussions but it would be beneficial if further clarity as to what is under consideration could be provided as soon as possible and how it involves the RDN.
- **Waste Handling** - there was a discussion of dissatisfaction with some aspects of the new Waste Handling procedures, particularly having garden waste being included. Several members wanted to 'lobby' the RDN for changes and then it was decided that lobby wasn't quite the right word and that the Town should insist on changes. In determining how to proceed with the RDN on this matter would there be merits in determining Parksville's views on this subject and possibly have the two communities join together to advance a joint initiative to the RDN on this matter.
- **Road Safety** - Councillor Westbroek raised the question of road safety along Hwy 19A and mention was made of installing 'speed humps' referring to Lantzville's recent experience of changing driver's behaviour by introducing speed humps. This should be given further active consideration and reference is made to the original Age-Friendly Transportation Plan study where on page 47 the consultant Richard Drdul described Speed Humps as being very effective in discouraging speeding. It might be beneficial for the Town to review this matter again with Mr. Drdul.

Tim Pritchard



**From:** [Heather Svensen](#)  
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**Subject:** FW: Rebuttal to Scott Harrison  
**Date:** September 18, 2020 8:11:39 AM  
**Attachments:** [Qualicum reply Scott Harrison.pages](#)

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"Be Kind, be calm and be safe"

Dr. Bonnie Henry

**Heather Svensen** | Corporate Administrator /Deputy CAO

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**Sent:** September 18, 2020 7:49 AM

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**Subject:** Fwd: Rebuttal to Scott Harrison

September 18, 2020

Dr. Faulkner is leaving early this morning and asked me to forward this

letter on to you.

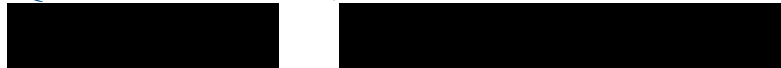
Mayor and Council and Staff, Town of Qualicum Beach

Bernie Ries, ICED  
Gord John, Member of Parliament  
Minister, Municipal Affairs

Please confirm that you have received this letter and will place it in the Correspondence Log, and send Dr. Faulkner confirmation of receipt as well, as well as place it on the web for remarks following the Sept. 16, 2020

Council meeting. Thank you.

Carol and Fred Dowe, Concerned Citizens Opposing cell tower at Village Way  
Qualicum Beach, BC



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Attention Qualicum Beach Mayor and Council  
(please place in correspondence log and return receipt requested)  
From: Dr Stephen Faulkner Sept 18/20  
Reply to Scott Harrison's email of Sept 14/20

re: proposed cell phone tower in Qualicum Beach

Thank you Scott Harrison for demonstrating your scientific astuteness and intellectual rigour and my 'failure to link data pertaining to tower installations' which 'means there is very little of value for council in what you have written'.

With these condescending and disingenuous remarks it seems you have supported QB council in their naive and highly contentious decision to exclude medical input from two physicians with a combined clinical experience in the field of chronic disease and environmental illness of over 70 years.

As an armchair google expert on all things of a scientific nature you have exactly demonstrated the dangers of a non-clinician cherry picking through medical articles to support his argument. You have absolutely no medical and clinical training to be able to balance the medical science with the clinical presentation of the ill and suffering patient in real time.

Let me make the following points:

1) Scott Harrison's assertion that Hg (mercury) is not a carcinogen. All clinicians know that pure (elemental) Hg is 'highly toxic' and can lead to death in days of ingestion if not chelated urgently. There is not enough time for acute Hg poisoning to produce cancer.

However if Scott Harrison looks carefully at class 2B compounds he will note that methyl mercury is included.

Clinicians are far more interested in the effects of compounded Hg in terms of health. Thimerosal (a 50% Hg additive to Flu shot vaccines as a preservative) is also under suspicion for toxicity.

2) Yes, Asbestos is a class 1 carcinogen, as Scott Harrison so righteously pointed out with 'my confusion' and 'directly contradicted by the source you cite'.

