

ANTENNA SYSTEM PROTOCOL PUBLIC FEEDBACK SUMMARY		
Subject	Comment	#
Service Coverage	<p><b>Public Comment:</b></p> <p>The Protocol location and design guidelines does not take into account service coverage and favours aesthetic considerations over service, which may result in inadequate service coverage.</p>	1
	<p><b>Administration Response:</b></p> <p>The Protocol indicates “priority” and “secondary” locations for proposed new cell towers. Priority locations are generally preferred, but secondary locations may be considered where a site, necessary to provide service coverage, that falls within the priority location category, is not available.</p> <p>SaskTel and Rogers, the major carriers operating in the Regina region, have been consulted during the process to prepare the Protocol, and the Protocol attempts to strike a balance between the necessity of providing essential communication infrastructure and supporting public concerns regarding cell tower placement, including setbacks and open space implications.</p>	
Regulatory Jurisdiction	<p><b>Public Comment:</b></p> <p>The regulation of antenna systems is the domain of the Federal Government and the City should not proceed with the Protocol, as it oversteps municipal jurisdiction.</p>	1
	<p><b>Administration Response:</b></p> <p>The Federal Government requires (<i>Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems Client Procedures Circular</i>, Section 4.0 [CPC-2-0-03]) that proponents for new antenna systems consult local authorities when locating and designing new antenna systems and also requires that local location and design preferences be considered – the Protocol is a typical municipal instrument for this purpose and similar to what other cities are using.</p>	
Setback Distances	<p><b>Public Comment:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The Protocol residential and school setbacks are not large enough – setbacks should equate to, at least, <b>3 x the height</b> of the proposed tower. Further, towers should be directed to the outskirts of neighbourhoods and not located in central locations.</li> <li>2) The Protocol residential and school setbacks are not large enough – setbacks should equate to, at least, <b>10 x the height</b> of the proposed tower.</li> </ol>	3

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	<p>3) The Protocol residential and school setbacks are not large enough – setbacks should equate to, at least, <b>250 metres for towers 30 metres or less</b> in height and <b>500 metres for towers between 30 and 45 metres</b> in height.</p> <p><b>Administration Response:</b></p> <p>The Protocol residential and school setbacks attempt to balance service coverage with aesthetic considerations, recognizing that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In existing developed areas of the city, it may be necessary to locate proposed new cell towers in existing residential areas due to the absence of viable “priority” locations and the importance of providing service coverage.</li> <li>• It is the responsibility of the Federal Government to regulate health related aspects of proposed new antenna systems, such as radiofrequency exposure.</li> <li>• Through the review of similar protocol of other cities, there are no standard setback requirements and there is a broad spectrum of practice. The Protocol setbacks are not in conflict with any Federal or Provincial regulation.</li> </ul>	
Natural Environment	<p><b>Public Comment:</b></p> <p>The location and design guidelines for protecting the natural environment need to be strengthened.</p> <p><b>Administration Response:</b></p> <p>The Protocol natural environment location guidelines attempt to balance service coverage with aesthetic and environmental considerations, recognizing that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In existing developed areas of the city, it may be necessary to locate proposed new cell towers in existing public park and open space due to the absence of viable “priority” locations and the importance of providing service coverage.</li> <li>• Public park and open space are considered “secondary” locations – meaning, they should only be considered where a “priority” location is not viable.</li> <li>• The Protocol recognizes that City Council is the decision authority for proposals to purchase or lease City owned land for the purpose of locating a proposed new cell tower, and that a public consultation process is required.</li> </ul>	2

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Health/ Safety	<b>Public Comment:</b>  Cell towers emit harmful radiation.	2
	<b>Administration Response:</b>  The issue of radiation exposure, associated with antenna systems, is a matter that the Federal Government is responsible for assessing and regulating, using Health Canada recommendations. The Protocol is an additional layer of regulation, in the form of municipal location, design and consultation guidelines; however, the Protocol does not absolve the Federal Government of its core responsibilities relating to antenna system reviews and approvals.	