



City of  
Peterborough

## Telecommunication Structures Policy

<b>Department:</b>	Infrastructure and Planning Services
<b>Division:</b>	Planning
<b>Section/Function:</b>	N/A
<b>Approval Level:</b>	Council
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### 1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this Policy is to ensure compliance with section 5 of the **Radiocommunication Act**, and to recognize that Industry Canada is the approval authority for all Telecommunication Structures.
- 1.2. This Policy seeks to encourage productive consultation between Proponents and the City with respect to the Siting and design of Telecommunication Structures in a manner which considers the interests and concerns of the local land use authority and the public.

### 2.0 Application

- 2.1. This Policy and its related Procedure applies to all:
  - .1 City of Peterborough staff, elected officials, and committees that support or are involved in the facilitation of any process regarding Telecommunication Structures.
  - .2 Proponents as defined within this Policy.
  - .3 Existing Telecommunication Structures within the City, when applicable.
  - .4 Lands for which the City is the land use authority.
- 2.2. This Policy and its related Procedure do not apply to:
  - .1 Public corporations or boards.
  - .2 Local businesses seeking to Install an antenna or tower for local dispatch purposes.
  - .3 Broadcasters.
  - .4 Public utilities.
  - .5 Installations having national security considerations.

- 2.3. The City, in its capacity as the local land use authority, only has the authority to state non-binding preferences for the Siting, design, size, and other important features of Telecommunication Structures. The City is also able to provide a framework for public consultation, subject to any limitations posed by Industry Canada.
- 2.4. This Policy is implemented through the City's Telecommunication Structures Procedure, which identifies the City's preferences, requirements, and municipal and public consultation processes.

### **3.0 Definitions/Acronyms**

**City** - The Corporation of the City of Peterborough, its agencies, boards and commissions.

**Install** - The construction, erection, or modification of a Telecommunication Structure by a Proponent.

**Proponent** - A "radiocommunication carrier" as defined in Radiocommunication Regulations SOR/96-484 made under the **Radiocommunication Act**.

**Siting** - The location, or the proposed location, of a Telecommunication Structure.

**Telecommunication Structure** - An antenna, tower, and/or equipment shelter Installed, or proposed to be Installed, by a Proponent as part of a federally regulated telecommunication undertaking.

### **4.0 Policy Statement(s)**

- 4.1. The City recognizes that Industry Canada is the decision-making body for all matters related to Telecommunication Structures. The City, as the local land use authority, has a responsibility to consult with Industry Canada, Proponents, and the public to influence the Siting, design, size, and other important features of Telecommunication Structures in a manner which addresses local land use and public concerns.
- 4.2. The City recognizes that implementing and maintaining appropriate health, safety, and environmental standards concerning Telecommunication Structures are federal responsibilities. The City will have regard for such standards during the consultation process with Proponents.
- 4.3. The City recognizes the importance of Siting Telecommunication Structures throughout the City in order to enhance safety and economic competitiveness, and to meet the increasing demand for wireless communication.

## 5.0 Appendix, Related Documents & Links

Note: All references refer to the current version, as may be amended from time to time.

### 5.1. Pertinent Resources:

- Radiocommunication Act  
<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/r-2/>
- Radiocommunication Regulations SOR/96-484  
<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/Regulations/SOR-96-484/index.html>

### 5.2. Related Policies:

- N/A

### 5.3. Related Procedures:

- Telecommunication Structures Procedure

### 5.4. Related Forms:

- N/A

### 5.5. Miscellaneous:

- N/A

**6.0 Amendments/Reviews**

<b>Date (yyyy-mm-dd)</b>	<b>Section # Amended</b>	<b>Comments</b>
2011-05-24	N/A	Planning Committee Report No. 6 of a Meeting May 24, 2011 recommending that the Telecommunication Structure Policy in Report PLPD11-016 be endorsed.
2011-06-06	N/A	City Council approved Item # 3 of Planning Committee Report No. 6 of a Meeting May 24, 2011 recommending that the Telecommunication Structure Policy in Report PLPD11-016 be endorsed.
2013-01-01	N/A	Revision #1 - No changes were made to the content of the Policy. Policy revised to move to new Policy Template (i.e. Policy Statements moved to Section 2.0, Application moved to Section 3.0, Definitions moved to Section 4.0) and to move to new protocol for showing defined terms (i.e. capitalizing the first letters).
2021-12-01	N/A	Revision #2 – No changes were made to the content of the Policy. Policy moved to updated Policy Template; (Section 2.0 moved to Section 4.0, Section 3.0 moved to Section 2.0, Section 4.0 moved to Section 3.0). Links in Section 5.1 - Pertinent Resources have been updated. Policy document format has been updated to become compliant with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Regulation 191/11 Integrated Accessibility Standards.

<b>Next Review Date:</b>	<b>June 2013</b>
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