But I have lived a few more years than Scott Harrison and when I began studying medicine in 1973, Asbestos was a modern miracle substance that was used in everything from floor tiles to fire suit garments. Over the years it went from innocuous to lethal just as I suspect microwave radiation from cell phone towers will.

3) Not enough scientific references.

My letter to QB council was not a scientific paper. It was written to be presented within 5 minutes (the usual time allotted to delegations at council meetings), draw attention to the dangers of chronic exposure to MR and get council's attention.

I know full well how most people glaze over when seeing pages of scientific references. In view of the time rush to have this letter included by council I have not been able to organize a reference list for council. I would recommend viewing the 'Citizens for Safe Technology' website and following the cell tower links until council allows medical input before making their decision.

4) Scott Harrison refers to cell phone use over a dozen times in his letter:

My letter stated I was limiting my discussion to the adverse health affects of microwave radiation from the 'Proposed Cell Phone Tower' as indicated by the title of my letter. I made no references to cell phone use yet about 2/3 of Scott Harrison's arguments and citations were about cell phones. He completely missed the target regarding cell towers and most of his information was irrelevant.

5) 'No consistent evidence for an association between any source of non-ionizing EMF and cancer has been found'.

As much as Scott Harrison would like to have us believe this, it is not true as many studies in rats have demonstrated.

6) 'No mechanism by which ELF-EMFs or Radiofrequency radiation could cause cancer has been identified.

This is the same argument that the ICNIRP (International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection) uses to justify Code Level 6. It is woefully inadequate to protect citizens living close to cell towers and is heavily biased by physician members who work on behalf of the telecommunication industry (much like the smoking industry in the 60's and 70's) There is nothing safe about 'Safety Code 6'. Its name belies its true harm.

The ICNIRP measures for physical heating of living tissue as an indication of risk. It refuses to examine for biological changes at the cell membrane level. Many scientists are raising the alarm about the health ramifications on our society: the unborn fetus, infants, children, the chronically ill and EMF sensitive individuals.

7) 'Do feel free to write with links to literature reviews that support your position with data pointing to causal links to negative health outcomes. Studies that have been published within the past 5 years in a reputable journal would be preferable'

By whose authority does Scott Harrison decide that studies only less than five years old shall be included? Many ground breaking studies are decades old and are still referenced.

Scott Harrison only wants 'causal links' to negative health outcomes. In this case if we were talking about smoking, none of the research would reach his criterion because the link between smoking and cancer is by 'association', not 'causal'.

And who decides which journal is reputable? Scott Harrison?

Summary.



I found Scott Harrison's email to be condescending and paternalistic.

This is unfortunate because as the poet William Blake would say 'without contraries there is no progression'. We must have balanced input into how our communities develop.

The telecommunication industry is expanding at a rapid rate and now more than ever is the time for dialogue and reflection. How much more do we need to add to the existing 'electrosmog' in the face of growing contrary evidence?

Once again, I would be happy to provide references should council decide to hear from two medical doctors before making their decision on permitting another cell phone tower in their city.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr Stephen Faulkner M.B.Ch.B (NZ 1978)

**From:** [Carol Dowe](#)  
**To:** [communications](#); [QBCouncil](#); [Brian Wiese](#); [Adam Walker](#); [Robert Filmer](#); [Teunis Westbroek](#); [Scott Harrison](#); [Daniel Sailland](#); [Heather Svensen](#); [Luke Sales](#); [Bernie Ries, ISED, Regional Director \(IC\)](#); [Gord Johns, MP for Courtenay-Alberni](#); [Selina Robinson, Minister Municipal Affairs](#); [Carol Dowe](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: IMPROPER PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL, TOWN OF QUALICUM BEACH, SEPT. 16, 2020  
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**Attachments:** [Dr. Faulkner letter of Sept. 9,2020 to Public Safety meeting, Mayor and Council - \[REDACTED\] - Gmail.pdf](#)  
[\[REDACTED\] letter to Eaglecrest community.pdf](#)

