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**Subject:** Amendments to the Model Strategy for Antenna Systems  
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Please find my attached letter with suggested Amendments to the Model Strategy for Antenna Systems, for the upcoming local Islands Trust Meeting on Hornby Island this Friday, January 20, 2023.

Sincerely,

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Re: Proposed Rogers Cell Tower for Hornby Island

I write with strong concerns about the proposal by Rogers to site a 60m free standing cell tower on Hornby Island.

It is becoming increasingly evident, in looking at Facebook discussion, in attending locally arranged Town Hall meetings, in participating in local informal discussions, as well as noting the growing list of names on a local Petition against the tower, that many Hornby folks have reservations about a cell tower being sited on Hornby Island.

It is also evident that most Hornby folks understand, and are supportive of, the need for significantly improved internet access on Hornby. We look forward to the soon-to-arrive City West fibre optic project will facilitate educational, recreational and business opportunities for all and can even facilitate cell phone use through apps such as Facebook Messenger. This project will offer a huge improvement with safe, fast and reliable connection, which, in turn, can allow each home to determine if they wish to allow wireless access to their personal devices, or the faster, more secure alternative of hard-wiring their devices within their homes.

Hornby Island is seen as a "refuge" for many, year-round residents, part-time residents and visitors, alike. The beauty and glory of the natural world on our beautiful island home is valued as a place of peace, healing and renewal. We are fortunate to have Islands Trust, with its extra level of awareness and concerns for the protection of our island environments, as our land use authority. As is written on the Islands Trust website,

*"The purpose of this trust is to preserve and protect the Trust area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the Trust area and of British Columbia generally, in cooperation with municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, other persons and organizations and the Government of British Columbia. In doing so, the provincial government made the commitment to protect the islands from excessive and inappropriate development. The Islands Trust remains our nation's only institution charged with the stewardship of a particular environment and the preservation of a special, rural quality of life."*

I urge you, as our land use authority, to act on several different fronts, in preserving and protecting this very special place:

- Improve our local autonomy and heightened awareness of, and protection for, the well-used areas of our Community School, our PreSchool, our Community Hall, our Health Clinics, our Art Center, our Credit Union, the Ball Part and Kitchen, and our Recycling Depot, by increasing the notification package radius to 3X the height of the proposed tower as suggested under "Distance Considerations" in the Islands Trust Model Strategy for Antenna Systems, adopted at the Sept.9, 2022 local Trust meeting.
- Require proof of liability insurance against harmful effects of radiofrequency radiation on health from all telecommunications companies deploying wireless technologies.

- Require any contract to include: assurances that the Proponent, e.g., the telecommunications company, will abide by any new federal government guidelines or regulations that may be established to limit emissions; will de-power antennas and remove antennas and supporting equipment when radiofrequency energy is determined to be a Group 2A or Group 1 carcinogenic hazard (i.e., grandfathering would not be permitted).
- Ask for a postponement of the Roger's application until after the City West project is completed and Hornby folks have had an opportunity to adjust and incorporate all the new aspects and possibilities of much improved internet access.
- Pass a symbolic resolution calling on the Federal Government to revise Safety Code 6, implement the recommendations of the 2015 HESA Report, and in the interim, to stop 4G/5G rollout of small and macro antennas close to where people spend much time, and to put a hold on the auction of the spectrum. It is my understanding that around the world municipalities have been doing this. In Canada, the town of Sutton, Quebec was the first to do so. They adopted a resolution calling on the federal government to institute a moratorium on the deployment of 5G "until the various studies reach a consensus on the absence of risks and impacts of 5G cellular technology on health and the environment."  
<https://www.pressreader.com/canada/sherbrooke-record/20191220/281560882693827>
- Write a statement of non-concurrence regarding the proposed Roger's cell tower siting.

You have an opportunity to strengthen the protection for this special place and its unique and sensitive community and environment through Amendments to the Model Strategy for Antenna Systems and I respectfully suggest that you make full use of that opportunity now.

Sincerely,

Jan Kennedy

42 year full-time resident of Hornby Island