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September 18, 2020

**[PLEASE PLACE IN CORRESPONDENCE LOG AND RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

**AND PLACED ON WEB FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEETING, SEPT. 16,2020]**

To:

Mayor and Council and Staff, Town of Qualicum Beach  
Bernie Ries, Regional Director ISED [Innovations, Science and Economics) the decision maker of issuing the federal licence to cell tower proponents]  
Gord Johns, Member of Parliament  
Minister of Municipal Affairs, Victoria

This letter is in response to your recent Council meeting held, Sept. 16, 2020. I will be outlining the events up to this point.

1] A cell tower public consultation was being performed by Site Path Consulting back in February 2020 and was negated when Christian Fellowship Church canceled the contract, due to a huge number of people concerned about the effects of EMF radiation health and safety.

2] In March, 2020 (during Covid times), Telus once again resubmitted an application for public consultation process within 50 metres of the previous February,2020 site. (but had violated their impartiality of being the information collector to provide to ISED) by writing a letter to [REDACTED], Eaglecrest Residents Assoc., urging Eaglecrest to become proactive. (See attachment below, **Telus/[REDACTED] letter**) See Paragraph that reads:

**Yesterday we received an urgent request from TELUS:**

**"We need the Eaglecrest community's support at the official open house to capture the significant support that has directly resulted in this proposal from TELUS. If a disproportionate number of community members come out against this proposal, it has a real risk of not proceeding. So it is important that we are able**

to show that there is good community support during all of our official consultation activities to properly tell the story of why the community needs these service improvements."

This is a blatant violation of providing an independent report to ISED, by being one-sided, promoting Eaglecrest residents to become more active. As you can see from this communication from Telus to Eaglecrest, **we no longer had trust in the public consultation process!!** They were not acting independently as a fact-gathering information centre to submit to the Town of Qualicum Beach, but working in concert with the president of Eaglecrest Res. Assoc. In fact, Sitepath Consulting are paid by Telus!

Some of the Eaglecrest residents are concerned about service and so we went to 12 locations at Eaglecrest with our Rogers cell phone, and found that service was good. As to the emergency availability, we checked with RCMP, and were told that if you have a charged up phone, you can reach 911. 911 goes from ANY cell phone to the nearest tower irrespective of the brand of cell phone provider you are using.

There are Eaglecrest residents that are happy with their cell service it should be noted.

3] In March, 2020, We started writing our letters directly to Town of Qualicum Beach so that you would hear the stories directly from us (not filtered through the Sitepath Consulting group). We started asking to be a delegation to provide information to the public about the safety and health concerns of EMF radiation to our children and grandchildren specifically because this tower would be located between 4 Day Care, and 2 elementary schools, let alone the vulnerable seniors/elderly and houses surrounding this potential tower site.

4] We requested on 4 occasions to be a delegation to Town of Qualicum Beach regarding the concerns of health and safety around this proposed cell tower, and were told by Staff: letter dated August 4, 2020: "The Town has not officially received an application from Telus to locate a cell tower at this time. Telus is currently doing their own public consultation based on two options for the location of a cell tower in Town boundaries. If the Town receives an official request from Telus to locate a tower in Qualicum Beach, staff will request direction from the Council on how they would like to conduct any public consultation process. As

such, we will not be advancing individual requests for delegations relating to the cell tower at the upcoming Regular Council meetings at this time." By the way, Telus did not give the option of (No Cell Tower), but to choose one of the sites....very misleading.

5] August 7, 2020, we received a letter from Qualicum Beach Staff: "I can confirm that the Town did receive the application form Telus on Wed. August 5. As I indicated in my August 4th email to you, "once the Town is in receipt of an official request from Telus to locate a tower in Qualicum Beach, **staff will request direction from Council on how they would like to conduct any public consultation process**". As such, staff will be preparing a report to go to Council at the August 19th Council meeting seeking direction from Council on next steps. We will not be advancing individual requests for delegations relating to the cell tower at the August 19th Regular meeting." During this time, Dr. Faulkner had written a letter to Mayor and Council (see the attachment named Dr. Faulkner letter)

6] On August 19, 2020, at the Qualicum Beach Council meeting, the Agenda page 4 read:

**Staff Recommendation: THAT Council directs staff to invite members of the public to provide written feedback on the Land Use Concurrence request from TELUS Communications Inc. with a submission deadline of Sept 30, 2020.** By the way, in our conversation with Mr. Bernie Ries, ISED,(who issues the federal licence to cell towers) he felt this was a reasonable public consultation process and would be calling the Town of Qualicum Beach to say that.

7] At the August 19, 2020 Council meeting: Mayor and Council simply said an application had been made by Telus, and Council made a motion to accept the application **without** any public consultation process allowing a delegation of Dr. Faulkner to appear for the sake of the public and Council to learn about EMF radiation effects on our children and on us as adults. **By the way, you are aware that: In February, 2020,the RDN(Regional District of Nanaimo) received Dr. Faulkner and Dr. Cline as a**

**delegation to present on the effects of EMF radiation and 5G, and the Coombs cell tower was voted down with the exception of one. I believe Mayor Wiese was present at this RDN meeting, and voted against this cell tower?**

8] Now most recently at the September 16, 2020 Council meeting Councillor Teunis Westbrook brought forward the Motion that was prepared by Carol Dowe during the recent Public Safety committee meeting she sits on,

**"That Council does accept the Qualicum Beach Staff's recommendation for the public hearing to be held at the next Qualicum Beach Council meeting inviting Dr. Faulkner to come and present to Council". The vote was 6/2 in favour of presenting this Motion!**

9] Councillor Walker tried to make a Motion to accept the above Motion, but:

Mayor Wiese, you said "I would argue that we've been doing public engagement on towers since January. I think all of us in the room have received numerous emails, phone calls, chats on the street pro and against, and I'm not sure, I'd have to check with Heather, that we ever promised a delegation (1:00:55). We were pretty staunch on that, I think once you go with a delegation opposed, then next thing you know, you have to have a delegation for and then decisions never get made (1:01:06) I'll be voting for, that we're done with this one.

And I totally understand some people are afraid we are giving off radiation. The reading I've done, I truly believe I don't have that same feeling. So that's my prerogative. I believe I share it with two or three members of Council, actually, I think I share that EMF/radiation feeling with most of Council. I think all we're doing here is, let's have a delegation for the sake of having a delegation so they can speak, but we're not going to change our mind. I don't think that's fair to anyone (1:01:46)

Councillor Westbrook (1.01:46) said: "What counsellor Walker has said is correct, that normally we would have people speak before we make a decision. That's what we indicated, and that's what was in the report... (1.902:23) But our CAO did send out, stop sending us these letters, wait until it comes to Council. When it comes to Council, we just looked at all the letters we got and based on that, and I don't want to put words in anybody's mouth, but based on all the information we got that Telus received, we felt they already got the information and we could

make a decision based on that. (1:02:45).

**So the comment from Councillor Walker of having a delegation before we make a decision would be appropriate(1:02:49)"**

10] Then Councillor Harrison went on to making disparaging remarks regarding Dr. Faulkner to try and disqualify him. May I remind you that the RDN (Regional District of Nanaimo) with some 19 members at their Feb. 2020 meeting, Dr. Faulkner and Dr Cline were invited as a delegation to speak to EMF radiation and 5G. **The RDN (Regional Dist. of Nanaimo voted down the Coombs cell tower.** Would they be more qualified than your comments in making this decision Councillor Harrison?

**We are attaching Dr Faulkner's letter that we read at the Public Safety meeting.**

11] And Dan Sailland, CAO, made the comment that "we are in the midst of a cell tower lease negotiations and would be in violation of those agreements". Have the leases actually been signed yet? In speaking to Bernie Ries office recently, I learned that this process is not yet complete, no licence has been issued. It would seem that Telus and Town of Qualicum Beach are in concert to rush this process through!!

12] In conclusion, anyone looking at the above events, can see there is a process afoot to rush this process along, without proper public consultation. Does the Council feel they are qualified to make these important decisions without hearing the overwhelming professional studies?

We all need to stop and take a deep breath and realize the impact of these important decisions. The Qualicum Beach Council has a charter expectation to provide our democratic rights and we have the right to speak in Council meetings, as is done in our neighbouring municipalities. All Canadians have fought hard and died for the rights described through the Charter and legislation. This is being dismissed by Qualicum Beach Council, except Councillor Adam Walker and occasionally from Councillor Filmer and Councillor Westbroek. In addition, I am somewhat concerned that this legislation is not understood by those that need to be utilizing a fair administrative process within Council meetings. We are extremely disturbed that those who wish to attend Qualicum Beach Council meetings and utilize

democratic rights are advised their rights and direction hold no value. We fear that our democratic process has been eroded to provide bureaucratic convenience.

Dr. Fred and Carol Dowe for the  
Concerned Citizens Opposing the proposed cell tower at Village Way, Qualicum  
Beach  
Qualicum Beach



ention Mayor and Council,  
Qualicum Beach

re: Proposed Cell Phone Tower in Qualicum

My name is Dr Stephen Faulkner and I hold the degree of M.B.Ch.B from the university of Otago, New Zealand, 1978.

I was in hospital and family practice in the Cowichan Valley for over 35 years with a special interest in chronic illness and complementary and integrated treatments which continues to this day.

To preface my background more broadly:

- I am not a conspiracy theorist.
- I DO recommend vaccinations and receive annual flu shots myself
- I DO NOT subscribe to the theory that 5G electro magnetic radiation caused the Corona Virus in Wuhan, China.
- I have NO conflict interest or involvement with the Telecommunications Industry either for or against this proposed tower.

I will limit my discussion to the adverse health effects of Microwave Radiation (MR)  
Numerous studies have conclusively demonstrated that chronic exposure to non-ionizing microwave radiation is equal to the effects of long term exposure to mercury and asbestos or to other class 2b carcinogens. Two kinds of cancer are particularly documented as being associated - Glioblastoma multiforme and Acoustic neuroma (both brain tumours)

The incidence of all cancers is noted to increase the closer populations are living to a cell phone tower. The phenomenon is called "cancer cluster" (and well worth while googling).  
Microwave radiation passes through buildings and the human skull and supresses the synthesis of the powerful, natural occurring antioxidant and anti cancer hormone, melatonin, in out brains while we sleep at night.

The effect of MR is much greater on the unborn fetus, infants, young children and those who are electromagnetically sensitive.

- the fetus because of the rapidly and actively dividing nervous tissue occurring during embryogenesis
- the infant because of the undeveloped skull thickness and increased depth of brain penetration
- the chronically ill because their ability to tolerate added stressors for any reason is already compromised (see Detoxify for Life by Dr John Cline)
- there is a percentage of the population (3-5%) who are sensitive to MR and go to extraordinary lengths to avoid exposure by moving to remote or shadow zone locations.

#### Code Level 6 (Safety Code 6)

This is the main area of weakness in the arguments put forward by the Telecommunication industry in their defence of MR and cell phone towers and the reason that Qualicum Council decided to refuse input from 2 medical doctors.

Code Level 6 is woefully inadequate as a guideline for the protection of citizens living close to cell towers. The ICNIRP (the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection) which sets the standards used by Canada is heavily biased by physician members who work on behalf of the Telecommunication Industry (much like the smoking industry in the 60's).



The levels set by the ICNIRP are designed to limit thermal effects (physical heating of human tissue) rather than to limit biological (intracellular disruption) effects.

There is nothing 'safe' about 'Safety Code 6'

Its name belies its true harm.

I would encourage Mayor and Council to turn down this cell tower as Coombs and Thetis Island have recently done and protect the long term health of your citizens.

Respectfully submitted  
Dr Stephen Faulkner

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
Date: Fri, Feb 14, 2020 at 12:26 PM  
Subject: TELUS Proposed Communication Site at the Christian Fellowship Centre - CALL TO ACTION - February 20th open house  
To: EaglecrestResidentsAssoc <[REDACTED]>

Hello all ERA members,

In late January, TELUS published notification of a proposed cell tower that will greatly increase their coverage in Eaglecrest. This is very important to our members and all Eaglecrest residents for two primary safety-related reasons – for health safety (the ability to call 9-1-1) and for emergencies and disasters (the ability to get notifications from the town's Emergency Preparedness group).

Almost as soon as the tower was proposed, opposition led by Qualicum Woods residents started – banners, petitions, posters, door-to-door canvassing and protests at town meetings. They have been very vocal. The ERA board's concern is that the "anti" forces are very active, while the "pro" group is being silent.

**Yesterday we received an urgent request from TELUS:**

**"We need the Eaglecrest community's support at the official open house** to capture the significant support that has directly resulted in this proposal from TELUS. If a disproportionate number of community members come out against this proposal, it has a real risk of not proceeding. So it is important that we are able to show that there is good community support during all of our official consultation activities to properly tell the story of why the community needs these service improvements.

The planned open house will include multiple representatives from TELUS including construction managers and our radiofrequency engineering team. The format will be a casual drop-in where members of the public can engage in respectful one-on-one conversations with members of our team around poster boards that contain various information. A representative from the Town has already confirmed that they will facilitate the session as necessary in order to ensure a safe and respectful experience for all involved."

**WE NEED your help** – talk to your friends and neighbours about supporting this new lifeline that will serve Eaglecrest, Chartwell and much of the east side of Qualicum Beach.

We urge you to **fill out the attached Comment Sheet** and send it to TELUS and to the Town.

More importantly than that, **WE NEED you to show up in force at the TELUS public open house at 4 pm on Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Centre.**

Thank you.

John Wood

President, Eaglecrest Residents' Association

**From:** [Carol and Larry Kozuback](#)  
**To:** [communications](#)  
**Cc:** [Carol Dowe](#)  
**Subject:** TELUS CELL TOWER  
**Date:** August 22, 2020 9:50:09 AM

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To: Mr. Bernie Ries, Regional Director ISED and to the Honourable Gord Johns:

Re: Telus Cell Tower at Village Way/18th Tee Eaglecrest, Qualicum Beach

Dear Gentlemen:

We are opposed to the Telus Cell tower planned for in Qualicum Beach. As health care providers, we believe there would be significant increase of risk to the health of people in the community and especially to the people in the near area of Village Way/Eaglecrest. This would include the residents of homes, Christian Fellowship Centre and the golfers at Eaglecrest.

The community needs more consultation so that we can weigh the risks and at very least find a location where less people would be affected.

Sincerely,

Dr. Larry and Carol Kozuback

**From:** [Elizabeth Borek](#)  
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**Subject:** Transparent & Inclusive Public Consultation  
**Date:** September 10, 2020 2:47:35 PM

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While I do not live in Qualicum Beach I find it frightening and reprehensible that medical professionals were denied an opportunity to present on the issue of the tower Telus is proposing. It is extremely distressing that residents' emails and letters have not been included in the formal opposition.

That is not democracy and consultation.

It has been reported that Telus has been in constant communication with the town of Qualicum Beach and has agreed to lease the land for \$15,000 year. This was negotiated in May 2020, well before any public consultation had started!

If that report is true, it negates the inadequate consultation process and suggests those favoring the tower were determined to go ahead regardless of what their taxpaying constituents wanted.

What must be done in order to force a redo of this process and have a meaningful public participation?  
Elizabeth Borek